

## SAT/ACT MASTER DOCUMENT & FAQ (NAHS 2022 - 2023)

Everything you need to know about the differences between the exams, how to register, registration & test dates, how to receive a fee waiver, important test day reminders/checklists, and more. This document also includes both free and paid prep resources for the SAT and ACT.

**Juniors ONLY! The in-school SAT date is March 22nd. The in-school ACT date is March 28th. There is no sign-up required and all students will test for FREE. If you do not want to test, you will be sent a form to opt out. All students need to do is be present at school and they will test. These are considered OFFICIAL test dates that can be used for college admissions and superscoring.**

### Important NATIONAL test day reminders/checklist (not all of the same rules apply to the in-school test dates) for both the SAT and ACT:

- You MUST bring your PRINTED ticket to be admitted into the building for testing. The college advisors can print your ticket in room 8141 if you don't have access to a printer.
- You must also bring a VALID (unexpired) PHOTO ID that is government issued OR issued by the school that you currently attend. School IDs from the prior school year are valid through the end of December of the current calendar year. (For example, school IDs from 2020-21 can be used through December 31, 2021.) Passports and driver's licenses are also valid forms of photo ID.
  - If you do NOT have a VALID photo ID, please come see the College Advisors in room 8141. There is an alternate form you must complete in place of a photo ID that you must get notarized by the school registrar ahead of time.
- They are very strict about the printed ticket and photo ID requirements and will NOT let you in without them.
- ARRIVE EARLY! Doors open at 7:45am and close PROMPTLY at 8am. They do not let students in late under ANY circumstances. If you register using a fee waiver and miss the exam, you are not able to reuse that fee waiver for another free exam.
- Bring #2 pencils.
- Bring a watch or timing device.
- Bring a CALCULATOR!
- Bring snacks.

\*\*\*First, to avoid any confusion, I want to note that you may notice the terms "SAT" and "College Board" used together or interchangeably. This is because College Board is the organization that develops and administers the SAT exam, along with the PSAT and National Merit Scholars Corporation. That said, students will go to collegeboard.org to register for the SAT and to access and send their scores. The ACT does not have any other names, & students register and send scores on act.org.\*\*\*

## Why should I take the SAT and/or the ACT?

1. The college admissions tests (SAT/ACT) are especially important for students in Georgia to take because most University System of Georgia (USG) schools require test scores to apply. In other words, most of Georgia's public colleges and universities require test scores. However, GA has adopted a GPA based test optional policy for the last two years for students who meet a certain GPA threshold. Click here to see more details. USG has NOT announced whether they will have the same policy next year, so it is best to assume test scores will be required for all in-state public colleges.

And while many schools across the country are transitioning to test-optional or test-blind policies, many colleges and organizations still require test scores for the student to be considered for scholarships. Even if a school is test optional, having a strong test score will boost your application and help you stand out from the crowd. If you decide not to take the SAT, it can limit the colleges you're able to apply to and the scholarships you can qualify for.

2. There Are Scholarships for High Scorers. Test scores are often one of the most important factors in determining which students get scholarships and which don't. Even if the schools you're applying to are test optional, they may still require SAT or ACT scores for financial aid. Because financial aid packages are often worth tens of thousands of dollars, it'd be well worth your time to take the SAT to be eligible for these awards, even if the exam is not technically required to apply to the school. Many local/private organizations that offer scholarships will require them as well.

## Should I take the SAT or the ACT? What are the differences?

**\*\*Key Fact: Schools Only Require the SAT *or* the ACT, NOT both\*\***

Although there is much in common between the ACT and SAT, there are a few significant differences to keep in mind while choosing which test to take and beginning your studies.

Each has one section that the other does not: the SAT has a No-Calculator Math section, while the ACT has a Science section. Despite the absence of a No-Calculator Math section, the ACT tests on a wider variety of math subjects than does the SAT, such as matrices, logarithms, and graphs of trigonometric functions. You'll also see significantly more geometry on the ACT than you will on the SAT.

The SAT allows for slightly more time per question than the ACT, but SAT questions require more logical thinking than do those on the ACT. Lastly, the SAT and ACT are scored differently: the SAT from 400-1600, and the ACT from 1-36.

- [Applerouth also provides quality information on the differences between each exam.](#)

For more information and details about the similarities and differences between each test, and to take a short quiz on which one might be best for you, check out this link: <https://www.kaptest.com/sat/sat-vs-act>

- However, we recommend taking each exam at least once. Students sometimes do significantly better on one than the other, so it is worthwhile to take both to see whether you're naturally more inclined to one than the other.

### **Do schools prefer one test over the other?**

No. All universities that accept standardized test scores accept both the SAT and ACT, and have no preference for one exam over the other.

### **How much do the SAT and ACT cost?**

#### **SAT -**

Regular registration fee: \$55.00

Late Registration fee: Add an ADDITIONAL \$30.00, fee will be covered by waiver if you have one

#### **ACT -**

Regular registration fee: \$60.00

Regular Registration + Writing Test: \$85.00

Late Registration fee: Add an ADDITIONAL \$36.00, fee will be covered by waiver if you have one

\*Most colleges are no longer requiring the writing portion of the SAT/ACT. To be safe, find out whether the schools you plan to apply to require it, but it is highly unlikely it will be. It is being phased out nationally.\*

### **Are fee waivers available?**

If you cannot afford the cost of registration for the admissions exams, please reach out to the College Advisers at [nahscollege@gmail.com](mailto:nahscollege@gmail.com) or via Remind to receive a fee waiver. Late registration is still free with a fee waiver.

- Students can receive **one** fee waiver a year for **each** exam. However, each fee waiver is good for TWO free tests! If a student misses the exam they registered for with a fee waiver, they forfeit that free exam and will only have one remaining free test using their fee waiver code.
- Additionally, SAT and ACT fee waivers can be used to send test scores to colleges for FREE.
- Also, ACT provides you with a free, self-paced test prep course when you register with a fee waiver. College Board/SAT does not.
- If you have questions about any of this, please reach out to us at [nahscollege@gmail.com](mailto:nahscollege@gmail.com)

### When are the SAT/ACT registration and test dates?

<b>2022-2023 SAT Test Dates</b>		
<b>Test Date</b>	<b>Registration Deadline</b>	<b>Late Registration Deadline</b>
March 11, 2023	February 10, 2023	February 28, 2023
May 6, 2023	April 7, 2023	April 22, 2023
June 3, 2023	May 4, 2023	May 30, 2023

<b>2022-2023 ACT Test Dates</b>		
<b>Test Date</b>	<b>Registration Deadline</b>	<b>Late Registration Deadline</b>
February 11, 2023	January 6, 2023	January 20, 2023
April 15, 2023	March 10, 2023	March 24, 2023
June 10, 2023	May 5, 2023	May 19, 2023
July 15, 2023	June 16, 2023	June 23, 2023

**Email us at [nahscollege@gmail.com](mailto:nahscollege@gmail.com) if you would like to request a fee waiver for either exam!**

### How do I register for the SAT/ACT and how do I use my fee waiver code?

**SAT** - for step by step instructions on how to register for the SAT (and use a fee waiver code if you have one), [click here](#).

**ACT** - for step by step instructions on how to register for the ACT (and use a fee waiver code if you have one), [click here](#).

Additionally, the College Advisors can help you register for SAT/ACT in the College & Career Center any day! You can schedule an appointment with us, but we're also happy to take walk-in appointments if we're available.

### What is a Superscore and how to use it?

Superscoring entails taking your highest score for each section of the test across all your test sittings and using the highest section scores to calculate your final score (SAT) or composite score (ACT). This is one reason why testing multiple times is beneficial.

For schools that do accept Superscores (which is most), you should use College Board's [Score Choice](#) tool, which allows you to send only your highest scores to colleges and universities. See the College Advisers in Room 8141 or email us at [nahscollege@gmail.com](mailto:nahscollege@gmail.com) if you would like more information.

### **What if I need accommodations for my IEP or 504 plan?**

If you require accommodations to test, [click here](#) for instructions for the request process. It can take weeks to a few months, so get started early.

- Section 504 Accommodation Plan/IEP Point of Contact: Venisha Johnson, Ed.S [venjohnson@apsk12.org](mailto:venjohnson@apsk12.org)  
(404-802-4767)

### **Score Breakdown:**

SAT: For additional information about interpreting scores, score structure, and what SAT scoring means for you, [click here](#).

ACT: For additional information about interpreting scores, score structure, and what ACT scoring means for you, [click here](#).

### **SAT/ACT Test Prep Resources (both free & paid):**

SAT and ACT - Atlanta Public Schools list of FREE and low-cost SAT and ACT test prep options: [click here](#).

SAT - Additional free and online SAT test prep and practice tests: [click here](#).

ACT - Additional free and online ACT test prep and practice tests: [click here](#).

Khan Academy FREE SAT Test Prep: [click here](#).

Khan Academy FREE ACT Test Prep: [click here](#).

### **Apps for SAT/ACT test prep**

Daily Practice for the SAT: Download this free app for a daily practice question.

SAT UP and ACT UP: Two more free apps to download onto your phone.

The Grading Game: This app gives you practice finding errors in sample essays.

Math Brain Booster: This app helps you practice mental math.

APS Homework Hotline. Call 678-553-3029, Monday through Thursday from 4:00 to 9:00 p.m., for help with specific questions.

## Paid Test Prep Options

Applerouth: [www.applerouth.com](http://www.applerouth.com) (who NAHS partners with for discounted Mock exams)

Edison Prep: [www.edisonprep.com](http://www.edisonprep.com) **(RECOMMENDED! They offer some more affordable options compared to some of the other services)**

Success Prep: visit [www.successprep.com](http://www.successprep.com)

The Princeton Review: [www.princetonreview.com](http://www.princetonreview.com)

Kaplan: visit [www.kaptest.com](http://www.kaptest.com)

Tomorrow's Luminaries Foundation: [www.tomorrowluminaries.org](http://www.tomorrowluminaries.org)

Atlanta Tutors: [www.atlantatutors.net](http://www.atlantatutors.net)

## College Admissions National Testing Schedule

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Regular registration fee: \$55.00, but free with a fee waiver.

Late Registration fee: Add an **ADDITIONAL** \$36.00, late fee will be covered by waiver if you are eligible for one.

**Online Registration:** [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org)

2022-2023 <u>ACT</u> Test Dates		
Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Registration Deadline
February 11, 2023	January 6, 2023	January 20, 2023
April 15, 2023	March 10, 2023	March 24, 2023
June 10, 2023	May 5, 2023	May 19, 2023
July 15, 2023	June 16, 2023	June 23, 2023

Regular registration fee: \$60.00, but free with a fee waiver.

Late Registration fee: Add an **ADDITIONAL** \$30.00, late fee will be covered by waiver if you are eligible for one.

**Online Registration:** [www.sat.collegeboard.org](http://www.sat.collegeboard.org)

**North Atlanta's registration number or "CEEB Code" for both the SAT & ACT is 110205**

Please note that there are a limited number of **fee waivers** available for students to take the ACT or the SAT.

**If you cannot afford the cost to register, contact the College Advisors to request a fee waiver!!**

**Please contact the College Advisers with any questions or to receive a fee waiver:**

**Email:** [nahscollege@gmail.com](mailto:nahscollege@gmail.com)

**CO23 Remind:** @9ahgkd || **CO24 Remind:** @7eb7a2k

Scan this QR code for our SAT/ACT Master Guide, which includes info about the differences between the exams, how scoring works, all national test dates, instructions for registering, free & paid test prep resources & courses, and more!



Scan this QR code for step-by-step instructions on how to register for the **ACT** (and use a fee waiver code if you have one).



Scan this QR code for step-by-step instructions on how to register for the **SAT** (and use a fee waiver code if you have one).



**If you have a 504 or an IEP Plan and need accommodations for testing, scan this QR code for instructions for requesting accommodations, as well as the NAHS points of contact who can assist you with the process.**

Keep in mind that requesting accommodations can take weeks to months, so start the process early!