

Students applying to competitive programs, prominent schools and impacted majors should take tests prior to December of their Senior year

ACT Test Dates

Test Date	Registration Deadline	(Late Fee Required)
# September 8, 2018	August 10, 2018	August 11-26
# October 27, 2018**	September 28, 2018	September 29-Oct 14
! December 8, 2018	November 2, 2018	November 3-19
% February 9, 2019	January 11, 2019	January 12-18
% April 13, 2019 **	March 8, 2019	March 9-25
% June 8, 2019	May 3, 2019	May 4-20
% July 13, 2019	June 14, 2019	June 15-24

Symbol Key:

CSU/UC- Seniors and Juniors

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% **Juniors Only**

** **Testing available at RHS**

SAT Test Dates

Test Date	Registration Deadline	(Late Fee Required)
# August 25, 2018	July 27, 2018	August 15
# October 6, 2018	September 7, 2017	September 26
# November 3, 2018**	October 5, 2018	October 24
! December 1, 2017	November 2, 2017	November 20
% March 9, 2019 **	February 8, 2019	February 27
% May 4, 2019	April 5, 2019	April 24
% June 1, 2019	May 3, 2019	May 22

When to Take the SAT Reasoning?

Most students take the SAT during their junior or senior year of high school. At least half of all students take the SAT twice — in the spring as a junior and in the fall as a senior. Most students improve their score the second time they take the SAT.

Should you take the SAT Subject tests?

There are 20 Subject Tests across five general subject areas: history, mathematics, science, English, and foreign languages. The SAT Subject Tests that you take should be based on your interests and academic strengths. The tests are a great way to indicate interest in specific majors or programs of study (e.g., engineering, pre-med, cultural studies).

You should also consider whether the colleges that you're interested in require or recommend Subject Tests. Some colleges will grant an exemption from or credit for a freshman course requirement if a student does well on a particular SAT Subject Test.

Think through your strengths and interests

- List the subjects in which you do well and that truly interest you.
- Think through what you might like to study in college.
- Consider whether your current admission credentials (high school grades, SAT scores, etc.) highlight your strengths.

Consider the colleges that you're interested in

- Make a list of the colleges you're considering.
- Take some time to look into what these colleges require or what may help you stand out in the admission process.
- Use [College Search](#) to look up colleges' test requirements.
- If the colleges you're interested in require or recommend SAT Subject Tests, find out how many tests are required or recommended and in which subjects.

What if I don't know which colleges I'm going to apply to?

You should consider taking Subject Tests in the subjects that you're interested in and have completed course work for, particularly if you think you may wish to concentrate in that area in college. Many times, students are surprised to find out in the fall of their senior year that a college or a program they're interested in requires or recommends SAT Subject Tests. You can avoid this last-minute stress by building your credentials along the way when you're most prepared to do well on these tests. Many colleges that don't require or recommend Subject Tests will still consider them when reviewing your application.

What if the colleges that I'm interested in don't require Subject Test scores?

You may still want to take Subject Tests in the subjects that you excel in and submit those scores. Many colleges may still consider Subject Tests when reviewing your application, since they give a more complete picture of your academic background and send a strong signal regarding your readiness to focus on a specific major or program of study. Subject Tests can also help you place into the right courses once you get to college, or potentially receive credit for subjects you've performed well in.