

## Testing (PSAT, SAT & ACT)

All 9th-11th grade students will take the PSAT at UHS during a regular school day in the Fall. All 11th grade students will have the opportunity to take the SAT and ACT at UHS during a regular school day in the Spring. We suggest that 11th grade students take both the SAT & ACT in the Spring and see which test they score higher on. Then, they can either submit their higher scores to colleges or universities OR retake later that Spring, Summer, or early Fall of senior year to try for a higher score. Read more about and find study resources for each test below.

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### PSAT/NMSQT

*All 9th -11th grade students take the PSAT/NMSQT at UHS*

PSAT/NMSQT is FREE for 10th & 11th grade students  
9th grade students must pay (fee waivers available)

The PSAT, or the Preliminary SAT, is a test co-sponsored by the College Board & the National Merit Scholarship Corporation. When students take the PSAT/NMSQT during their junior year, it determines their eligibility for the National Merit Scholarship Program, the College Board National Recognition Program (National Hispanic Scholars, National African American Scholars, National Indigenous Scholars & National Rural Scholars), as well as other significant scholarship programs. Scores from the PSAT also help students to prepare for the SAT college admissions test.

- [Learn more about the PSAT/NMSQT](#)
- [Learn more about National Merit Scholarship Program](#)
- [Learn more about the College Board National Recognition Program](#)

Study Resources:

- [Khan Academy](#) - free PSAT practice provided by the College Board (PSAT test company)
- PSAT study books available to check out in the UHS CCCC

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### SAT

*All 11th grades students are offered the opportunity to take the SAT at UHS during a school day in March*

Students must pay for SAT at UHS (fee waivers available)

Information on registration for SAT at UHS is usually distributed in November

The SAT is a one of the college entrance exams required by many colleges & universities (the other being the ACT, colleges & universities will accept either). In addition to the SAT at UHS, students can register to take the SAT at one of the Saturday national test locations through their College Board accounts (see Ms. Palos for needs based fee waiver). [Learn more about the SAT.](#)

Study Resources:

- [Khan Academy](#) - free, personalized SAT prep provided by the College Board
- SAT study books available to check out in the UHS CCCC
- [Question a Day by Kaplan](#): answer a SAT question each day and receive detailed feedback
- [SAT Practice Tests](#): full-length online & paper practice tests from the SAT

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## **ACT**

*All 11th grades students take the ACT at UHS during a school day in the Spring*

ACT at UHS is FREE for all 11th grade students

Information on ACT at UHS is usually distributed in January

\*UHS also offers a “mock” ACT in January so students can practice before taking the actual exam\*

The ACT is a one of the college entrance exams required by many colleges & universities (the other being the SAT, colleges & universities will accept either). In addition to the ACT at UHS, students can register to take the ACT at one of the Saturday national test locations through their ACT accounts which they will create when they test at UHS (see Ms. Palos for needs based fee waiver). [Learn more about the ACT.](#)

Study Resources:

- ACT study books available to check out in the UHS CCCC
- [ACT.org Practice](#) - free prep provided by ACT organization
- [Question a Day by Kaplan](#) - answer a SAT question each day and receive detailed feedback
- [Edgenuity ACT Practice Tests](#) - free online practice tests provided by TUSD
- [Kaplan ACT Test Prep Events](#) - free online test prep bootcamps
- [ACT Practice Tests Varsity Tutor](#) - free practice tests

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## **AP Exams**

**2021-22 UHS AP Registration - DEADLINE November 1st**

Students have the opportunity to take AP exams every May. Typically students take the AP exams of the courses they are enrolled in, but students can also take exams for subject areas they wish to self study for. High scores on AP exams can result in students receiving college credit or higher class placement when they enroll at a college or university. AP exams can also be used to help demonstrate proficiency in a subject to college admissions (they are not required for admissions though). [Learn more about AP exams by visiting the AP website.](#)