

# 2009-10 Test Dates and Registration Deadlines

## SAT ([www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com))

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Test Date	Registration Deadline	(Late Fee Required)
October 10, 2009	September 9, 2009	September 10-23
November 7, 2009	October 1, 2009	October 2-15
December 5, 2009	October 30, 2009	October 31-Nov. 12, 2009
January 23, 2010	December 15, 2009	December 16-30, 2009
March 13, 2010	February 4, 2010	February 5-18, 2010
May 1, 2010	March 25, 2010	March 26-April 8, 2010
June 5, 2010	April 29, 2010	April 30 – May 13, 2010

## ACT ([www.act.org](http://www.act.org))

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Test Date	Registration Deadline	(Late Fee Required)
September 12, 2009*	August 7, 2009	August 8 – 21, 2009
October 24, 2009	September 18, 2009	September 19 – October 2, 2009
December 12, 2009	November 6, 2009	November 7 – 20, 2009
February 6, 2010**	January 5, 2010	January 6 – 15, 2010
April 10, 2010	March 5, 2010	March 6 – 19, 2010
June 12, 2010	May 7, 2010	May 8 – 21, 2010

### SAT and ACT Practice Tests

GoCollege offers the world's first SAT and ACT practice test for students over the Internet. These tests are timed, and are designed to simulate the rigors that will be in place when a student actually takes the real SAT or ACT test. The SAT provides a range for scoring purposes. But more importantly, both tests give an analysis of the student's performance by academic discipline. Students and their counselors can then focus on the student's weaknesses, and produce strengths on the actual test day.

To access the GoCollege SAT and ACT Practice Testing Tool, go to [www.gocollege.com](http://www.gocollege.com). If you haven't already registered in the site, do that first. Once you're into the site, it will prompt you how to register, and where to go to use the online SAT and ACT practice testing component.

Public libraries often offer in-person practice tests. Check back for more info as the testing dates draw closer.

## *SAT vs. ACT*

To help you decide which test is right for you, take a side-by-side glance at these important facts:

	<b>SAT</b>	<b>ACT</b>
<b>Preferred by:</b>	Private schools, and schools on the east and west coasts.	Public schools and schools in the middle of the country. <b>ACT is preferred by more US colleges than the SAT</b>
<b>Accepted by:</b>	Nearly all US colleges and universities	Nearly all US colleges and universities
<b>When is it Administered?</b>	<b>Seven</b> times per year	<b>Six</b> times per year
<b>Test structure</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Ten-section</b> exam: Three Critical Reading, three Math, three Writing, and one <b>experimental</b>.</li> <li>• The Experimental section is masked to look like a regular section.</li> <li>• More <b>vocabulary focused</b>.</li> <li>• <b>Algebra &amp; Geometry</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Four-section</b> exam: <b>English, Math, Reading and Science Reasoning</b></li> <li>• An Experimental section is added on certain dates only, and is clearly experimental.</li> <li>• Optional Writing test available.</li> <li>• Science reasoning based, math sections include <b>trigonometry</b> and tests English grammar.</li> </ul>
<b>Is there a penalty for wrong answers?</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
<b>How the test is scored? The highest possible score?</b>	200 to 800 for each subject, added together for a combined score. A 2400 is the highest possible combined score.	1-36 for each subject, averaged together for a composite score. A 36 is the highest possible score.
<b>Are all scores sent to schools?</b>	<b>Yes.</b> If a student requests a score report be sent to specific colleges, the report will include the scores the student received on every SAT taken	<b>No.</b> There is a "score choice" option. Students can choose which schools will receive their scores AND which scores the schools will see.
<b>Other uses for the exams</b>	Scholarship program	Scholarship purposes. Certain statewide testing programs.
<b>Where to register?</b>	At least six weeks before the test date.	At least four weeks before the test date.
<b>For more information</b>	The College Board <a href="http://www.collegeboard.com">www.collegeboard.com</a>	ACT Inc. <a href="http://www.act.org">www.act.org</a>