

TESTING

ADVANTAGES OF TESTING IN YOUR JUNIOR YEAR

- You have probably completed the course work corresponding to the test material.
- You will have your test scores and other information in time to influence your senior year. For example, you may decide to take an additional class in an area in which your test score was low.
- College will know of your interests and have your scores in time to contact you during the summer before you senior year, when many of them are sending information about admissions, advanced placement, scholarships, and special programs to prospective students.
- You will have information about yourself and the schools you are interested in prior to your campus visits, making your visits more focused.
- You will have the opportunity to retest if you feel your scores do not accurately reflect your ability.
- You will have scores available for applications in case an activity in the fall interferes with a test date.

ACT or SAT

Historically, the SAT was taken predominantly by students on the East and West Coasts, while ACT was more popular in the Midwest and the South. These days, the vast majority of colleges accept scores from either exam; however, check to see if they have a preference and if you will need the writing exam.

Test experts say students typically perform better on one of the exams, so it is in your best interest to take a practice version of each test under testing conditions and compare scores. If you opt to take both exams, colleges count the higher of the scores.

**YOU CAN REGISTER ONLINE FOR ACT AND SAT
YOU CAN ALSO FIND PRACTICE TESTS ONLINE AT:**

ACT

www.act.org

SAT

www.collegeboard.com