

College Entrance Exams

SAT/ACT

- **Almost all schools accept either the SAT or ACT.**
- **Check with schools to which you will be applying.**

ACT vs SAT

- No order of difficulty
- Grammar & Reading heavy
- Need Algebra, Geometry & Trig
- Math 25% of score
- Based on school curriculum
- Not as tricky
- No penalty for guessing
- Science reasoning section
- Scoring: 0-36/section
- Proceeds in order of difficulty
- Vocabulary heavy
- Need Algebra & Geometry
- Math 50% of score
- Not based on school curriculum
- Focuses more on tricks & puzzles
- Penalty for guessing
- No Science
- Scoring: 200-800/section

- **Best advice is to take several practice tests of each to decide which is best for you.**
- **Unless one score is consistently much higher than the other, we suggest you take (officially) both tests at least once in the spring of your Junior year.**
- **Repeat the test you did the best on in fall of your senior year.**

TEST DATES

- **SAT**

- **test 5/3: sign up deadline 4/1**
- **test 6/7: sign up deadline 5/6**

www.collegeboard.com

- **ACT**

- **test 6/14: sign up deadline 5/9**

www.actstudent.org

SAT

- May 3rd Test Centers

- BHS
- Rice
- MMU
- BFA St. Albans

- June 7th Test Centers

- Champlain College
- Rice
- Milton
- South Burlington
- BFA St. Albans

ACT Test Dates and Test Centers

April 12th (late registration by March 10th)

- Colchester High School

- Burlington High School

- CVU

- Essex High School

- BFA St. Albans

• June 14th (register by May 9th)

- CHS

- MMU

- CVU

Finally...

- Remember that test scores are only one factor college admissions consider in an applicant.
- They also consider rigor of courses taken, grades, essays, recommendations, & extra curricular activities.

What colleges look for in your Senior Year Schedule

- Remember that, most often the outstanding factor colleges are looking for is course rigor.
- In other words are you continuing to challenge yourself?
- Is you continuing in the course sequence as high as possible?

More to consider...

- Is the level of math you selected challenging?
- Have you considered taking a 4th year of a lab science – i.e. physics or chemistry?
- Is your schedule full?
- Are you continuing in your world language?