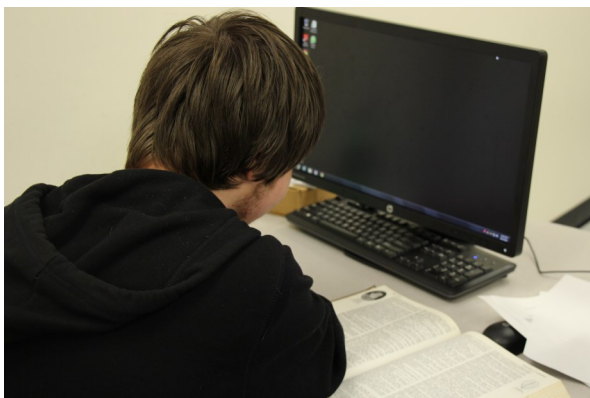


SAT and ACT Test Dates

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In their junior and senior year, most students are thinking where they want to go for college. The students here at Collegiate High School are no exception. An important part of getting into college is to take the SAT or ACT. The SAT, Scholastic Achievement Test, and the ACT, American College Test, are achievement test that colleges look at when you apply to them.



Trevor Hughes prepares for his ACT at the end of the month.

Most of the students we asked haven't taken the ACT or SAT yet. However, they all have plans to take one or both. They are preparing in their own way. Hunter Schaber told us, "I am going to take many practice tests. Christian Smith stated he would, "Tutor in the TLCC and complete practice questions." The students at CHS are all making their own preparations for the ACT and SAT.

The ACT has upcoming tests on December 12, February 6, April 9, and June 11 this year. The SAT has upcoming test dates on November 7, December 5, January 23, March 5, May 7, and June 4. The registrations for them close about a month before the test date, and there is late registration past that for an increased fee. The ACT costs \$39.50 without writing and \$56.50 with it. The SAT costs \$54.50. The late registration fee is \$25 for the ACT and \$28 for the SAT.

But, what is on the tests? The ACT is divided into an English, math, reading, and an optional writing test. The English portion gives you 45 minutes to finish and has 75 questions that test written English and rhetorical skills. The math portion consists of 60 questions with 60 minutes to finish them and tests math skills acquired throughout high school. The reading portion gives you 35 minutes to complete 40 questions and tests skills required in the natural sciences. The optional writing portion gives you 40 minutes to write based on a prompt and tests your writing abilities.

The SAT is divided into three parts. The first part is critical reading. You have 70 minutes to complete 67 questions. The questions are based on passages and test your critical reading, diction, and vocabulary skills. The second part of the test is mathematics. There are 70 minutes to complete 54 questions. The questions are 44 multiple choice and 10 grid-in questions. The questions are about basic arithmetic, algebra 1, algebra 2, and geometry. The last section is writing. The writing section gives you 35 minutes to finish 49 multiple choice questions. The questions test improving sentences, finding sentence errors, and improving paragraphs. There is also an essay prompt you are given 25 minutes to answer.



"I would recommend that students take both tests for the first time in the spring of their junior year." -Mrs. Thigpen

Collegiate juniors will be getting SAT preparation from the school when they take the PSAT on the morning of October 28th. Students will receive prescribed feedback and practice based upon their results.