

# ACT / SAT / PSAT/ACCUPLACER TESTING INFORMATION 2020-2021

There are two major college entrance exams, the ACT and the SAT. **Most of our students attending Wisconsin and Midwestern schools take the ACT.** Nationally, most schools will accept scores from either ACT or SAT. If you are considering attending college on the East or West coast, or a highly selective university, you may want to take the SAT. Be sure to check college websites to see their preference.

## ACT (*American College Testing Program*)

<b>WHEN:</b>	Recommended time to take test: April of Junior year (Typically)		
<b>PURPOSE:</b>	Most colleges, universities, and technical colleges recommend that the student take the ACT. <b><u>For students who plan to attend the University of Wisconsin system schools, the ACT requirement has been waived for through 2022 and for UW-Madison through Spring 2023.</u></b> The ACT includes four multiple-choice subject tests covering English, Math, Reading, and Science. The ACT is designed to evaluate overall educational development and ability to complete college-level work. Many out-of-state schools ask for the test scores for applications, scholarships, and other financial aids. In addition, the results will serve as the basis of conferences with the student and parent concerning post high school and educational plans.		
<b>OPTIONAL WRITING:</b>	Most colleges <u>do not</u> require the writing portion. Check college web site to see if the writing portion is required. UW Madison requires the writing portion. There is also a page on the ACT website to help make this determination: <a href="https://actapps.act.org/writPrefRM/goSearchInst.do">https://actapps.act.org/writPrefRM/goSearchInst.do</a>		
<b>DATES:</b>	<b><u>TEST DATE</u></b>	<b><u>REGULAR REGISTRATION DEADLINE</u></b>	<b><u>LATE REGISTRATION (late fee required)</u></b>
	10/24/20	10/5/20	No Late Fees
	12/12/20	11/6/20	11/7 – 11/20
	2/6/21	1/8/21	1/9 – 1/15
	4/17/21	3/12/21	3/13 – 3/26
<b>REGISTRATION:</b>	Register and pay online at <a href="http://www.actstudent.org">www.actstudent.org</a> (Appleton West High School Code #500-060)		
<b>ADMINISTERED:</b>	At Appleton East High School (Test Center Code #186590)		
<b>RESULTS:</b>	ACT (No Writing) scores can be viewed online through your ACT web account, typically beginning about 3 weeks after test date. If you take the ACT plus Writing, the writing scores will be added usually about 2 weeks after the ACT multiple choice scores are posted. If you provide the Appleton West High School Code #500-060 at the time of registration, a copy of your score will be mailed to the Guidance Office 4-8 weeks after test date.		

## SAT I – Reasoning Test / SAT II – Subject Tests (*Scholastic Aptitude Test*)

<b>WHEN:</b>	Recommended time to take test: May or June of Junior year		
<b>PURPOSE:</b>	The SAT is a globally recognized college admission test. Students considering applying to colleges outside Wisconsin should check the college website for the recommended/required entrance exam for that institution.		
<b>DATES:</b>	<b><u>TEST DATE</u></b>	<b><u>REGULAR REGISTRATION DEADLINE</u></b>	<b><u>LATE REGISTRATION DEADLINE (additional fee required)</u></b>
	10/3/20	9/4/20	9/22/20
	11/7/20	10/7/20	10/27/20
	12/5/20	11/5/20	11/24/20
	3/13/21	2/12/21	3/2/21
	5/8/21	4/8/21	4/27/21
	6/5/21	5/6/21	5/26/21
<b>REGISTRATION:</b>	Register and pay online at <a href="http://www.collegeboard.org">http://www.collegeboard.org</a> (Appleton West High School Code #500-060)		
<b>RESULTS:</b>	SAT scores can be viewed online, typically beginning about 3 weeks after test date. If you provide the Appleton West High School Code #500-060 at the time of registration, a copy of your score will be mailed to the Guidance Office 4-8 weeks after test date.		

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## PSAT/NMSQT

*(Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test)*

The PSAT/NMSQT is a program cosponsored by the College Board and National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC). It is a standardized test that provides firsthand **practice** for the SAT. It measures critical reading skills, math problem-solving skills, and writing skills. It also provides the opportunity to enter NMSC scholarship programs and gain access to college and career planning tools.

<b>WHEN:</b>	Thursday, October 29, 2020 8:00am / West High School Gym
<b>OPEN TO:</b>	Juniors
<b>PURPOSE:</b>	Gain experience taking a college entry type test. This test is a shorter version of the SAT. See how student's performance on an admissions test might compare with that of other college applicants. Enter the competition for scholarships from NMSC (grade 11).
<b>COST:</b>	\$18.00 ( <i>Payable at time of registration. Limited fee waivers are available to qualifying students.</i> )
<b>REGISTRATION:</b>	Students must pre-register in the Appleton West Counseling Office. Juniors can register with the Counseling Office Secretary beginning September 23, 2020
<b>ADMINISTERED:</b>	At Appleton West High School. The test session will last until noon.
<b>RESULTS:</b>	Scores will be sent to the appropriate school.

## ACCUPLACER

### PLACEMENT TEST USED BY WISCONSIN TECHNICAL COLLEGE SYSTEM

ACCUPLACER is a College Board generated suite of tests that determines knowledge in math, reading and writing in preparation for college-level enrollment. ACCUPLACER is used to identify strengths and weaknesses in each subject area. Academic advisors and counselors use the results of the assessment, in conjunction with each students' academic background, goals and interests to aid in appropriate college-level course placement.

The ACCUPLACER is not timed, but it typically takes about two hours to complete.

<b>WHEN:</b>	Fox Valley Technical College (FVTC) recommends seniors take the ACCUPLACER between September and Thanksgiving; however, testing is offered year round at FVTC, both in person and online in a limited capacity. When school returns to in-person learning, ACCUPLACER will also be offered at West High School.
<b>PURPOSE:</b>	The ACCUPLACER measures academic skill level in four areas: Reading, Writing, Arithmetic and Quantitative Reasoning, Algebra and Statistics (QAS). Scores determine which English and/or math courses students will be most successful in at the start of their college career.
<b>COST:</b>	<b>Free</b> for Appleton West High School students <u>when taken at West High School</u> . \$15.00 when taken at FVTC.
<b>TEST DATES:</b>	Check with Appleton West Career Advisor, Ms. Jones, for ACCUPLACER testing dates and times offered at West once we return to in-person learning.  Students choosing to take the test at FVTC must check the Assessment Center's webpage for test date availability (see link below).
<b>REGISTRATION:</b>	Visit the Assessment Center website for registration details (see link below).  Once we return to in-person learning, students can register for the ACCUPLACER in the Career Advisor's office, Rm 323.
<b>RESULTS:</b>	Students taking the test at West will have printable scores upon test completion and an individualized consultation with the West Career Advisor. The technical college will make final recommendations based on test scores.  Students taking the test at FVTC will have a printable score report upon test completion. An interpretation may be available with a counselor.

Please refer to <http://www.fvtc.edu/programs/admissions-overview/skills-assessment> for more information on the **ACCUPLACER Skills Assessment**, including **How to Prepare and Register for ACCUPLACER**.