



Standardized Tests: FAQ

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

The PSAT/NMSQT is given in October to high school juniors nationwide. The PSAT is a useful indicator of scholastic aptitude as well as the basis of some merit scholarships. Administered by the College Board, the PSAT is the source of some college mailings that you may receive. Students receive three scores: verbal, math, and writing. The "Selection Index" (SI) is used exclusively for the National Merit competition. There is a fee for taking this test. Pre-registration is required. Find more information at <http://www.collegeboard.com/student/testing/psat/about.html>

ACT (American College Test)

These are four 35-60 minute tests in academic areas of English, mathematics, social studies, reading, and science reasoning. Students receive four separate scores plus a composite score. Each score is related to a perfect score of 36. There is an optional writing assessment which is required by certain colleges. Scores are reported to colleges of your choosing. There is a fee for taking this test. Pre-registration is required. Find more information at www.actstudent.org

- All FCHS students take the SAT in the spring of their junior year, free of charge, at Collins.

SAT (Scholastic Assessment Test) Reasoning Test

This 3-hour and 35-minute test, which is administered by the College Board, measures critical reading and mathematical reasoning, language usage and writing. Each of the three areas has a total possible point score of 800 and is reported as part of the top score of 2400. Scores are reported to colleges of your choosing. There is a fee for taking this test. Pre-registration is required. Find more information at <https://sat.collegeboard.org/home>

SAT Subject Tests

These are one-hour tests measuring knowledge and the ability to apply that knowledge in specific subject areas. Students may register for up to three tests on one date. Some highly selective four-year colleges require three SAT subject tests. The SAT subject tests are usually offered on the same days as the SAT, however, there are exceptions. Check carefully! Tests are given in American History, European History, Biology, Chemistry, English Literature, mathematics level I, mathematics level II, Physics, French, German, Hebrew, Italian, Latin, Chinese, Japanese, Korean, and Spanish. There is a fee for taking these tests. Pre-registration is required. Find more information at <https://sat.collegeboard.org/about-tests/sat-subject-tests>

AP (Advanced Placement Tests)

These are high school examinations based on college level courses taken in high school. AP exams are administered by College Board once a year in May. The scores are primarily used for college placement, credit, or advanced standing. The most highly selective colleges may also consider AP scores as part of the admission decision. There is a fee for taking this test. Pre-registration is required. Find more information at <https://apstudent.collegeboard.org/home>

- FCHS is proud to offer the **Advanced Placement Endorsed Diploma** to students who complete the equivalent of five, year-long AP courses in three different academic arenas with a grade of B or higher.

TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language)

The TOEFL, administered by the College Board, provides an alternative test for students who have been speaking English for five years or less or whose first language is not English. The test is used to evaluate the English proficiency of these students. Highly selective colleges may require students to submit SAT scores for the mathematics component along with the TOEFL. There is a fee for taking this test. Pre-registration is required. Find more information at http://www.ets.org/toefl?WT.ac=toeflhome_faq_121127