

THE COLLEGE ADMISSIONS TEST-

If you are thinking of attending any **4 year college** or university, you will need to take either the ACT or the SAT. These two tests are distributed by competing testing companies, and most colleges accept scores from either. However, if you have a certain college in mind, be sure to check the catalog from that college for a description of its' testing requirements. **Two year colleges** (junior colleges and technical schools) do not require an ACT or SAT test.

With the ACT and the SAT there is no score that counts as "passing" or "failing". Instead, different colleges have different scores that they will accept for enrollment. The more competitive the college, the higher the score must be. **Higher scores on these tests also help students earn scholarships.**

Here are a few testing notes that may help you determine which test is best for you:



comprised of timed subtests in the areas of: English, Mathematics, Reading, and Science Reasoning.

Score is calculated according to the number of questions answered correctly (no penalty for incorrect answers).

Current basic fee= \$32.00
Plus writing= \$47.00



comprised of timed subtests in verbal and mathematical areas.

Score is calculated with points given for every correct answer and points taken away for every incorrect answer (penalizes for "guessing").

2009-2010

Test Date	Registration Deadline	(Late Fee Required)
September 12, 2009*	August 7, 2009	August 8 – 21, 2009
October 24, 2009	September 18, 2009	September 19 – October 2, 2009
December 12, 2009	November 6, 2009	November 7 – 20, 2009
February 6, 2010**	January 5, 2010	January 6 – 15, 2010
April 10, 2010	March 5, 2010	March 6 – 19, 2010
June 12, 2010	May 7, 2010	May 8 – 21, 2010

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You may

take both tests, and you may take each test a number of times to try to improve your score. When you do this, most colleges will accept the highest of your scores. (You will have to pay again each time the test is taken!)

Both the ACT and the SAT tests have their own application packets that need to be completed and mailed directly to the company. Or, you can register online. The website address for ACT is www.act.org. The website address for SAT is www.collegeboard.com. We have testing centers in our area, including TAMU-Commerce.

Dates for the SAT

2009-10 Test Dates	Test	Regular Registration Deadline (postmark/submit by)
October 10, 2009	SAT & Subject Tests	September 9, 2009
November 7, 2009	SAT & Subject Tests	October 1, 2009
December 5, 2009	SAT & Subject Tests	October 30, 2009
January 23, 2010	SAT & Subject Tests	December 15, 2009
March 13, 2010	SAT only	February 4, 2010
May 1, 2010	SAT & Subject Tests	March 25, 2010
June 5, 2010	SAT & Subject Tests	April 29, 2010

ACT Test Dates