

College News



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“It’s Only a Test”

Test Type	Format	Who requires it?	Who should take it?
Preliminary SAT and National Merit Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT)	A short form of the SAT I and helps students gain experience taking college admissions tests. It can also qualify students for Nation Merit Scholarship funds.	Not required by colleges or universities	9 th , 10, and 11 th graders.
Scholastic Assessment Test I (SAT I)	Six section, three hour multiple-choice test that measures verbal and mathematical skills. There is a penalty for guessing and the score is given a scale from 400-1600.	Almost all four-year colleges and universities.	Specifically 11 th graders, but any high school student interested in a four-year university
Scholastic Assessment Test II (SAT II)	One hour subject tests scored on a 200-800 scale. The UC system and some private universities require three SAT II exams: (Math I or II C, a writing test, and a third exam of your choice.	All UC’s and many four-year universities. (Check with the individual university.)	Any student considering a four-year university.

American College Testing Program (ACT)	Four part exam in English usage, Mathematics usage, Social Science Reading, and Natural Sciences Reading. There are five scores and they average to create a composite score on a scale from 1-36.	All UC's and many four-year universities (Check with the individual college or university)	Any student considering a four-year university.
Advanced Placement Exam (AP)	Exams offered that can give students college credit for taking a college-level class. They are offered in variety of subjects like the SAT IIs.	Credits vary depending on the university and what it is willing to accept. Check with the specific university for more information.	Usually students that are currently taking an AP course.

Remaining Dates Available

SAT I

April 5th
 May 3rd
 June 7th

SAT II

May 3rd
 June 7th

ACT

April 12th
 June 14th

Come to the College Office to pick up a registration packet or sign up online at www.collegeboard.com

Summer Programs

Tired of spending your summer at home? Get out! There are many different summer programs both national and international that are now available in the college office.

Highlights:

Academie de Paris- available to all students

Cambridge Tradition –Academic program in Cambridge, England for 10-12 graders

Georgetown University— summer program located in the heart of Washington D.C. for juniors.

UC Davis: Young Scholars Program— Scientific research opportunities for sophomores and juniors

USC Summer Seminars— programs in various areas including film, animation, and robotics.

Attention Seniors!

New Scholarships are available in the College Office! Stop by and earn money for college.

Was I Accepted???

Yes, seniors, it's the question that's been plaguing many of us this year. Well, now is your chance to find out. Here are the dates for admissions results online from the following UCs.

UCLA- March 14 @ 4:00

UCSD- March 15th

UC Berkeley- March 27th

UC Irvine, UC Santa Cruz, and UC Riverside are already posted online.

Decisions from UC Santa Barbara and UC Davis are still pending.

Good luck seniors!!

Post Secondary Plan

Reminder!! All seniors are expected to complete the post-secondary plan in order to graduate. If you have your acceptance letter from a college, you can bring it in and we will make a copy. PCCs will be calling in seniors during April and May to fill out their post-secondary plan.

*****College Stars*****

Seniors will be available to make college stars at the beginning of April. Come tell everyone where you're going!

AP Sign-Ups are here!

Come sign up March 12th – 19th during nutrition and lunch in the college office to take the AP Exams. The cost of the test is 80\$ per exam. Fee waivers are available for those who qualify.

What's YOUR Rank?

Attention Juniors and Seniors!!

Rankings are now available in the College Office. For the seniors, final ranks have been released. Come see how you match up to the rest of your graduating class.

Community College Info

Hey, Students! If you're planning on going to community college, meet with the representatives that come to the college and pick up an application. It is in your interest to turn them in soon because budget cuts are currently taking place and community colleges are cutting back on classes and services.

Santa Monica, Pierce, and Valley are all coming to the College Office. Students interested should sign up in the College Office to see them.

NCAA Eligibility

Attention Athletes!! Ed Kezerian, assistant coach of the UCLA football team will be discussing eligibility for NCAA Division I and Division II colleges at the Birmingham High School auditorium on Thursday, March 13th at 7 pm. The program will include information on the NCAA Clearinghouse as well as how to contact colleges to demonstrate your interest. Learn what you CAN and CANNOT do in the recruiting process to maintain eligibility.

