



WHAT IS THE PURPOSE?

Many colleges and universities require qualifying scores on an entrance exam as part of the admissions process and the SAT & ACT are the two most common entrance exams accepted.

APS encourages all Juniors to take both assessments because each assessment has a unique approach to the test format, content area covered, and question design. The ACT and SAT provide students with a detailed score report they can use to determine which exam focuses more on their strengths.

HOW RESULTS ARE SHARED AND USED?

Once scores are available, students and Counselors will receive access via the ACT or College Board portal.

Results are then used to:

- predict college readiness
- identify areas of improvement for future administrations
- inform instructional planning, and
- determine match and fit for college access and scholarship availability



BENEFITS

All students can benefit from taking the ACT and SAT. Scoring within the college readiness ranges can increase opportunities for admissions, scholarships, NCAA eligibility, and remedial course exemption.

Nationwide, school districts that participate in ACT and SAT School Day report additional benefits to students such as:

- eliminating barriers to weekend tests including transportation, cost, and scheduling conflicts
- identifying areas of improvement for test preparation
- increasing confidence and comfort by allowing students to test in a familiar setting with people they know
- developing a college going culture for the whole school instead of a select group of students who choose to take these assessments on their own

DID YOU KNOW....

The highest score you can earn on ACT is a **36**. The National Benchmarks are set for each subject area of the test: English (**18**), Mathematics (**22**), Reading (**22**), Science (**23**), STEM (**26**), and ELA (**20**)

For the SAT, the highest score you can earn on the Evidence-Based Reading & Writing and Math portions is **800** per section. The National Benchmarks are set separately at **480** for Evidence-Based Reading and Writing and **530** for Math

Competitive colleges and universities often require scores above the national readiness benchmarks.

TO LEARN MORE

Scan or click the QR codes below to learn more about each assessment:



SAT - <https://satsuite.collegeboard.org/sat>



ACT - <https://www.act.org/>

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

SAT- March 22, 2023

ACT- March 28, 2023

