

Test Dates - Scores - Preps

Be prepared to upload a photo when registering, pick 4 colleges you want to send your scores to for free.

Register with code **102130** Harvest High School

Fee waiver available for those who qualify

Test Dates www.collegeboard.org	SAT	Deadline Fee \$50
Mar 8, 2014		Feb 7, 2014
May 3, 2014		Apr 4, 2014
Jun 7, 2014		May 9, 2014

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Test Dates www.act.org	ACT	Deadline Test w/Writing: \$49.50
Apr 12, 2014		Mar 7, 2014
Jun 14, 2014		May 9, 2014

Test at FSCJ www.fscj.edu/assessment	PERT	by DE Registration Day anytime up to the registration date
Walk-in before 2pm, Mon-Thur or make appt on-line It is not timed, may take 2+ hours		1 st time FREE - 2 nd time \$22 see PERT Referral for details MUST take referral form to test

Test Preparations and score requirements

SAT - The College Board sat.collegeboard.org/practice

Verbal 440 ENC 1101
Mathematics 440 MAT 1033
2 – 4 weeks to get scores

ACT - American College Testing Program actstudent.org/onlineprep/

Reading 19 ENC 1101
English 17 ENC 1101
Mathematics 19 MAT 1033
2 – 4 weeks to get scores

PERT - Postsecondary Education Readiness Test - fldoe.org/schools/pdf/PERT-StudentStudyGuide.pdf

Reading 106 ENC1101
Writing 103 ENC 1101
Mathematics 114 MAT 1033 or 123 MAC1105
Receive scores the same day

***** Need scores by: end of March for Summer and end of April Fall registration *****

5 Ways To Improve Your Test Scores

1. Allow yourself plenty of time.

When you decide to start studying is entirely up to you, but, it's been shown time and time again, the sooner you start, the better you'll do. Not only can you increase your score by getting ready earlier... but the study itself will be easier as well. You see, while you will be spending more hours getting ready, the most powerful part of starting early isn't the extra time as much as the chance for your mind to process everything.

In other words, you'll remember more of what you cover—without the stress of “cramming.”

2. Don't underestimate practice.

Nothing, absolutely nothing will give you as big a leg up as practice tests.

With practice, you'll memorize the test instructions, so you won't have to spend time figuring out what you're being asked in each section. With practice, you'll get a better feel for the questions you'll see, and the types of thinking you'll need to apply. Building strategy is key to improving your score.

And, of course, with practice, you'll learn your weakest areas, and hence have an opportunity to focus your study where it will do the most good.

3. Commit to a word a day.

Hopefully, you already know a good number of the SAT vocabulary words. That said, very few people know enough to feel confident without study – and, as mentioned earlier, cramming a bunch of words at a time isn't the best way to retain them. If you start early enough, you can add a word a day without too much trouble. With only a word a day, you can really focus on it – go over the definition, use it three times in everyday conversation, and review it again before you go to sleep. And on top of that, you will be able to identify more words based on the root, the prefix and suffix of the words you are memorizing. Memorizing words is an easy – and highly effective method of prep.

4. Relax your mind.

For many students, the hardest thing about the test is knowing that you're being tested.

Some studies show that many people get “dumber” under test-like pressure – they miss questions with answers they know. The solution? Learn how to relax your mind. Studying early and taking many practice tests help here – the confidence you gain can make a big difference.

But there are plenty of other things you can do as well. Practice various breathing techniques – anything from counting to ten to full-on meditation. Calm yourself just before the test starts – and between any sections, if you have the time. Learn to recognize when your mind is tensing – and, as you notice it, do your best to sooth your mind.

5. Prep yourself right.

This should go without saying – but before the test, get a good night's rest. After all, nothing dulls the brain like lack of sleep. (Also try to make your night-before meal a light, healthy one.)

Of course, you should have a good idea of what will help your body work best – the key is, don't give in to the drama and tension that often precede an SAT sitting.