

College Test Prep Basics



English

ACT

Reading

SAT

Math



ASVAB

Science

Writing



AP

CLEP

PSAT



Test Definitions



Match each name with its definition*

ACT

Test used to assess college-level knowledge in 36 different subject areas in which you earn college credits without taking college courses. Also known as the College Level Examination Program

SAT

The Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test, better known as the Pre SAT, is a test designed for high school students, taken in their sophomore or junior year. The test is used to measure qualification for college scholarships and as training for the SAT

AP

Known as the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery, is a multiple-choice test, administered by the United States Military Entrance Processing Command. The test is used to determine qualification for enlistment in the United States Armed Forces

IB

A standardized test widely used for college admissions in the US. originally called the Scholastic Aptitude Test, its administered by the College Board.

CLEP

International Baccalaureate test is given to 16–19-year-olds at the end of a rigorous two-year educational program. The program provides an internationally accepted qualification for entry into higher education and is recognized by many universities worldwide

ASVAB

American College Test: a standardized test used for college admissions that covers four academic skill areas: English, mathematics, reading, and scientific reasoning

PSAT

An Advanced Placement exam is to demonstrate mastery of rigorous college-level material. Scoring is on a scale of 1 to 5. By scoring a passing grade of 3 or above, you can earn college credit

*Use internet resources if needed

School Admission Requirements



Because of Covid-19, many schools are making standardize testing optional as entrance exams for the 2021-2022 school term. Some have test blind or test flexible admissions policies.

It's a good idea to know what the entrance exam policy is for each school in which you want to apply.

Using the template below as an example, go to your colleges' web page to find out if they require the ACT or SAT test for 2021/22. Place a check mark in the applicable box below.

School Name	Admission Requirements 2021			
	Test Optional	Test Blind	Test Flexible	Test Required

Test Preparation Guidelines

ACT and/or SAT

- Aim for a 21 or higher ACT Score
- Aim for an 1100 or higher SAT score

Study for these tests. Take several practice tests in advance

Utilize the Library's books and on-line resources available for check out

Be prepared to take your entrance exam tests more than once to improve and maximize your test scores

Know your testing dates and locations

Know your school code(s)

Fee Waivers

How Do I Apply For a Fee Waiver?

1. Check with your school counselor to see if you are eligible to apply.
2. Once your school counselor determines if you are eligible, you can receive up to four fee waivers to take the ACT test for free and you will receive free learning resources.
3. When you register for the ACT or SAT online or by mail, use your ACT or SAT fee waiver code.

Register on-line

Get registration codes in advance

SAT -

<https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat>

ACT -

<https://my.act.org/account/signin?location=https://my.act.org>

Testing Best Practices



- Get plenty of rest the night before the test
- Relax, breathe deeply before and during the test
- Answer the easy questions first
- Skip the harder questions, save them for later
- Remember details matter, read each question with care
- For English, know your technical grammar rules
- For Math, know common formulas such as the FOIL method
- For Essays – write the longest essay possible. Typically, the longer the essay the higher your score
- Ensure you fill in the right line for each question and check on this often
- Review your answer sheet. Ensure all the answer bubbles are filled in completely before you turn in your test.
- Remember to HAVE FUN!

Test Day Checklist*

Know the test location, date, time arrive early!!!!

What to Bring

- **Admission Ticket**
- **Photo identification**
- **Mask**

- **Number 2 pencils**
 - Bring sharpened, No. 2 pencils with good erasers (no mechanical pencils or ink pens). Do not bring any other writing instruments; you will not be allowed to use them.

- **Watch**
 - You may bring a watch to pace yourself, but do not bring a watch with an alarm!

- **Calculator**
 - Bring a permitted calculator to be used on the mathematics test only.

- **Snacks** to eat during breaks outside the test center

*** Always check with your high school counselor to review this list before test day**

Free On-Line Resources

SAT

<https://www.khanacademy.org/SAT>

ACT

<https://www.act.org/content/act/en/products-and-services/the-act/test-preparation/free-act-test-prep.html>

<https://blog.prepscholar.com/complete-official-act-practice-tests-free-links>

CLEP

<https://study.com/clep/clep-practice-tests.html>

ASVAB

<https://asvab-prep.com/>

<youtube.com/watch?v=YsqZPPulffA>

PSAT

khanacademy.org/test-prep/sat/new-sat-tips-planning/new-sat-how-to-prep/a/full-length-psat-nmsqt

Library Resources *

	Title	Shelf Location
ACT	ACT prep plus 2022	378.1662 AC1881app
	McGraw-Hill Education ACT 2022	378.1664 D878m 2022
	ACT 2022 for dummies	378.1664 H3614a 2022
SAT	SAT 2022	378.1662 B6272s 2022
	SAT study guide premium 2021-2022	378.1662 G7981s
	SAT total prep 2022	378.1662 SA2531stp 2022
PSAT	PSAT/NMSQT prep 2020	378.1664 P9741p 2020
	PSAT/NMSQT 1520 : aiming for National Merit	378.1664 ST8493p2
	CliffsNotes PSAT/NMSQT cram plan	378.1662 B9729c
ASVAB	ASVAB prep plus 2022-2023	355.0076 AS861as 2022-2023
	2021/2022 ASVAB : with online practice	355.0076 J721t 2022
	CliffsNotes ASVAB cram plan	355.0076 C638c2
CLEP	CLEP : official study guide 2022	378.1662 C628c 2022
	Barron's CLEP	378.1662 B2775b12
AP	AP calculus AB premium prep 2022	515.15 AD2442a 2022
	AP computer science principles	004.076 R349a2
	AP U.S. government & politics premium prep 2022	320.473 AD2442a 2022
	AP Spanish language and culture	468.0076 AP639a10
	AP English language and composition	808.042076 EH334a5

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