

SAT and ACT Testing Programs Information for All Students

When should students take these college entrance exams? We recommend that students test both the SAT and ACT at least once during the junior year. Retesting will be available during the senior year. Students who plan to apply to a military academy or under an Early Decision/Early Action plan must test during their junior year to be in a position to meet early deadlines.

Is one test better than the other? No, colleges and scholarship programs accept both and will use the higher score.

How do students register to take the SAT/ACT? Online registration at the following websites: www.actstudent.org and www.collegeboard.com Online registration requires a credit card for payment. We have a few paper registration forms available in guidance. No registration is done through the guidance office. If students use the paper registration, they mail the forms and fees directly to the testing company.

How can students prepare for these tests? Free test prep and practice test are available online at the websites listed above. We have paper copies of a practice ACT available in guidance but no SAT's.

Should students take the optional writing for the ACT? Yes. Many of our students apply to UF and they require the writing if students submit the ACT for admission. Many other colleges also require the writing so in order to avoid having to retake the ACT, we advise students to take the writing.

What do these tests cost? SAT is \$47.00 and the ACT is \$48.00. That is without any late fees, so be sure to register by the deadlines, which are usually 4-6 weeks before the test date. Registration information is available online and in the guidance office. Fee waivers are available in the guidance office for students who meet the eligibility requirements. See your counselor.

Where do students take the tests? At test centers throughout Duval County. Not all centers test every date, so be sure to check for a center near your home for the date you want. The earlier you register, the better chance you have of getting your first choice test center. STANTON is not a test center.

How does Stanton get a copy of a student's test scores? When registering to take the test, students must enter their school code # **100775**. The code is the same for both the ACT and the SAT. It is sometimes referred to as the CEEB code. This is very important; otherwise we won't have your scores on file.

Should students not send their test scores to colleges until they see them and know that they are okay? Absolutely not! Schools will always look at your best scores not just your first scores. Always use the 4 free college choices to have your scores sent to.

What happens if I don't use my legal name and social security number when registering? All demographic information on your test registration must match your school records or there may be problems with your application for admission due to a non-match. This can delay your decision and/or program and scholarship access.

Do all students need to take the SAT II's? No, only students applying to schools that require SAT II subject area tests. No state universities in Florida require these.