

ACT and SAT for Sophomores

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Which test(s) should I take?

- Consult www.collegeboard.com or the college's website to determine which test(s) it requires or recommends.
- **Colleges will accept either the ACT or SAT equally.** It is a good idea to take both tests (in case you do better on one than the other), especially if you aren't happy with the scores from your first test.
- **Students should register for the optional Essay/Writing test** unless they know it is not required or recommended by the colleges they are considering. See the following websites for lists of colleges that require or recommend this test:

ACT: actapps.act.org/writPrefRM

SAT: collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat/register/college-essay-policies

Should I take any SAT Subject Tests?

- Some of the very selective schools require or recommend that students also take 2 or 3 SAT Subject Tests. (Up to three SAT Subject Tests may be taken on one test day, but the SAT and SAT Subject Tests must be taken on separate test days.)
- Go to the following website to find out if a school requires or recommends any Subject tests: www.compassprep.com/subject-test-requirements-and-recommendations.
- University of California schools no longer require the Subject tests. However, their policy states that "some UC campuses recommend that students vying for slots in competitive majors take the tests to demonstrate subject proficiency." For the list of UC campuses and majors that recommend Subject Tests, go to: admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/freshman/requirements/examination-requirement/SAT-subject-tests

When should I take the test(s)?

- **You should take the SAT and/or ACT in the spring or summer of your junior year.** (Students at any age are allowed to take the tests, but you're most likely to get your best scores at the end of your junior year. However, some students find it useful to take the test earlier so they can get more familiar with it before the end of junior year.)
- SAT Subject Tests should also be taken in the spring/summer of the junior year (or whenever the student completes the course in that subject area).

How do I register for the test(s)?

- Register online (SAT - collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat; ACT - www.actstudent.org)
- The deadlines listed on back mean that your registration must be submitted online on or before the date indicated. (The most convenient test centers fill up quickly, and late applicants are assigned to less convenient sites, so register early.)

How can I prepare for the test(s)?

- ACT – www.actstudent.org/testprep; www.number2.com
- SAT – www.khanacademy.org; sat.collegeboard.org/practice
- It is recommended (but not required) that you attend the test preparation classes offered at Calvin Christian in the spring. Other preparation classes are available at Palomar College and through numerous private organizations you can find online.

ACT With Writing (Cost: \$62.50)

Internet registration: www.actstudent.org

Sections: English, Math, Reading, Science Reasoning (+ Optional essay)

Scoring: 1 - 36 for each section and for overall average (Composite)

Total Time: 2:55 hours (+ 40 min for essay)

<u>Test Date</u>	<u>Regular Deadline Date</u>	<u>Late Registration (Add additional fee)</u>
Jun 9, 2018	May 4, 2018	May 18, 2018
Jul 14, 2018	Jun 15, 2018	Jun 22, 2018
Sep 8, 2018	~1 month before	
Oct 27, 2018	~1 month before	
Dec 8, 2018	~1 month before	
Feb 9, 2019	~1 month before	
Apr 13, 2019	~1 month before	
Jun 8, 2019	~1 month before	

SAT (Reasoning Test) With Writing (Cost: \$60)

Internet registration: collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat

Sections: Reading, Writing and Language, Math (+ Optional essay)

Scoring: 200 - 800 for Reading/Writing and for Math

Total Time: 3 hours (+ 50 min for essay)

<u>Test Date</u>	<u>Tests Offered</u>	<u>Regular Deadline Date</u>	<u>Late Registration (Add additional fee)</u>
May 5, 2018	SAT & Subject Tests	Apr 6, 2018	Apr 25, 2018
Jun 2, 2018	SAT & Subject Tests	May 3, 2018	May 23, 2018
Aug 25, 2018	SAT & Subject Tests	~1 month before	
Oct 6, 2018	SAT & Subject Tests	~1 month before	
Nov 3, 2018	SAT & Subject Tests	~1 month before	
Dec 1, 2018	SAT & Subject Tests	~1 month before	
Mar 9, 2019	SAT & Subject Tests	~1 month before	
May 4, 2019	SAT & Subject Tests	~1 month before	
Jun 1, 2019	SAT & Subject Tests	~1 month before	

SAT Subject Tests (Cost: \$26 for 1 test + \$21-26 for each additional test)

Internet registration: collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat

Sections: Individual tests in **English Literature**, **History (U.S. or World)**, Language (**Chinese**, French, Hebrew, German, Italian, Japanese, **Korean**, Latin, **Spanish** or German), **Math** (Level 1 or **Level 2**), and Science (**Biology-Ecological***, **Biology-Molecular***, Chemistry or Physics)

Scoring: 200 - 800 for each test

Total Time: 1 hour each

**Biology-E "leans more toward biological communities, populations, and energy flow" while Biology-M is "geared toward biochemistry, cellular structure and processes, such as respiration and photosynthesis." If you're more of a science-oriented student, you'll probably be better off with Biology-M. If you're more into subjects like history and English, Biology-E might be a better choice.*

Fee Waivers

- Consult the ACT (www.actstudent.org/regist/actfees.html) and SAT (sat.collegeboard.com/register) websites for information about fee waiver requirements.
- Contact Mr. Duyst for more information **before** you register.