

SAT and ACT Dates & Test Prep 2022-23

- Talk with your counselor and/or Mr. Humphreys to make a plan for which tests you need and how to study! Your time is precious - choose SAT or ACT first, then assess weak areas to prioritize time.
- **FREE online courses and practice tests** for the SAT and ACT
 - GCM Library <https://www.gcmhslibrary.com/college-and-career/>: SAT, ACT, SAT Subjects + more: GCM Library > Databases > College & Career > **FCPL Learning Express Database**_(sign in using your password from the library databases list)
 - www.khanacademy.org/sat - official SAT prep partner, link your PSAT, also free.
 - <https://www.act.org/content/act/en/products-and-services/the-act/test-preparation/free-act-test-prep.html> - Official free, personalized ACT prep
- “Do I Take SAT or ACT?” Colleges like either! Try each, find your best one and focus on that!

(Tentative)SAT Dates	Register By:	FEE WAIVERS:
Aug 26, <u>2023</u>	July 28	If you have Free or Reduced Lunch or think your family income may qualify you, ask your counselor for a College Board or ACT Fee Waiver . They work for college application fees too! If you do not receive Free or Reduced Lunch but believe you should qualify for a waiver b/c of income, see Mr. Humphreys. More info https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat/register/fees/fee-waivers .
October 7	Sept 8	
November 4	Oct 6	
December 2	Nov 3	
March 9, <u>2024</u>	Feb 23	
May 4	April 19	
June 1	May 17	
Register at www.collegeboard.org Base Fee \$60. Late fees. Wait list fees or Subjects Tests fees separate.		
ACT Dates	Register By:	
Feb 11, 2023	Jan 6	
April 15	March 10	
June 10	May 5	
July 15	June 16	
Register at: www.act.org Base Fee \$63		

TIPS

- ✓ Register early to get your choice of testing location. If not at GCM, scout out beforehand!
- ✓ Plan to take your best test, ACT or SAT, 2-3 times if that fits your plans.
- ✓ Most colleges “**superscore**” your highest SAT/ACT sections, so they make an overall highest score from your best sections across all test dates. Check if your colleges superscore.
- ✓ **What’s a “good score”?** Look at Naviance admissions scattergrams and your colleges’ scholarship targets to see what will help you. Remember - it’s only one factor and it’s not as important as courses and grades!
- ✓ *Private Test Prep Classes* – Mr. Humphreys has a list of local companies in his room
- ✓ Saying “Yes” to the SAT *Student Search Service* gets you all that college mail! You can opt out.

GCM Library Free SAT/ACT Prep

- SAT, ACT, SAT Subjects + more: GCM Library > Databases > College & Career > **FCPL Learning Express Database** – has free full-length, official practice tests, updated study guide and tutorials for each section.

<https://www.gcmhslibrary.com/college-and-career/>

Khan Academy & College Board Free Prep

(can link to your PSAT/SAT scores and account)

www.khanacademy.org/sat

- 4 full-length official practice tests, diagnostic quizzes, personalized tutorials, PSAT scores

STEPS TO CREATE ACCOUNT:

1. Create your Khan Academy account from the PSAT email or using link above
2. Request to add GCM Career Center Coach under Profile and “Coaches”, add parent if want
3. Confirm studying for New SAT and provide zip code if want local events, then begin

BEGIN PREP:

1. Take diagnostic quizzes in each of the 6 areas.
2. Then begin tutorial work in lowest area (see if you will need optional Essay section). Ask Mr. Humphreys for advice on where to begin
3. The program will point you to your weakest sections but you must check Math and Reading separately to see both. Look for your lightest color areas and where you have 1-2 sections highlighted out of 4 in the circle graphic. If your lowest level is 3 out of 4 on any section, start there.

TIPS:

- Make sure your PSAT scores appear
- Consider Khan Academy App – iPhone and Android, make sure official one
- Also College Board Question of the Day App

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