

# Seniors and Testing: What you Need to Know

- **What Tests will I have to take my Senior Year?**
  - State Tests:
    - Retakes as recommended
  - ACT or SAT as preferred
- **Why do I have to take these tests?**
  - State tests are mandated by the Ohio Dept of Education and are part of Ohio's Graduation Requirements.
  - Student's ACT score may satisfy graduation requirements and is given to all students in Ohio their Junior yr., paid for by their high school.
- **What do my STATE TEST scores mean?**
  - To meet Ohio's standard of English and Math Competency, students more score 684 or above in both their Algebra and English II state tests. If students score below 684, they must retake these 2 specific tests at least once, typically in December the following year of their initial test.
- **Should I retake the ACT?**
  - ACT scores may be used by colleges as entrance requirements.
  - ACT scores are also used as criteria for some scholarships.
  - Are you happy with your score? Do you feel you could do better?
- **How do I register to retake the ACT?**
  - You must register at the ACT website by logging into or creating your student account.
  - You will need your ACT student ID from your Junior year test results. If you do not have this information, see Mrs. Smith or Mrs. Watson in the HS Counseling Office.
- **How do I get my ACT scores to the colleges I am applying to?**
  - In most cases, colleges want your ACT scores to be sent directly by ACT.
    - Log into your student account and request your scores to be sent to colleges you are applying to. There is a fee.
- **Should I take the SAT?**
  - Check with the colleges you are interested in applying to. Do they require the SAT? If so, then you will need to schedule to take the SAT.
  - The SAT is a different type of college assessment. If you feel the ACT is not a good reflection of your abilities, consider taking the SAT.
  - The SAT is not offered at WL-S like the ACT is. Students who want to take this test must register on their own at the SAT/College Board website, or by clicking here: [SAT Website](#)

- **How can I prepare for these tests?**
  - For state tests:
    - Visit this link for practice and test prep: [State Test Practice Information](#)
  - For the ACT:
    - Log into your student account at ACT to access free test prep resources. Visit this link for details: [ACT](#)
    - Consider attending ACT Prep seminars or workshops.
    - Look into resources your teachers may have.
    - Visit the HS Counseling Office to borrow test prep materials.
  - For the SAT:
    - Visit this link for test prep and practice test resources: [SAT Resources](#)