

Test Dates and Score Requests

SAT			
2025–26 Test Dates	Registration	Late Registration	Anticipated Score Release
August 23, 2025	August 8, 2025	August 12, 2025	September 5, 2025*
September 13, 2025	August 29, 2025	September 2, 2025	September 26, 2025*
October 4, 2025	September 19, 2025	September 23, 2025	October 17, 2025*
November 8, 2025	October 24, 2025	October 28, 2025	November 21, 2025*
December 6, 2025	November 21, 2025	November 25, 2025	December 19, 2025*
March 14, 2026	February 27, 2026	March 3, 2026	March 27, 2026*
May 2, 2026	April 17, 2026	April 21, 2026	May 15, 2026*
June 6, 2026	May 22, 2026	May 26, 2026	June 19, 2026*

PSAT		PSAT 10	
2025 Test Dates	Registration	2026 Test Dates	Registration
Date determined by high school within testing window: October 1–31, 2025	Test date registration is determined by high school.	Date determined by high school within testing window: March 2–April 30, 2026	Test date registration is determined by high school.

ACT			
2025–26 Test Dates	Registration	Late Registration	Anticipated Score Release [‡]
September 6, 2025	August 1, 2025	August 19, 2025	September 16, 2025*
October 18, 2025	September 12, 2025	September 30, 2025	October 28, 2025*
December 13, 2025	November 7, 2025	November 24, 2025	December 23, 2025*
February 14, 2026	January 7, 2026	January 21, 2026	February 24, 2026*
April 11, 2026	March 6, 2026	March 24, 2026	April 21, 2026*
June 13, 2026	May 8, 2026	May 27, 2026	June 23, 2026*
July 11, 2026 (Not offered in NY)	June 5, 2026	June 24, 2026	July 21, 2026*



You can register for the SAT at collegeboard.org and the ACT at actstudent.org.

* Dates are not yet official.
 ‡ ACT Writing scores are available about two weeks after multiple-choice scores are released.

INTERNATIONAL DATES

International SAT testing occurs on the same dates as the U.S. National test dates for each school year. **For more information, visit collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat/register/international.**

ACT offers international testing during a 2-day window culminating on the U.S. National test date. For example, April 4–5 are offered as international ACT test dates, while the U.S. National test date is April 5. **For more information, visit act.org/content/act/en/products-and-services/the-act-non-us.html.**

► The following chart lists the basic fees and policies for SAT and ACT.

POLICY OR FEE	SAT	ACT
Standard fee	\$68	\$65 for English, Math, Reading + \$25 for optional Writing + \$4 for optional Science
Late registration fee	\$38	\$38
Change test date	N/A: must cancel and re-register	\$44
Change test center	\$29	\$44
Cancel fee	\$34	N/A
Late cancel fee	\$44	N/A
Standby / Waitlist	Currently unavailable	\$69
Copy of test available	Currently unavailable	September, December, February
Fee for copy of test	N/A	\$32 (\$40 if order is placed after the test)
Score reports included with registration	4	4
Additional reports	\$15 each	\$19 each
Cancel Scores	Until one week after test	Until Thursday after test
Remove Scores	Not offered	Upon written request
Calculator	Desmos, Graphing, and Scientific calculators OK. CAS not permitted.	Graphing and Scientific calculators OK. CAS not permitted.
Score verification	\$55	\$61 for multiple-choice \$61 for writing
Sunday testing for religious reasons	Available Sunday following the Saturday administration	Available Sunday or Monday on a center-by-center basis

ACT STANDBY REQUESTS

If you miss the late deadline to register for a test date or to request a test date or test center change, you may choose to sign in to your ACT account to request and pay for standby testing. Standby requests must be submitted during a limited “Standby Request Period” before the test date. Requests cannot be accepted after the last date listed for each test in the table below.

ACT Test Date	Standby Deadline
September 6, 2025	August 29, 2025
October 18, 2025	October 10, 2025
December 13, 2025	December 5, 2025
February 14, 2026	February 6, 2026
April 11, 2026	April 3, 2026
June 13, 2026	June 5, 2026
July 11, 2026	July 3, 2026

FEE WAIVERS AND REPORTING SCORES

There are several factors to consider when it comes to choosing test dates and sending scores to colleges. It's important to understand both the procedural and tactical aspects before making individualized decisions or recommendations suited to any one student.

Many colleges are trying to make the admission process easier by offering test takers more flexibility. However, there is still a wide range of testing policies that makes it difficult for students to know exactly how to optimize their results and then best showcase those achievements.

WHEN SHOULD I REGISTER FOR THE OFFICIAL SAT AND ACT?

Register as far in advance as possible. See Test Dates on the previous pages. Registering early helps you frame testing and test preparation plans and ensures you'll have a seat at a test center most convenient for you.

- ▶ **Planning Tip:** As you get closer to college application deadlines, you may want to register for a “back-up” test date as an insurance policy.

The late summer test dates offer fewer testing centers in some areas, and the early fall dates are extremely popular; seats fill up early.

College Board tends to open SAT registration many months in advance. ACT, on the other hand, typically opens registration for the new school year right after the July test date. This leaves a short registration window for the September ACT. ACT does not schedule tests in New York in July.

I'VE HEARD ABOUT FEE WAIVERS. WHAT ARE THEY, AND HOW DO I GET THEM?

A student who receives a fee waiver from College Board can sign up for two SATs for free. They can also send those scores to an unlimited number of colleges at no cost. A student who receives a fee waiver from ACT can take two ACTs and send scores to four schools as part of registration and up to 20 additional schools later. Fee waivers cover basic registration costs and include the writing, but they do not cover late or change fees. Fee waivers come from your high school. Check with your college counselor to find out whether you qualify for fee waivers.

SHOULD I REQUEST THAT MY SCORES BE SENT TO COLLEGES DURING REGISTRATION?

Although this use-it-or-lose-it option means you can save some money (the testing agencies offer to automatically send your upcoming score to up to four colleges as a courtesy if you stipulate this during or shortly after registration), we generally advise students to wait until they've completed testing before they start sending scores. Many schools allow Score Choice, which means you send only the scores of tests you select, after you know your results.

One exception is if your final test is being taken close to an application deadline, especially if you are applying Early Action or Early Decision. In that case, you may want to select your college(s) to expedite score delivery.

WHAT DOES IT MEAN WHEN A COLLEGE ACCEPTS SELF-REPORTED SCORES?

Over the past few years, efforts have been made to encourage more colleges to accept self-reported SAT and ACT scores from students during the application process and only require official reports when a student actually enrolls. Leaders of this push have included Gabrielle McColgan, James Murphy, Marie Bigham, and many other contributors.

Among the many expenses that add up in the college admission process are application fees, test registration fees, and official score report fees. Many students are eligible to have these fees waived, but students who don't qualify for waivers may still find the costs to be a burden.



Please visit compassprep.com/self-reporting-test-scores or scan the QR code for the most up-to-date list of schools accepting self-reported test scores.