

College Admissions Testing

PSATs/SATs/ACTs

PSAT: Practice SAT

- Will be given at WDHS on a Wednesday of mid-October each year to all 10th and 11th grade students.
- WDHS will cover the cost of the tests. No registration is necessary.
- Students should bring a calculator and pencils.
- Students who score in the highest percentiles during the 11th grade testing may qualify for the National Merit Scholarship Program. Go to <https://www.nationalmerit.org> for more info.
- Scores will be released in early December. Students will receive an email when their scores are available with instructions on how to access them.

SATs & ACTs: College Admission Tests

- Most 4 year colleges and universities will require that students take either the SAT or ACT to demonstrate college readiness skills.
- Either test is acceptable. Neither test is preferred by colleges.
- Some colleges are now “test score optional”, which means that a student may NOT have to provide test scores. Go to www.fairtest.org/university/optional to see which colleges do not require test scores.
- Students who receive free or reduced lunch may be eligible for a fee waiver to cover the cost of either test. Please see your guidance counselor for more info.
- See handout on SAT versus ACT to decide which test you should take.
- Students will need a calculator and pencils for each test and are encouraged to bring snacks to eat during breaks.

SAT

- Given at WDHS 5 times each year (Oct., Nov., Dec., May, June)
- Can be taken at other high schools in Mar., and Aug.
- Students must first create a Collegeboard account and then they can register to take the test.
- Go to www.collegeboard.com.
- Cost of test is \$60.00 with essay, \$46.00 without essay. Check with colleges you’re considering to see whether they want you to take the essay portion.
- Part of the registration process will include uploading a recent photo (headshot-type).
- Students must print out the confirmation ticket and bring that with them on testing day, along with a photo ID.
- Students who do NOT have BOTH their testing ticket AND a photo ID will not be admitted to testing, per Collegeboard policy.
- Scores will be posted in your Collegeboard account approximately 3 weeks after the test date.
- Official scores MUST be sent directly from Collegeboard to the colleges and universities to which you apply.

- Log into your account and click Send Available Scores. Follow the prompts to select the colleges to which you want your scores sent.
- Each student gets 4 scores reports for free. You will need to identify the schools to which you want these sent prior to taking the test. If you wait until after the test, you will be charged a fee of approximately \$12.00 per score report.

ACT

- Given at RCGC as well as area high schools several times a year.
- Go to www.act.org to create an account and register to take the test. Cost = \$62.50 with writing section, \$46.00 without writing section.