

Standardized Tests

	PSAT/NMSQT www.collegeboard.com	SAT Reasoning www.collegeboard.com	ACT www.act.org	SAT Subject www.collegeboard.com	AP www.collegeboard.com
Who takes it?	sophomores & juniors	juniors & seniors	juniors & some seniors	juniors, & other grades when appropriate	sophomores – seniors (after an AP course)
What is it for?	Measures critical reading, math problem solving, and writing skills. Scores in junior year determine eligibility for National Merit recognition (97%ile & above).	Measures writing, critical reading, and mathematical reasoning skills.	Measures content knowledge.	Measures a student's knowledge and skills in a particular subject and their ability to apply that knowledge.	Measures college-level knowledge in AP class (14 different AP classes at Chatham Hall).
What is it like?	2.5 hours CRITICAL READING 48 questions, 50 minutes, including sentence completion, short and long critical reading passages. MATH 38 questions, 50 minutes, including 28 regular multiple-choice and 10 grid-in responses. WRITING 39 questions, 30 minutes, including identifying sentence errors, improving sentences, and improving paragraphs. All writing skills questions are multiple-choice.	3.5 hours CRITICAL READING 67 questions, 70 minutes MATH 54 questions, 70 minutes WRITING 49 questions, 35 minutes 1 essay, 25 minutes	3 hours, all multiple-choice ENGLISH (grammar): 75 questions, 45 minutes MATH: 60 questions, 60 minutes READING: 40 questions, 35 minutes SCIENCE: 40 questions, 35 minutes WRITING (optional)	Each test: 1 hour, multiple-choice, chosen from the following subjects: LITERATURE, US HISTORY, WORLD HISTORY, MATH LEVEL 1, MATH LEVEL 2, BIOLOGY, CHEMISTRY, PHYSICS, FRENCH, GERMAN, LATIN, SPANISH Maximum of 3 tests per testing day.	Depends on subject area: combination of multiple-choice questions; essays; taped responses (languages & music theory). Each test lasts approximately 3 hours.
When is the test?	Saturday, October 18 , 2008	Oct 4, Nov 1, Dec 6, 2008; Jan 21, Mar 4, May 2 , June 6, 2009	Oct 25, Dec 13, 2008; Feb 7, Apr 4 , June 13, 2009	Oct 4, Nov 1, Dec 6, 2008; Jan 24, May 2 , June 6, 2009	May 4-15, 2009
What is the fee?	\$ 13.00 (Billed home.)	\$ 45.00	\$ 31.00 (+ \$ 14 for optional WR test)	\$ 20.00 basic fee, then \$9 per test	\$ 83.00 per test
What is the scoring scale?	20-80 for each of 3 sections	200-800 per section	1-36 for each of 5 sections & for composite	200-800	1-5