

PSAT, College Bound, & College Board Information

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GRHS Graduation Year (Class) Reminds

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GRHS Graduation Year (Class) Reminds	Class Code
GRHS 2024 (Seniors) Students	@grhs2024s
GRHS 2024 Parents	@grhs2024p
GRHS 2025 (Juniors) Students	@grhs2025s
GRHS 2025 Parents	@grhs2025p
GRHS 2026 (Sophomores) Students	@grhs2026s
GRHS 2026 Parents	@grhs2026p
GRHS 2027 (Freshman) Students	@grhs2027s
GRHS 2027 Parents	@grhs2027p

PSAT Scores

Understanding PSAT/NMSQT Results

- * Log in to students College Board account
<https://www.collegeboard.org/>
- * 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
 - Interpret results:

<https://satsuite.collegeboard.org/psat-nmsqt/scores/understanding-scores/your-score-report-explained>

Why do I need to take the SAT or ACT?

Public University Assured Academic Admission Standards for Fall 2023

- * 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.
- * *Most (but not all) colleges and universities will remain test optional or test free for admissions for fall 2025.*

SAT vs ACT

SAT

- * 2 Subtest: Reading & Writing (comprehension & editing), Math (calculator).
- * No Essay
- * 2 Hours 14 Minutes timed
- * More time per question than ACT
- * Scoring: 400-1600 total (add 2 sub-scores: 200-800)
- * Digital Format

ACT

- 4 Subtest: English (editing) Reading (comprehension), Math (calculator), Science (reasoning)
- Optional Writing (Essay): *research college/university requirements*
- 3 Hours timed (plus 40 minutes for essay)
- Scoring: 1-36 composite (average of 4 subtest), essay scored separately
- Paper Format

- Universities/Colleges accept both equally.
- Universities use best score.
- No limit on the number of times you can take to improve score.

Preparing to take the SAT or ACT

Official SAT/ACT Practice

- * Review/Study PSAT (extra copies of PSAT and PSAT study guides with practice test in the college room- supplies limited)
- * Review/Study Pre-ACT (extra copies of Pre-ACT in the college room- supplies limited)
- * Use SAT and ACT websites
- * Use Khan academy through college board (SAT) website
- * Edgenuity (see counselor for information)

Registration for the SAT or ACT

2022-2023 Saturday SAT and ACT Information

Saturday (National) SAT / ACT Testing

- * SAT- register online at www.collegeboard.org or sat.org cost \$60
- * ACT-register online at www.actstudent.org or act.org cost \$68 (without essay) or \$93 (with essay)
- * Additional vouchers may be available for students on free and reduced lunch; see counselors for detail

SAT / ACT Registration Continued

2024 School Day SAT/ACT Information and Reimbursement

School Day SAT / ACT

- * Do not register for the School Day SAT/ACT online, just sign up and pay in the office by January 17th. (SAT: March 6th or 7th , ACT: March 26th)
- * Special cost reduction through the state: \$0 for one test or \$38 for both test

HB 3- SAT/ACT Reimbursement

- * Each student will be allowed one reimbursement for the SAT (\$60) **or** ACT (\$68).
- Reimbursement for test taken on a Saturday during spring of junior year or senior year only (*summer testing is not included*)
- Must bring scores to high school office for reimbursement
- For School Day testing, reimbursement will be deducted from initial cost
- * *Students that take a school day SAT or ACT, will not get a reimbursement for a Saturday SAT or ACT.*

College Admissions Requirements

Diploma Plans

Junior Colleges/ Community Colleges/ Technical Schools

- Open admissions/acceptance: high school diploma and application
- most do not require SAT or ACT scores (*will need scores if you transfer to 4 year before receiving associates 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.

Texas College Requirements

College Readiness Requirements for College Bound Seniors

TSI Requirement:

- * All students must pass or be TSI exempt (SAT/ACT/Dual Credit) to register for college courses
- * It is recommended to take the math portion after completing Algebra 2 and the English after completing English 3
 - All Algebra 2 and English 3 students (that have not met college readiness standards) will take the TSI in May
- * Additional testing at the high school in November/May or register to take the test at any college/university testing center.

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 application: www.applytexas.org
- * Alternate application for out of state, private universities, and some Texas college/universities: www.commonapp.org
- * Free Application for Federal Student Aid: <https://studentaid.gov> (apply for federal financial aid)
- * Texas Application for Student Financial Aid: www.aie.org/State/TASFA/ (print application for state aid)
- * 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/UCEnu3BHoR9lYgBnChqQdgmA> (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 15, 2024 at 6:00 in the HS cafeteria- topics will include PSAT, SAT/ACT, college admissions process

Senior Course Selection Sheet Review and Class Rank: January 29, 2024 during English classes

Senior Course Selections: Starting January 31, 2024 during English classes

Class Rank Letter Mailed: June 2024, will be used for most applications

Next year:

- Senior Parent Meeting: September 2024
- Future Plans Appointments: September-October 2024 (individual student appointments with counselor).
- College Field Trips: October-November 2024 (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.