

College Planning Guide



SAT-ACT Tests

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Either the American College Test (ACT) or the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) is required for admission to most colleges and Universities in the U.S. Most institutions in California prefer the SAT but will accept the ACT.



If you are applying to colleges outside the state of California, check that institution's web site to find out which test you need to take.

Some universities have a *minimum SAT or ACT* score required for admission. Students are encouraged to take the SAT or ACT as early in the school year as possible, so if you need to retake the test, you can. Most schools will use your highest score for admissions.

In addition, many scholarships consider the SAT or ACT when determining awards. Keep in mind that you should have taken and received your test scores prior to applying for these scholarships.

SAT & ACT fee waivers may be available from your high school counselor. A student may receive **only two** fee waivers per test, regardless of the source of the waiver. If you choose to take the test more than twice, you will need to pay for it. For the SAT Program, fee waivers are good for two SAT Reasoning Tests and two SAT Subject Test Sitzings (students may take up to 3 tests per sitting).

Once you receive your scores you must meet with your counselor to discuss when you should retake the test and develop a study plan to improve your scores.

Test dates and SAT & ACT code numbers you need are on the following page. Other code numbers are available online at the SAT (www.collegeboard.com) & ACT (www.actstudent.org) websites.

Code Numbers and Score Reports

Institution	SAT	ACT
California State University	3594 (CSU Mentor code, sends scores to ALL CSUs applied to)	Send to any 1 CSU and then release the scores through ACT Scores Manager on actstudent.org
University of California	Send to 1 UC that you WILL ABSOLUTELY apply to and the other UCs will be able to see your scores. However, official scores must be sent in May if you end up attending a UC that scores were not originally sent to.	Send to 1 UC that you WILL ABSOLUTELY apply to and the other UCs will be able to see your scores. However, official scores must be sent in May if you end up attending a UC that scores were not originally sent to.

