

Beside an above GPA, testing scores are a strong predictor for college admissions. You must prepare in order to get higher scores. Remember colleges do discriminate amongst application based on test scores.

We recommend students begin to take these tests in the following time line:

**Sophomores** - take PSAT and PACT in the spring of your 10th grade year. Begin preparing for the tests by becoming familiar with them.

**Juniors** - Take the ACT and SAT spring of your 11th grade year. Make sure you prepare well for them.

**Seniors** - Retake ACT and SAT tests in the fall of your 12th grade year. You want to improve your previous scores and this is the right time to do so in order to meet many colleges' application deadline. Make sure you are prepared to take the test!

## TYPES OF TESTING

**SAT I (Scholastic Assessment Test)**- Generally taken during the end of Junior year and in Senior year. Students receive a Critical Reading, Math and Writing score, ranging from 200 to 800 each for a total maximum score of 2400.

[www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org)

**ACT (American College Test)**- Generally taken during the end of Junior and in Senior year. Students receive scores in English, Reading, Math, Writing and Science Reasoning, with a maximum score of 36.

NOTE: We strongly recommend students take both, the SAT and ACT, to have a better chance at getting the scores they need in order to avoid taking *remedial courses* and getting admissions acceptance to the college of choice. Both tests are weighted equally by college admissions. However, students are bound to perform better in one over the other. You can also choose which score to send ACT or SAT, or you may send both.

SAT Subject Tests- Designed to measure student's knowledge within a specific subject. Some, not all colleges, require these tests.

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