College Entrance Exams 2011-12

ACT 2011-12 Test Dates (to register, go to www.actstudent.org)

Test Date	Registration Deadline	*Late Registration (Late Fee Required)*	Test Centers (test center codes below)
September 10, 2011	August 12, 2011	*August 13-26, 2011*	CUHS, CVHS, OIT, PVHS RBHS, YHS
October 22, 2011	September 16, 2011	*Sept. 17-30, 2011*	CVHS, EHS, FRHS, HCHS, MSHS, PVHS, THS, YHS
December 10, 2011	November 4, 2011	*November 5-18, 2011*	CVHS, EHS, OIT, PVHS, YHS
February 11, 2012	January 13, 2012	*January 14-20, 2012*	CVHS, PVHS, YHS
April 14, 2012	March 9, 2012	*March 10-23, 2012*	CUHS, CVHS, FRHS, HCHS, OIT, PVHS, RBHS, THS, YHS
June 9, 2012	May 4, 2012	*May 5-18, 2012*	CVHS, EHS, MSHS, OIT, PVHS

ACT Test Center Locations and codes

CUHS: Corning Union High School, code is 237640
CVHS: Central Valley High School (Shasta Lake City), code is 209440
EHS: Etna High School, code is 184540
FRHS: Fall River High School (McArthur), code is 188070
HCHS: Happy Camp High School, code is 203920
MSHS: Mt. Shasta High School, code is 218570
PVHS: Pleasant Valley High School, code is 164590
RBHS: Red Bluff High School, code is 185150
THS: Tulelake High School, code is 164260
YHS: Yreka High School, code is 223710
OIT: Oregon Institute of Technology, code is 034840

Note: Sunday test dates for the ACT are available if you cannot test on Saturday for religious reasons. Go to the website for details.

SAT 2011-12 Test Dates (to register, go to www.collegeboard.com)

Test Dates	Test	U.S. Registration Deadlines		Test Centers (test center codes below)
		Regular	*Late (late fee applies)*	
October 1, 2011	SAT & Subject Tests	Sept. 9, 2011	*Sept. 21, 2011*	AHS, CSHS, CUHS, CVHS, HCHS, MHS, PVHS, RBHS, YHS
November 5, 2011	SAT & Subject Tests	Oct. 7, 2011	*Oct. 21, 2011*	CSHS, CVHS, EHS, FRHS, MSHS, PVHS, RBHS, THS, YHS
December 3, 2011	SAT & Subject Tests	Nov. 8, 2011	*Nov. 20, 2011*	CSHS, CVHS, MHS, MSHS, PVHS, YHS
January 28, 2012	SAT & Subject Tests	Dec. 30, 2011	*Jan. 13, 2012*	CVHS, FRHS, MHS, PVHS, YHS
March 10, 2012	*SAT Reasoning ONLY*	Feb. 10, 2012	*Feb. 24, 2012*	CSHS, CVHS, MHS, PVHS, YHS
May 5, 2012	SAT & Subject Tests	Apr. 6, 2012	*Apr. 20, 2012*	CSHS, CUHS, CVHS, EHS, FRHS, HCHS, PVHS, RBHS, THS, YHS
June 2, 2012	SAT & Subject Tests	May 8, 2012	*May 22, 2012*	AHS, CVHS, MSHS, MHS, PVHS, RBHS

SAT Test Center locations and codes:

AHS: Anderson High School, code is 05-111
CSHS: Chico Sr. High School, code is 05-191
CUHS: Corning Union High School, code is 05-218
CVHS: Central Valley High School, code is 05-728
EHS: Etna High School, code is 05-240
FRHS: Fall River High School, code is 05-466
HCHS: Happy Camp High School, code is 05-297
MSHS: Mt. Shasta High School, code is 05-490
MHS: Mazama High School (OR), code is 38-235
PVHS: Pleasant Valley High School, code is 05-192
RBHS: Red Bluff High School, code is 05-592
THS: Tulelake High School, code is 05-749
YHS: Yreka High School, code is 05-889

ACT and SAT Reasoning Test Comparison

	ACT	SAT Reasoning Test
Purpose	Assessment Test: measures what you know (like a cumulative final)	Aptitude Test: measures your ability to use what you know to solve problems
Content	**English**: grammar, punctuation, sentence structure, style **Math**: algebra; coordinate and plane geometry; trigonometry (only 4 out of 60 questions) **Reading Comprehension**: arts, literature, social studies **Science**: reasoning questions based on reading passages **Writing (optional)**: 30 minute student-written essay (required for UC's and some privates)	**Critical Reading**: Reading comprehension, sentence completions, and paragraph-length critical reading **Math**: Number and operations; algebra and functions; geometry; statistics, probability, and data analysis **Writing**: Multiple choice questions (grammar and usage) and student-written essay
Length of exam	3.5 hours Optional writing: additional 0.5 hour	3.5 hours
How questions appear	No order of difficulty	In order of difficulty
Scoring method	Scores based on number of right answers only. *No penalty* for wrong answers	Right answers worth 1 point, No answer worth 0 point, Wrong answer subtracts .25 point
Scoring	1 – 36 for each subject, averaged together for a composite score	200-800 each for Critical Reading, Math and Writing; added together for a total possible composite score of 2400
Based on school curriculum	More	Less
Practice Test	**PLAN**: taken typically in fall of sophomore year	**PSAT**: taken typically in fall of junior year
Best time to take the real test	BEST: Spring of Junior year 2nd Best: Early fall of Senior year	BEST: Spring of Junior year 2nd Best: Early fall of Senior year
When you should register	At least 4 weeks before the test date	At least 6 weeks before the test date
Should you prepare for the test?	ABSOLUTELY (although the best preparation is to do your best in high school courses)	ABSOLUTELY
How to prepare	Free sample test from high school Counseling Center; on-line help from website below	Free sample test from high school Counseling Center; on-line help from website below
Cost **(fee waivers available)**	$34.00 for ACT (no writing) additional $15.50 for ACT Plus writing Late Registration: add $21.00	Regular Registration: $ 49.00 Late Registration: $ 75.00
For more information	ACT www.actstudent.org (319) 337-1270	Collegeboard www.collegeboard.com (866) 630-9305