

2010 AND 2011 SAT, ACT AND PSAT TESTING INFORMATION

SAT	TEST DATE	REGISTRATION	ACT	TEST DATE	REGISTRATION
SAT	OCT. 9, 2010	SEPT. 10 2010	ACT	SEPT. 11 2010	AUG. 6 2010
SAT	NO.6, 2010	OCT. 8 2010	ACT	OCT. 23, 2010	SEPT. 17, 2010
SAT	DEC. 4, 2010	NOV. 5 2010	ACT	DEC. 11, 2010	NOV. 5, 2010
SAT	JAN. 22, 2010	DEC. 23, 2010	ACT	FEB. 12, 2011	JAN. 7, 2011
SAT	MARCH 12, 2011	FEB. 11, 2011	ACT	APRIL 9, 2011	MARCH 4, 2011
SAT	MAY 7, 2011	APRIL 8, 2011	ACT	JUNE 1, 2011	MAY 6, 2011
SAT	JUNE 4, 2011	MAY 6, 2011	ACT		

PSAT TEST DATE: WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 13, 2010

PREPARING FOR THE PSAT

Spending your school years taking challenging academic courses and reading widely is the best way to get ready for the PSAT/NMSQT.

The PSAT/NMSQT includes the same types of critical reading, math, and writing skills multiple choice questions as the SAT® Reasoning Test.

WHAT THE TEST COVERSPractice Now at College Board PSAT/NSMQT Practice Test Questions

- Reading

Critical Reading

Sentence Completion questions measure your knowledge of the meanings of words and ability to understand how the different parts of a sentence logically fit together.

Passage-Based Reading questions measure your ability to read and think carefully about a single reading passage or a pair of related passages.

- Math

The math section of the PSAT/NMSQT requires a basic knowledge of number and operation; algebra and functions (though not content covered in third-year math classes--content that will appear on the new SAT); geometry and measurement; and data analysis, statistics, and probability. You can use a [calculator](#) to answer math questions, but no question on the test requires a calculator.

Multiple Choice questions ask you to decide which is the best of the five choices given.

- Writing Skills

The multiple-choice questions on writing skills measure your ability to express ideas effectively in standard-written English, to recognize faults in usage and structure, and to use language with sensitivity to meaning.

Identifying Sentence Errors questions test your knowledge of grammar, usage, word usage.

Improving Sentences questions ask you to choose the best, most effective form of an underlined sentence.

Improving Paragraphs questions require you to make choices about improving the logic, coherence, or organization in a flawed passage.

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What is the difference between the SAT and ACT? They're both standardized tests and they both factor into the college admissions process. To learn about the differences between the two tests and how they compare, take a look at the chart below.

	SAT	ACT
When is it administered?	Seven times per year	Six times per year
What is the test structure?	Ten-section exam : Three Critical Reading, three Math, three Writing, and one Experimental. The Experimental section is masked to look like a regular section.	Four-section exam : English, Math, Reading , and Science Reasoning. An Experimental section is added to tests on certain dates only, and is clearly experimental.
What is the test content?	<p>Math : up to 9th grade basic geometry and Algebra II. Science: none.</p> <p>Reading : sentence completions, short and long critical reading passages, reading comprehension.</p> <p>Writing: an essay, and questions testing grammar, usage, and word choice.</p>	<p>Math : up to trigonometry. Science: charts, experiments. Reading : four passages, one each of Prose Fiction, Social Science, Humanities, and Natural Science.</p> <p>English: stresses grammar.</p>
Is there a penalty for wrong answers?	Yes	No
How is the test scored?	200-800 per section, added together for a combined score. A 2400 is the highest possible combined score.	1-36 for each subject, averaged for a composite score. A 36 is the highest possible composite score.
Are all scores sent to schools?	Yes . If a student requests a score report be sent to specific colleges, the report will include the scores the student received on every SAT taken.	No . There is a "Score Choice" option. Students can choose which schools will receive their scores AND which scores the schools will see.
Are there other uses for the exams?	Scholarship purposes.	Scholarship purposes. Certain statewide testing programs.
Best time to register?	At least six weeks before the test date	At least four weeks before the test date
Need more information?	Educational Testing Service (ETS) (609) 771-7600	ACT, Inc. : (319) 337-1000

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