

The ACT

Q: What is the ACT?

A: Curriculum-based test designed to measure students' college readiness and academic achievement in four skill areas: English, Math, Reading, & Science

Q: How is it scored?

A: The highest score is a 36.

Q: Should I take the ACT in place of the SAT?

A: The most commonly used admission test is the SAT; however, most schools will accept ACT scores.

Q: How do you register for the ACTs?

A: You can register online at act.org.

Q: Is there a fee?

A: Yes. \$60.00 without writing. \$85 with the writing section. You can choose if you want to take the writing section. Check with the colleges you are applying to and check if they require it (Note: fees may increase each year).

Q: When do colleges recommend taking the ACT?

A: Junior year. NHS does not administer this exam so you must find a different testing location.

If you have any questions please contact your child's school counselor

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College Entrance Exams

- PSAT 10
- PSAT/NMSQT
- SAT
- ACT

Norwich High School Student Services

PSAT 10

Q: What is the PSAT 10?

A: The PSAT 10 measures the knowledge and skills you have developed in reading, writing and language, and math. This test is not about memorizing words and facts you will never use again. Instead, it focuses on what you have already learned in school and what you will need to succeed in college and career. It measures your reasoning and critical thinking skills, which will be important to you through high school, college, and beyond.

Q: Who takes the PSATs?

A: It is recommended that all sophomores take the PSAT 10.

Q: When are they?

A: The PSAT 10 is only offered in March.

Q: How do you register for them?

A: Interested sophomores sign-up in Student Services.

Q: Is there a fee?

A: No. NHS covers the cost for students

Q: How will I know when to sign up?

A: A letter will be mailed home to all sophomores and their parents/guardians with the test date and registration dates. This information is also available on the Student Services google classroom.

Preliminary SAT/ National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT)

Q: What are the PSATs?

A: The PSATs are standardized test that provides firsthand practice for the SAT®. It also gives you a chance to enter the National Merit Scholarship programs and gain access to college and career planning tools.

Q: Who takes the PSATs?

A: It is recommended that all Juniors take the PSATs, even if you previously took the PSAT 10.

Q: When are they?

A: The PSATs are offered only in October.

Q: How do you register for them?

A: Interested juniors sign-up in Student Services.

Q: Is there a fee?

A: No. NHS covers the cost for students

Q: How will I know when to sign up?

A: A letter will be mailed home to all juniors and their parents/guardians with the test date and registration dates. This information is also available on the Student Services google classroom.

Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT)

Q: What are the SATs?

A: The SATs are the most widely used college admission test. The exam is divided into three sections (Reading, Math, and Writing & Language.)

Q: How is it scored?

A: Total score: scale ranges from 400 to 1600.

Q: How do you register for the SATs?

A: You can register online at Collegeboard.org

Q: Is there a fee?

A: Yes. There is a test fee of \$55. Fee waivers are available. See your school counselor for one (Note: fees may increase each year).

Q: When do colleges recommend taking the SATs?

A: May or June of your Junior year and again in October of your senior year.

Q: If I take them more than once will colleges see all my scores?

A: Yes. However, when looking for a combined score most colleges will take your highest score on each section, regardless of test date.

