

Testing Calendar

	SOPHOMORE YEAR					SUMMER BREAK			JUNIOR				YEAR					SUMMER BREAK			SENIOR YEAR												
	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY
SAT and SAT Subject Tests								●	●		●		●	●	●						●	●	●		●	●	●						
ACT											●		●	●	●						●		●		●	●		●					
AP								●														●											●
PSAT		●											●																				
Aspire and PreACT	Scheduled at school's discretion																																

3 Common Timelines for Testing & Prep

Early

Students on this timeline take maximum advantage of the summer before 11th grade. Goals typically include a peak performance on the PSAT, closing out the SAT or ACT by spring of 11th grade, and banking 3–4 strong Subject Test scores. The goal of these students is to be completely done with testing by June of 11th grade.

Traditional

Prep in the summer before 11th grade is moderately paced and foundational, designed to lighten the intensity of prep during the school year. This steadfast approach to prep culminates in the spring and leaves room for the competing priorities of junior year.

Deferred

This timeline intentionally allows students to defer the testing process in favor of other summer activities and a focus on getting 11th grade classwork off to a great start. Rigorous prep for the SAT or ACT falls in winter/spring of 11th grade and may continue into the following summer prior to final testing in fall of 12th grade.

	May/June of 10th Grade	Summer between 10th and 11th Grades	Fall of 11th Grade		Early Spring of 11th Grade	May/June of 11th Grade	Summer/Fall of 12th Grade
Early	Take Subject Tests as appropriate. Take diagnostic SAT and ACT to plan for preparation.	Begin preparation geared toward the October PSAT and fall ACT or SAT.	Take October PSAT. Take ACT or SAT.		Consider repeating ACT or SAT and having admission testing completed prior to APs, finals, and Subject Tests.	Take Subject Tests as appropriate.	Focus on college applications. Additional preparation and testing only as needed.
Traditional	Take Subject Tests as appropriate.	Begin foundational preparation in the summer with the ultimate goal of a winter or spring ACT or SAT.	Take October PSAT. Foundational work allows additional preparation to fit into a busy junior calendar.		Take the ACT or SAT for the first time.	Take Subject Tests as appropriate. Consider repeating ACT or SAT and having admission testing completed prior to the summer and college applications.	Focus on college applications. Additional preparation and testing only as needed.
Deferred	Take Subject Tests as appropriate.		Take October PSAT. Take diagnostic SAT and ACT to decide on a course of preparation. Junior PSAT results can provide a guideline but are not available until December. Map out a schedule to prepare for the February or April ACT or the March or May SAT. Preparation typically begins in October or November.		Take the ACT or SAT for the first time.	Take Subject Tests as appropriate. Consider repeating ACT or SAT and having admission testing completed prior to the summer and college applications.	Focus on college applications. Additional preparation and testing only as needed.