

Standardized Testing

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Quick Facts

- ACT or SAT for admissions
- More EHS students take ACT than SAT
- National Average
 - ACT: 21
 - SAT: 1060
- State Average
 - ACT: 21.5
 - SAT: 1295
- EHS Average
 - ACT: 26.3
 - SAT: 1298

	SAT	ACT
Why Take It	Colleges use SAT scores for admissions and merit-based scholarships.	Colleges use ACT scores for admissions and merit-based scholarships.
Test Structure	Reading Writing & Language Math Essay (Optional)	English Math Reading Science Reasoning Essay (Optional)
Length	3 hours (without essay) 3 hours, 50 minutes (with essay)	2 hours, 55 minutes (without essay) 3 hours, 40 minutes (with essay)
Reading	5 reading passages	4 reading passages
Science	None	1 science section testing your critical thinking skills (not your specific science knowledge)
Math	Covers: Arithmetic Algebra I & II Geometry, Trigonometry and Data Analysis	Covers: Arithmetic Algebra I & II Geometry and Trigonometry

Junior Year Testing Timeline

- We do not recommend that most Juniors take the ACT or SAT until their spring semester.
- Optional April ACT (w/writing) in school
- Summer is the perfect time to improve upon areas of growth.
 - ACT/SAT Prep
 - PSAT test results identify areas of strength and improvement
- Most seniors take ACT/SAT in September and/or October

AP Testing

- Rigorous course work that mirrors 1st year college classes
- 27 AP courses in specific areas; 10 enriched classes
- AP Tests:
 - AP test in May
 - Optional, but recommended for students who take an AP course
- 5 = extremely well qualified
- 4 = well qualified
- 3 = qualified
- 2 = possibly qualified
- 1 = no recommendation
- College credit on scores 3 or higher
 - Depends on university

Recent trends in admission...

- More colleges and universities are becoming test-optional or test-flexible
 - “990+ Accredited Colleges and Universities That Do Not Use ACT/SAT Scores to Admit Substantial Numbers of Students Into Bachelor-Degree Programs”
 - <http://www.fairtest.org/>
 - 300+ “Top Tier” Schools that Deemphasize the ACT/SAT in Admissions Decisions per U.S. News & World Report Best Colleges Guide (2018 Edition)

Q & A with students

Please refrain from asking personal information such as how students scored.

Sample Questions

- What exams did you take during your time at EHS (i.e. SAT, ACT, AP, SAT Subject) and what was your experience?
 - How did you decide which tests to take?
- What study methods have you found to be the most effective for you?
- What advice do you wish you were given a year ago [related to this process]?

Sample Questions: Student Perspectives

- What did you observe from yourself or your peers related to the ups and downs of testing?
 - What worked, what didn't?
 - Positive and Negative stress?
- Any advice to the parents out there?
 - How did you feel your parents best supported you?
 - Would you change anything?