

College Admission Testing: An Update

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NOTE: A copy of this powerpoint will be on the counseling website

Types of Standardized Tests

- ❑ PSAT (www.collegeboard.org)
- ❑ SAT, including Subject Tests (www.collegeboard.org)
- ❑ ACT (www.actstudent.org)
- ❑ AP Exams (www.collegeboard.org)
- ❑ IB Exams (www.ibo.org)
- ❑ TOEFL - *Test of English as a Foreign Language* (Educational Testing Service www.ets.org)

PSAT Suite of Assessments

❑ PSAT 8/9

- Administered to current 9th graders
- Readiness Baselines

❑ PSAT/NMSQT (National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test)

- Administered to current 10th and 11th graders
- A practice/exposure opportunity for most students
 - Only 11th grade year is used to determine National Merit Semi-Finalist Status
 - Check-in on student progress and pinpoint areas to improve readiness

Student Search Service (SSS)

- Student Search is a voluntary program that connects a student with information about educational and financial aid opportunities from more than 1,200 colleges, universities, scholarship programs, and educational organizations
 - Answer yes to SSS question on the PSAT/NMSQT
 - May opt out anytime by contacting SSS

Purpose of Standardized Tests (ACT and SAT)

- Admission Decision

Colleges typically provide mid-50% range of SAT and/or ACT

- Merit Scholarship

Colleges may provide the minimum test scores required for merit scholarships

Be mindful that even after a student has been admitted, many colleges accept improved test scores to award additional merit scholarship, but check the policies of each individual college and note the deadlines!

Which Standardized Test and When?

- ❑ Recommend taking both ACT and SAT at least once, then retake the better-scored test
 - Ideally, take both tests during your winter/spring of Junior year
 - Do the optional writing section for both tests
- ❑ All Colleges accept either ACT or SAT
- ❑ SAT was in transition for Class of 2017
- ❑ Class of 2018 and beyond
 - Only new PSAT available (classes of 2018 and 2019 took new PSAT last year)
 - Only new SAT available

Comparing the New SAT to the ACT

Both curriculum-based tests and neither penalize for wrong answers

ACT math tests through trigonometry whereas SAT math tests through Algebra II

Test Format		
Structure and Timing	New SAT	ACT
Testing time	3 hours + 50-minute essay (optional)	2 hours 55 minutes + 40-minute essay (optional)
Structure	3 tests + optional essay	4 tests + optional writing test
Number of questions	154	215
Time per question	1 minute, 10 seconds	49 seconds
Score range	Composite 400–1600 (SAT Essay: reported in 3 dimensions, each 2–8)	Composite 1–36 (writing domain scores: 2–12)
Test length and timing	Reading Test 65 minutes 52 questions Writing and Language Test 35 minutes 44 questions Math Test 80 minutes 58 questions	Reading Test 35 minutes 40 questions English Test 45 minutes 75 questions Math Test 60 minutes 60 questions Science Test 35 minutes 40 questions

SAT Subject Tests

- ❑ Subject Tests are specific subject-level tests (each one hour in length)
 - Offered six times a year
 - Sciences, Math, Social Studies, Foreign Languages
 - Plan ahead as not every test is given every month
- ❑ Usually only required for highly selective schools
 - Check admission requirements for each university
 - Some schools require certain subject tests based on intended major
- ❑ Students may take up to three tests on a testing date
- ❑ Students cannot take both the SAT and any subject tests on the same test date
- ❑ Match up your SAT Subject Tests with your academic schedule

CARMEL HIGH SCHOOL TESTING SCHEDULE 2017-2018
CHS High School Code 150445

Name of Test	Testing Date(s)	Registration Deadline	Late Registration Deadline**	Fee	Recommended Grade Level	Purpose of Test
ACT* Registration is online at www.actstudent.org ACT Test Center Number: 180400	09-09-17	08-04-17	08-18-17	\$46 or \$62.50	12	College admissions test measuring academic achievement which satisfies requirements at most colleges and has the option of adding a writing test, which may be required at some colleges/universities.
	12-09-17	11-03-17	11-17-17	\$46 or \$62.50	11, 12	
	02-10-18	01-12-18	01-19-18	\$46 or \$62.50	11, 12	
	04-14-18	03-09-18	03-23-18	\$46 or \$62.50	11, 12	
	The ACT is also offered on the following test dates, but not at Carmel High School: Oct. 28, 2017, June 9, 2018, & July 14, 2018					
SAT** Registration is online at www.collegeboard.org SAT Test Center Number: 15-165	08-26-17	07-28-17	8-15-17	\$46 or \$60	12	College admissions test assessing what students learn in high school and what students need to succeed in college which satisfies requirements at most colleges and has the option of adding a writing test, which may be required at some colleges/universities.
	10-07-17	9-08-17	9-27-17	\$46 or \$60	12	
	11-04-17	10-05-17	10-25-17	\$46 or \$60	12	
	12-02-17	11-02-17	11-21-17	\$46 or \$60	11, 12	
	03-10-18	2-09-18	02-28-18	\$46 or \$60	11, 12	
	05-05-18	04-06-18	04-25-18	\$46 or \$60	11	
	06-02-18	05-03-18	05-23-18	\$46 or \$60	11	
SAT Subject** Registration is online at www.collegeboard.org SAT Test Center Number: 15-165	08-26-17	07-28-17	8-15-17	\$26 - \$68	9-12	Subject-area tests required by some colleges as part of the admissions process and used by some schools for class placement or to award credit.
	10-07-17	9-08-17	9-27-17	\$26 - \$73	9-12	
	11-04-17	10-05-17	10-25-17	\$26 - \$68	9-12	
	12-02-17	11-02-17	11-21-17	\$26 - \$68	9-12	
	05-05-18	04-06-18	04-25-18	\$26 - \$68	9-11	
	06-02-18	05-03-18	05-23-18	\$26 - \$68	9-11	

*The ACT test provides a period of late registration (additional \$29.50). There are also fees for test date changes (additional \$26) and test center changes (additional \$26) arranged prior to the testing day. There is a standby testing fee of \$53 to register after the late registration window, but before the test day.

**The SAT Reasoning Test and SAT Subject Tests provide for a period of late registration (additional \$29). There are also fees for test changes, test date changes and test center changes (additional \$29) arranged prior to the testing day. There is a waitlist fee of \$49 to register after the late registration window, but before the test day.

Test Preparation

- ❑ Khan Academy, in partnerships with College Board, is providing FREE SAT prep for all students <https://www.khanacademy.org/sat>
- ❑ Kaplan has partnered with ACT to offer live and online test prep <https://www.kaptest.com/act>
- ❑ 2017 PSAT and SAT prep classes available through CHS
 - PSAT 9/27 or 9/28 AND 10/4 or 10/5 (cost \$30 - registration deadline 10/3rd)
 - SAT 10/25 AND 11/1 (cost \$30 - registration deadline 10/24th)
- ❑ Question of the Day (both SAT and ACT)
- ❑ Many companies and websites offer test prep for both ACT and SAT <http://www1.ccs.k12.in.us/chs/counseling/testinginformation>



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Explore Opportunities ...

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IN THE NEWS

Freshman Class Officer Election - August 29 thru September 1

UPCOMING EVENTS

SEP. 02: COMEDYSPORTZ AUDITIONS

SEP. 05: LABOR DAY - NO SCHOOL

SEP. 05: LABOR DAY

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COUNSELING CENTER

Carmel High School Counseling Center

The Counseling Center provides services to students regarding academic, personal/social, career, college, and testing throughout the high school experience. We have 13 counselors available to assist every student. We also have two part-time College Advisors who work in our College and Career Resource Center on gold days.

[2016-2017 College Admissions Representative Visit Schedule](#)

[PSAT Prep Course at CHS: Fall 2016](#)

[Public Transition Night Information \(please click link\)](#)

[8th-9th grade scheduling powerpoint](#)

[Freshmen Scheduling Packet](#)

[Courses Available to Freshmen](#)

[AP and IB Powerpoint](#)

NAVIANCE: FAMILY CONNECTION

The Carmel High School Counseling Department began using Naviance/Family Connection in the fall of 2015 to assist students and parents with college and career preparation. Students will use Family Connection to request transcripts, research colleges, process letters of recommendations and explore career options.

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QUICK LINKS

- [Program of Studies](#)
- [CHS Profile](#)
- [AP Exam Registration](#)
- [Family Connection: Student Login](#)
- [Naviance: Staff Login](#)
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Carmel High School provides a wide variety of testing information and options for students throughout the entire school year.

[What Is A College Entrance Exam?](#)

Please review the information on the links below to assist you in planning your testing schedule for the year.

[Testing Schedule 2016-2017](#)

Information on the [NEW REDESIGNED SAT](#) that began on March 5, 2016

Carmel High School:

- [SAT Test Prep](#)
- [PSAT Test Prep](#)

[Listing of Test Prep Resources](#)

[Practice SAT questions for Critical Reading and Writing](#)

[Procedures for Students with Disabilities to receive test accommodations for the PSAT, SAT, and ACT](#)

[College Admission Test Presentation 2-22-2016](#)

Understanding Scores

❑ Old SAT

- 2400 maximum score: Critical Reading (800), Math (800) Writing (800)

❑ New SAT

- 1600 maximum score: Evidence-Based Reading and Writing (800) and Math (800)

❑ ACT

- 36 maximum composite score
- Subscores in English, Math, Reading, Science and Writing (maximum score for each section = 36)

SAT

Practice

Taking the Test

Register for the SAT

Scores

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SAT Score Converter

Use the SAT Score Converter mobile app and online tool to compare scores on the new SAT, the old SAT, and the ACT.

[👉 Convert your scores now.](#)



The College Board's SAT Score Converter is the official tool for comparing old and new SAT scores. It uses a method called *concordance* to estimate how you might have scored on a different test.

Getting Started

If you don't have your scores yet, sign in to your [online score report](#). Then pick the option that's right for you:

- To convert a score out of 1600 to a score out of 2400, choose **New SAT to Old SAT**.

Register for the SAT



Get SAT Scores



Get free, personalized SAT practice from Khan Academy



SAT Subject Tests

Show colleges your strengths in math, science, English, history, and languages.

[More](#) 

Compare Your Scores Now

SAT Score Converter

Convert

New SAT

to

Old SAT

After you convert your scores, you can compare them to ACT scores

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Old SAT

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New SAT

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For the High School Class of 2016:

Most students in the Class of 2016 will take the old SAT, and most colleges will convert new SAT scores to old SAT scores.

For the High School Class of 2017:

Most students in the Class of 2017 will take the new SAT, and most colleges will convert old SAT scores to new SAT scores.

Concordance Tables

Released: May 9, 2016

<https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/pdf/higher-ed-brief-sat-concordance.pdf>

New SAT to ACT Concordance Table

Table 7

New SAT Total (400-1600)	ACT Composite Score	New SAT Total (400-1600)	ACT Composite Score	New SAT Total (400-1600)	ACT Composite Score	New SAT Total (400-1600)	ACT Composite Score
1600	36	1330	28	1060	21	790	14
1590	35	1320	28	1050	20	780	14
1580	35	1310	28	1040	20	770	14
1570	35	1300	27	1030	20	760	14
1560	35	1290	27	1020	20	750	13
1550	34	1280	27	1010	19	740	13
1540	34	1270	26	1000	19	730	13
1530	34	1260	26	990	19	720	13
1520	34	1250	26	980	19	710	12
1510	33	1240	26	970	18	700	12
1500	33	1230	25	960	18	690	12
1490	33	1220	25	950	18	680	12
1480	32	1210	25	940	18	670	12
1470	32	1200	25	930	17	660	12
1460	32	1190	24	920	17	650	12
1450	32	1180	24	910	17	640	12
1440	31	1170	24	900	17	630	12
1430	31	1160	24	890	16	620	11
1420	31	1150	23	880	16	610	11
1410	30	1140	23	870	16	600	11
1400	30	1130	23	860	16	590	11
1390	30	1120	22	850	15	580	11
1380	29	1110	22	840	15	570	11
1370	29	1100	22	830	15	560	11
1360	29	1090	21	820	15		
1350	29	1080	21	810	15		
1340	28	1070	21	800	14		

Carmel High School Transcripts

- ❑ If student has taken the new SAT more than once, then only the highest individual Evidence-Based Reading and Writing (ERW) and Math Scores with the corresponding test date will be reported on the transcript
- ❑ All ACT results with the corresponding test date will be reported on the transcript
- ❑ All test results (including PSAT) can be viewed in the student's Family Connection account (Test Results link under the About Me tab)

How do students send their standardized test scores?

- ❑ When a student registers, they may send their scores up to four colleges
- ❑ Make sure they send their scores to CHS - Carmel HS code 150445
- ❑ If a student did not have their scores sent to a college, he/she will need to request that their scores be sent directly from the testing agencies UNLESS the college will accept the scores from the CHS transcript
 - SAT - cost \$12.00 per set of scores; may select which scores you want to send to your score recipients
 - ACT - cost \$13.00 per test date per report
- ❑ Self-reported Test Scores
- ❑ Determine if colleges superscore or not and send scores accordingly
- ❑ Super Duper Scoring - Some schools consider all SAT and ACT test scores from all dates
- ❑ Allow ample time to send in test scores (usually takes at least one week)

Fair Test

The National Center for Fair and Open Testing

www.FairTest.org

- ❑ The goal of FairTest is to advance quality education and equal opportunity by promoting fair, open, valid and educationally beneficial evaluations of students, teachers and schools
- ❑ More than 900 four-year colleges and universities do not use the SAT or ACT to admit a substantial numbers of bachelor-degree applicants

Possible caveats:

- SAT/ACT used for placement and/or academic advising
- SAT/ACT required only from out-of-state applicants
- SAT/ACT required when a minimum GPA not met

Testing Accommodations

- ❑ Application process for students with professionally diagnosed and documented disabilities
- ❑ Accommodations approved by each of the testing agencies (CHS has no control over ACT or College Board's decisions)
- ❑ Applications must be submitted at least 7 weeks in advance of the testing date; allow at least one additional week for CHS to process request
- ❑ Please see the CHS website for further information:
<http://www1.ccs.k12.in.us/chs/counseling/testingaccommodations>

SAT and ACT Testing Waivers

Students who are on free or reduced lunch are entitled to two fee waivers to take the SAT and two fee waivers to take the ACT. The student must see his/her counselor to obtain these fee waivers before the registration deadlines.

Other circumstances deem students eligible for waivers - ask your counselor!

Questions?