

## College Entrance Exams (High School)

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#### What are the College Entrance Exams?

##### PSAT/NMSQT for 10th Grade

The PSAT/NMSQT is a comprehensive assessment that provides educators, students, and families an array of data and resources. It is a tool for students and teachers that can help foster a strong college and career ready culture.



##### SAT for 11th Grade

On the New SAT, students are assessed on reading and writing (combined) and mathematics. An optional essay section that Idaho has chosen to include for the Statewide School Day Administration is scored and reported separately.

##### Optional ACT

Contact your school's guidance counselors for assistance and more information

**For the 2018.2019 school year only the “Accuplacer” is acceptable for certain students.**

According to the recent College Entrance Examination rule update, ‘Students receiving special education services through a current Individualized Education Plan (IEP) may utilize the ACCUPLACER placement exam in lieu of the SAT or ACT.’ The ACCUPLACER Placement exams are ONLY for students on an IEP. The ACCUPLACER is NOT for every student. The ACCUPLACER must be an approved assessment through a student’s IEP team. Students on a 504 do not qualify to take the ACCUPLACER. For the 2019.2020 school year this is not an approved college placement test.

#### Who takes the College Entrance Exams?

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College Entrance Examination. (Effective for all public school students who enter grade nine (9) in Fall 2012 or later.) (3-12-14)

a. A student must take one (1) of the following college entrance examinations before the end of the student’s eleventh grade year: SAT or ACT. Students who participated in the Compass assessment prior

to its final administration may also use the Compass to meet this requirement. Students receiving special education services through a current Individualized Education Plan (IEP) may utilize the ACCUPLACER placement exam in lieu of the SAT or ACT.

b. A student who misses the statewide administration of the college exam during the student's grade eleven (11) for one (1) of the following reasons, may take the examination during their grade twelve (12) to meet this requirement: (3-25-16)

- Transferred to an Idaho school district during grade eleven (11) and has not previously participated in one of the allowed college entrance exams outlined in Subsection 03.a;
- Was homeschooled during grade eleven (11) and is enrolled in an Idaho high school as a diploma seeking student; or
- Missed the spring statewide administration of the college entrance exam dates for documented medical reasons. (3-12-14)

c. A student may elect an exemption from the college entrance exam requirement if the student is:

- Receiving special education services through a current Individual Education Plan (IEP) that specifies the student meets the alternate assessment eligibility criteria;
- Enrolled in a Limited English Proficient (LEP) program for three (3) academic years or less; or (3-12-14)
- Transferring from out of state to an Idaho high school in grade twelve (12).
- A school district, on behalf of a student, on a form established by the State Department of Education, may submit an appeal application requesting the Superintendent of Public Instruction or their designee consider another college entrance exam or college placement exam to fulfill this requirement, or exempt the student due to extenuating circumstances.

d. A school district, on behalf of a student, on a form established by the State Department of Education, may submit an appeal application requesting the Superintendent of Public Instruction or their designee consider another college entrance exam or college placement exam to fulfill this requirement, or exempt the student due to extenuating circumstances.

## **When do Students take the PSAT/NMSQT?**

This test is in October.

## **When do Students take the SAT?**

2019 SAT School Day Administration: Tuesday, April 9, 2019

TBD for 2020.

## **Why do students take College Entrance Exams?**

College entrance exams are a part of the State Board of Education 08.02.03 - RULES GOVERNING THOROUGHNESS

## **How can I help my students prepare for College Entrance Exams?**

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