



College Entrance Test Overview



SAT

The SAT is a college entrance examination that is required for admission to many colleges. The SAT measures skills in critical reading, math and writing. It takes 3 hours and 45 minutes to complete the test. Each section – critical reading, writing and math – is scored on a scale of 200-800. The best possible score that you can attain on the SAT is a total of 2400. The fee to take the 2010-2011 SAT is \$47. For more information about the SAT including test registration, sample tests and more, visit www.collegeboard.com. Following are the 2010-2011 SAT test dates and registration deadlines:

Test Date	Registration-By Date	* Late Registration (Fee Applies)	*Change By (Fee Applies)
October 9, 2010	September 10, 2010	September 24, 2010	September 22, 2010
November 6, 2010	October 8, 2010	October 22, 2010	October 20, 2010
December 4, 2010	November 5, 2010	November 19, 2010	November 17, 2010
January 22, 2011	December 23, 2010	January 7, 2011	January 5, 2011
March 12, 2011	February 11, 2011	February 25, 2011	February 23, 2011
May 7, 2011	April 8, 2011	April 22, 2011	April 20, 2011
June 4, 2011	May 6, 2011	May 20, 2011	May 18, 2011

***Additional fees apply** if you register late or make changes to your test type, center or date after registering.

ACT

The ACT is another common college entrance exam often required for college admission. The ACT measures knowledge and skills in four multiple-choice sections which cover English, math, reading and science reasoning. Students have approximately 3 hours to complete the 215 questions (not including breaks, etc.). There is also an optional 30-minute Writing Test. The best possible score on the ACT is a 36. The fee to take the 2010-2011 ACT is \$33 without the writing section, and \$48 with the writing section. For more information about the ACT including test registration, sample tests and more visit www.act.org. Following are the 2010-2011 ACT test dates and registration deadlines:

Test Date	Registration Date	*Late Registration (Fee Applies)
September 11, 2010	August 6, 2010	August 7-20, 2010
October 23, 2010	September 17, 2010	Sept. 18 – Oct.1, 2010
December 11, 2010	November 5, 2010	November 6-19, 2010
February 12, 2011	January 7, 2011	January 8-21, 2011
April 9, 2011	March 4, 2011	March 5-18, 2011
June 11, 2011	May 6, 2011	May 7-20, 2011



Unless a student receives very high scores on the first attempt of either test, students are encouraged to take the test again to maximize the best combination of sub scores from multiple test dates for admission and scholarship purposes. Ideally, a student should take the SAT and/or ACT in the spring of the junior year (so scores are available for early admission and/or scholarship deadlines in the fall), then take one or both tests a second time in the spring of the junior year or in the fall of the senior year.



There are several websites that offer free test preparation such as www.number2.com. To prepare for these important tests, consider checking out such sites for free SAT and ACT test preparation courses.