

SAT and ACT Dates & Test Prep 2024-25

- 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)
 - **Khan Academy Free** - <https://signup.collegeboard.org/official-sat-practice/> official SAT prep partner, link your PSAT scores for targeted prep in your weak areas
 - Free ACT Prep - <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!

| SAT Dates | Register By: | FEE WAIVERS: 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 because of income, see Mr. Humphreys. More info https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat/register/fees/fee-waivers . ✓ TIP: Register <u>early</u> to get your choice of testing location. If not at GCM, scout it out beforehand! |
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| Aug 24, <u>2024</u> | Aug 9 <i>*can also register by a later deadline</i> | |
| October 5 | Sept 20 <i>by paying a late fee,</i> | |
| November 2 | Oct 18 <i>see website</i> | |
| December 7 | Nov 22 | |
| March 8, <u>2025</u> | Feb 21 | |
| May 3 | April 18 | |
| June 7 | May 22 | |
| Register at www.collegeboard.org Base Fee \$68. Late fees. Wait list fees or Subject Tests fees separate. | | |
| ACT Dates | Register By: | |
| Sept 14, <u>2024</u> | Aug 9 <i>*can also register by a later deadline</i> | |
| Oct 26 | Sept 20 <i>by paying a late fee,</i> | |
| Dec 14 | Nov 8 <i>see website</i> | |
| Feb 8, <u>2025</u> | Jan 3 | |
| April 5 | Feb 28 | |
| June 14 | May 9 | |
| July 12 | June 6 | |
| Register at: www.act.org Base Fee \$69 | | |

TIPS

- ✓ Talk over your choice to go Test Optional or not with a counselor or Mr. Humphreys and check each colleges’ policy.
- ✓ 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.

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FREE ACT Prep from ACT Site

- <https://www.act.org/content/act/en/products-and-services/the-act/test-preparation/free-act-test-prep.html> - Official free, personalized ACT prep

Questions? Mr. Humphreys: gkhumphreys@fcps.edu / GCM's CEEB Code: 470794 (use this code for Marshall when you register for tests online)

FCPS Free Varsity Tutors Resource

<https://www.fcps.edu/services/families-and-caregivers/family-academy/tutoring-options/online-tutoring-service>