

# College Entrance Exam Testing Recommendations

## COLLEGE ENTRANCE EXAMS TESTING RECOMMENDATIONS

College entrance-exams play a critical role in the college admissions process. Throughout high school we recommend you discuss specific entrance-exam plans with your school counselor. To assist you and your child in this process we recommend the following testing schedule. We strongly recommend that you outline your plans with your school counselor prior to registering. Depending on your plans these recommendations may be adjusted.

Exams	Recommended Administration Dates
<b>PLAN</b>	November: (10 <sup>th</sup> grade) <i>This is the Practice ACT and is designed by ACT for 10th grade students.</i>
<b>PSAT</b>	October: (10 <sup>th</sup> & 11 <sup>th</sup> grade) <i>This is the Practice SAT for all 11th grade students. Some students may wish to take this in 10th grade given their advanced standing, ability, and readiness in mathematics. Confirm with your counselor before registering.</i>

<b>SAT<sup>1</sup></b> (Verbal, Math & Writing)	10 <sup>th</sup> Grade: Not Recommended
	11 <sup>th</sup> Grade: January OR March OR May OR June (Some students work to take this twice in grade 11)
	12 <sup>th</sup> Grade: October OR November OR December

<sup>1</sup>*It is recommended that students sit for this exam in spring of grade 11 AND fall of grade 12.*

<b>ACT<sup>2</sup></b>	10 <sup>th</sup> Grade: Not Recommended
	11 <sup>th</sup> Grade: February OR April OR June (Some students work to take this twice in grade 11)
	12 <sup>th</sup> Grade: September OR October OR December

<sup>2</sup>*It is recommended that students sit for this exam in spring of grade 11 AND fall of grade 12.*

<b>SAT II<sup>3</sup></b> (formerly Subject Tests)	<b>SAT II in World History and Chemistry</b> <i>Best taken in May or June while enrolled in respective AP course –World History and/or Chemistry. Consult College Board study-guides, your school counselor, appropriate directors of instruction, and the classroom teacher. <b>Additional preparation is necessary to ensure alignment of all curriculum.</b></i>
	<b>SAT II in Biology, Literature, Physics, and US History</b> <i>Please consult College Board study-guides, your school counselor, appropriate directors of instruction, and classroom teachers. Determining the most suitable time for taking an SAT II in the above subjects will depend on individual readiness, preparation, and overall testing-plan. <b>Additional preparation is necessary to ensure alignment of all curriculum.</b></i>
	<b>SAT II in Math Level 1 and or SAT II in Math Level 2</b> <i>Best taken in May or June while enrolled in most relevant course. Level 1 corresponds best to Algebra II Trigonometry. Level 2 corresponds to AP Calc BC I or AP Calc AB or AP Calc BC II. Consult your school counselor, mathematics director, and classroom teacher.</i>
	<b>SAT II in Languages Chinese, German, Spanish, Italian, French, Korean, Japanese, Latin and Hebrew</b> <i>Best taken in May or June while enrolled in respective senior-year course or in May of junior year if language is natural to the student. Consult your LOTE teacher for additional advice of your readiness.</i>

<sup>3</sup>*We suggest you consult Naviance or a college's website for specific college requirements as the requirements change year-to-year. While the majority of colleges and universities do NOT require the SAT II/Subject Tests, many of the country's most competitive colleges—the Ivy League, for example—require two or more SAT II/Subject Tests. Some colleges may substitute ACT scores for SAT II tests, however, students should be prepared for SAT II testing if applying to the most selective schools. Please consult with your School Counselor prior to registering.*

### **WE DO NOT RECOMMEND OVERTESTING AND TESTING PLANS NEED TO BE INDIVIDUALIZED WITH YOUR COUNSELOR**

Students with IEP's or 504 Plans should contact the Guidance Office for assistance in applying for accommodations on all tests. Accommodations may be available, but are contingent upon College Board and/or ACT approval—not HCSD. Please call 630-3345.

# Individual Multi-Year Testing Planning Tool

Use the tool below to plan out your testing plan for high school. Please consult your guidance counselor and the preceding page for information on testing recommendations. Consider what Regents exams are to be taking in addition to AP/IB and college entrance exams (practice exams and actual).

Month	9 <sup>th</sup> Grade	10 <sup>th</sup> Grade	11 <sup>th</sup> Grade	12 <sup>th</sup> Grade
September				
October				
November				
December				
January				
February				
March				
April				
May				
June				

SAT I & SAT II: <http://www.collegeboard.com>

ACT: <http://actstudent.org>

Naviance Sign In: <http://www.connection.naviance.com/harrison>

Call 630-3101 for assistance

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