

PSAT, College Bound, & College Board Information

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PSAT Scores

Understanding 2019 PSAT/NMSQT Results

- * Your Scores- based on a scale of 320-1520 total score (two scores added together), or a scale of 160-760 in each category
- * College readiness (benchmark) scores
 - reading: 460
 - math: 510
 - Red vs Yellow vs Green
- * Interpret results:

<https://counselors.collegeboard.org/professional-learning/score-week-for-counselors>

Why do I need to take the SAT or ACT?

Public University Assured Academic Admission Standards for Fall 2020

- * Universities use the SAT or ACT as part of the admissions process.
- * SAT or ACT scores have an inverse relationship with class rank (the higher your rank the lower your scores can be).
- * SAT and ACT scores are also used for scholarships.
- * Recommended to take both during the spring or summer of your junior year and before spring of senior year.

SAT vs ACT

SAT

3 Parts-reading, math, writing (science and social studies incorporated within other sections)

ACT

4 Parts-reading, math, writing, science (reasoning)

- Universities/Colleges accepted both equally.
- Universities use best score.
- No limit on the amount of times you can take to improve score.
- Writing optional; however, every student should take the writing the 1st time they take each test.

Preparing to take the SAT or ACT

Official SAT Practice

- * Review/Study PSAT (extra copies of PSAT and PSAT study guides with practice test in the college room)
- * Use SAT and ACT websites
- * Use Khan academy through collegeboard
- * Attend ACT Prep class on February 17th.
 - sign up in the office by December 30th.
 - free to all students that register for the School day SAT/ACT or show proof of registration for a Saturday SAT/ACT
 - \$30 if student has not yet registered for the SAT/ACT

Registration for the SAT or ACT

2019-2020 Saturday SAT and ACT Information

2020 School Day SAT and ACT Information

- * SAT- register online at www.collegeboard.org or sat.org cost \$64.50 (with essay)
- * ACT-register online at www.actstudent.org or act.org cost \$68 (with essay)
- * Do not register for the School Day SAT/ACT online, just sign up and pay in the office. (SAT: March 4th, ACT: March 24th)
- * Each student will be allowed one reimbursement for the SAT (\$49.50) **or** ACT (\$52).
 - reimbursement for test taken on a Saturday during spring of junior year or senior year only
 - must bring scores to high school office for reimbursement
 - for School Day testing, reimbursement amount will be deducted from initial cost
- * Additional vouchers may be available for students on free and reduced lunch; see counselors for detail

College Admissions Requirements

Diploma Plans

Junior Colleges/ Community Colleges/ Technical Schools

- open admissions: high school diploma or GED, most do not require SAT or ACT scores (*will need scores if you transfer to 4 year before receiving associated degree*)

4 Year State Universities:

- * Acceptance based on completion of: Distinguished Endorsement Foundation High School Program (transcript), application, SAT/ACT score(s) submission
- * Top 10%- automatic acceptance; must take SAT/ACT but no minimum score
- * Academic Admissions- automatic acceptance if student meets SAT/ACT and class rank requirements set by each university
- * Reviewed Admissions- SAT/ACT, class rank, grade point average, courses taken in high school, extracurricular activities, volunteer work, application, and letters of recommendations are reviewed and decision made.

College Admissions Requirements

College Readiness Requirements for College Bound Seniors

TSI Requirement:

- * all students must pass or be TSI exempt (SAT/ACT/DualCredit) to register for college courses
- * It is recommended to take the math portion after completing Algebra 2 and the English and writing portion after completing English 3
 - All Algebra 2 and English 3 students (that have not meet college readiness standards) will take the TSI in April/May
- * Additional testing dates, registration, and study guides can be found in the college room

College Planning for Juniors

Junior Check Sheet

College Visits

- * Research colleges of interest
- * Register to take the SAT and/or ACT based on PSAT score recommendation.
- * Visit colleges this spring, summer, and fall
 - Individual College Day (form located in the college room)
 - Preview Saturdays
 - Senior College Trips (through counseling department)
- * Keep a record of your activities in high school: sports, groups, volunteer time, work experience.
- * Keep your grades up.
- * Choose your classes for your senior year carefully.
- * Athletes: register with NCAA Eligibility Center or other eligibility centers if required.
- * Note early and regular application deadline.

Helpful Websites

- * Texas college/university applications: www.applytexas.org
- * Free Application for Federal Student Aid: www.fafsa.ed.gov (apply for federal financial aid)
- * Texas Application for Student Financial Aid: www.aie.org/State/TASFA/ (print application for state aid)
- * FAFSA PIN Number: www.pin.ed.gov (apply for PIN number required for FAFSA)
- * Texas College Access: www.TexasCollegeAccess.org (college bound blog series covering topics such as: first generation students, college application process, and financial aid)
- * Federal Student Aid Channel: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCEnu3BHoR9IYgBnCkqQdgmA> (short clips covering many topics in regards to financial aid)
- * Financial Aid on the Web: www.Finaid.org (scholarships, loans, saving, military, and financial aid)
- * **College Board:** www.collegeboard.org (PSAT scores, SAT, AP, college match, career inventories, scholarships, and financial aid)
- * **ACT:** www.actstudent.org (ACT, college match, and career inventories)
- * FastWeb: www.fastweb.com (free scholarship search)
- * College for Texans: www.collegefortexans.com (scholarships, loans, and grants)
- * Go College- The Collegiate Web source: www.gocollege.com (college admissions, education options, financial aid, college survival tips)
- * **College and Career Readiness Resource Center:** www.txccrsc.org (multimedia graphics, film clips, and interactive activities to prepare a student for college.)
- * ASVAB: www.asvabprogram.com (career exploration program, students that took the ASVAB in October will have an access code)
- * Glen Rose High School- GRHS Counselors: www.grisd.net (posting of local scholarships and senior presentations)

Upcoming Events

Junior Parent Night: January 20, 2020 at 6:00 in the HS cafeteria- topics will include PSAT, SAT/ACT, college admissions process

Senior Course Selection Sheet Review and Class Rank: February 3, 2020 during English classes

Senior Course Selections: February 5-7, 2020 during English classes

Next year:

- Senior Parent Meeting- September 2020
- Future Plans Appointments- September-October 2020
- College Field Trips- October-November 2020 (UNT, Tarleton, ASU)

Talk to your counselor about early admissions if you are interested in applying early; otherwise most university application deadlines are on or after December 1, 2019.