

## **Tests and Accommodations**

**Kennedy High School Code is 050966**

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[www.jfkhs.org](http://www.jfkhs.org)

### **About the Tests**

Below is a guide to the abbreviations of many of the tests taken in high school. Below this list, information can be found that will help explain the tests. Go to the end of the test listings for information about accommodations and modifications for California statewide assessments.

<b>College Admission</b>	
<b>ACT</b>	American College Test
<b>SAT REASONING &amp; SUBJECT AREA TESTS</b>	Scholastic Aptitude Tests (Formerly SAT I & SAT II)
<b>TOEFL</b>	Test of English as a Foreign Language
<b>College Credit</b>	
<b>AP</b>	Advanced Placement Program
<b>High School Diploma</b>	
<b>CAHSEE</b>	California High School Exit Exam
<b>CHSPE</b>	California High School Proficiency Examination
<b>GED</b>	Test of General Education Development
<b>Recognition/Awards</b>	
<b>PSAT/NMSQT</b>	Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test
<b>Student Progress</b>	
<b>CELDT</b>	California English Language Development Test
<b>STAR (CAT-6)</b>	Standardized Testing and Reporting Program

## **American College Test (ACT)**

The American College Test is a curriculum-based test that measures academic achievement in four subject areas. Most colleges and universities accept this admission test in place of the SAT I. Students should check admission requirements for each college and university they are considering.

### **What is the ACT test?**

The ACT test is a three-hour test composed of four parts: English, math, reading, and science reasoning. There is no penalty for guessing.

### **How do I register for the test?**

Student registration packets are found in the Career Center (you must complete and mail it in the envelope provided). You also can register or reregister online at <http://www.act.org/>.

### **How much does the test cost?**

The test fee is currently unavailable, although fee waivers are available in the Career Center for qualified juniors. Students will not be qualified for college application fee waivers unless SAT/ACT fee waivers also have been granted.

### **Where and when is the test administered?**

There are various testing centers throughout the state, and several testing dates throughout the year. For a complete list, pick up a registration bulletin in the Career Center.

## **2007–2008 Test Dates**

<b>Test Date</b>	<b>Registration Deadline</b>	<b><u>(Late Fee Required)</u></b>
September 15, 2007*	August 10, 2007	August 11–24, 2007
October 27, 2007	September 21, 2007	September 22–October 5, 2007
December 8, 2007	November 2, 2007	November 3–15, 2007
February 9, 2008**	January 4, 2008	January 5–18, 2008
April 12, 2008	March 7, 2008	March 8–21, 2008
June 14, 2008	May 9, 2008	May 10–23, 2008

### **How is the test scored?**

The test is scored on a scale of 1 to 36.

**When should juniors take the test?**

Juniors should take the test in April or June.

**When should seniors take the test?**

Seniors should retake the test for higher test scores in September, October, or December. Some colleges, such as Chico, San Diego State, Cal Poly at San Luis Obispo, and Sonoma State will not accept test scores past October. Check college catalogs for more information.

**Is this test required for admission to community colleges?**

No. Each community college has its own placement examinations. Check with each school for dates and locations.

## **Advance Placement Tests (AP)**

The Advanced Placement Program, sponsored by the College Board, offers 35 college-level courses and exams in 19 subject areas. More than 2,900 universities and colleges worldwide grant college credit, advanced placement, or both to students who perform satisfactorily on these exams. Each subject course is equivalent to a half-year college course.

[Click here](#) for more information.

**Who can take the tests?**

Highly motivated students in secondary schools can take the tests.

**How and when do I register?**

Sign up with the Account Clerk in the Business Office. The total cost per test will be announced.

**When are the tests administered?**

The tests are administered during the first two weeks of May, during the school day.

**Where are the tests given?**

The tests are given at various locations on campus.

**How long are the tests?**

Each test takes 3-4 hours.

**How are the tests scored?**

Tests are scored on a scale of 1-5, with 5 being the highest. The decision to grant college credit is at the discretion of each college or university.

**What subject areas are tested?**

- Art History; Studio Art: Drawing Portfolio; Studio Art: 2-D Portfolio; Studio Art: 3-D Portfolio
- Biology\*
- Calculus AB\*; Calculus BC\*
- Chemistry\*
- Computer Science A; Computer Science AB
- Macroeconomics; Microeconomics
- Language and Composition†; Literature and Composition†
- Environmental Science
- French Language; French Literature
- German Language
- Human Geography
- Comparative Government; United States Politics
- European History; U.S. History; World History
- Latin
- Music Theory
- Physics B\*; Physics C\*
- Psychology
- Spanish Language; Spanish Literature
- Statistics

\*Students who are Governor's Scholars are also eligible to earn an additional \$2,500 scholarship for top scores on math and science exams.

†A score of 3, 4, or 5 on either English exam satisfies the Subject A requirement at the University of California

## CALIFORNIA HIGH SCHOOL EXIT EXAM (CAHSEE)

The **CAHSEE** administration dates for the 2007-2008 school year are as follows:

ENGLISH-LANGUAGE ARTS Tuesday	MATHEMATICS Wednesday
❖ July 24, 2007	❖ July 25, 2007
October 2, 2007	October 3, 2007
November 6, 2007	November 7, 2007
December 1, 2007 (Saturday administration)	December 8, 2007 (Saturday administration)
February 5, 2008	February 6, 2008
March 11, 2008	March 12, 2008
May 6, 2008	May 7, 2008

- ❖ Administered at the Fremont Adult School
- ❖ 4700 Calaveras Blvd
- ❖ Fremont, CA 94538
- ❖ 510-793-6465

During the 2007-08 school year, grades ten, eleven, and twelve students, as well as adult students, are eligible to take the CAHSEE unless they have previously passed the exam. No student who has previously passed the CAHSEE is eligible to retake the exam. Students only retake the part(s) of the exam not passed.

The class of 2006 was the first group of students in the state who had to pass this test to receive a high school diploma. State law now mandates this as a graduation requirement.

**When and where is the test administered?**

The test will be given to all 10th grade students for the first time March 11 & 12, 2008.

Make up exams will be administered on the dates noted above.

Students will be tested in their classrooms throughout the day.

**What does the exam cover?**

The test covers English-language arts, grades 8 - 10 standards and includes one direct writing sample, and mathematics, grade 6 - Algebra 1 standards.

**How is the test scored?**

A score of 350 on each section is considered passing.

## **California English Language Development Test (CELDT)**

The CELDT test is used to identify EL (English Learner) students, monitor student progress, and serve as one criterion for assignment to a new level. Go to <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/el/> for more information.

**Who must take the test?**

New EL students, grades K -12, who arrive throughout the year, must take the test upon entering the school district. Thereafter, all EL students must take the test annually.

**Where is the test given?**

The test is given at each school site. New EL students who arrive throughout the year will take the test at the district office.

**When is the test given?**

This test will be administered July 2 thru October 31, 2007.

## What areas does the test cover?

The test covers listening/speaking, reading, and writing.

## California High School Proficiency Examination

### (CHSPE)

You can earn the legal equivalent of a high school diploma by proving your proficiency in basic skills through the CHSPE. Passing this exam does not exempt a student from attending school unless he or she is 16 or older and has verified parental permission to leave school early. You can print a copy of the bulletin and registration form at [www.chspe.net](http://www.chspe.net), or send an e-mail message to the California Department of Education at [chspe@cde.ca.gov](mailto:chspe@cde.ca.gov).

## Who can take the test?

You can take the test if you are 16 or older, or have completed one academic year of 10th grade, or are enrolled in the second semester of 10th grade.

## How do I register?

You can obtain registration at this website [www.chspe.net](http://www.chspe.net)

## Where is the test given?

There is at least one test administration center in most California counties; some counties have more than one test administration center. A list of the counties and test centers may be found on the Internet at <http://www.chspe.net> or in the CHSPE Information Bulletin also available on this website.

## When is the test given?

Test Date Saturday Morning	Regular Registration Deadline (Postmark Date)	Late Registration Deadline (Receipt Date)	Emergency Registration Deadline (Receipt Date)	Results Mailed
October 20, 2007	September 21, 2007	October 5, 2007	October 16, 2007	November 27, 2007
March 15, 2008	February 15, 2008	February 29, 2008	March 11, 2008	April 18, 2008

Test Date Saturday Morning	Regular Registration Deadline (Postmark Date)	Late Registration Deadline (Receipt Date)	Emergency Registration Deadline (Receipt Date)	Results Mailed
June 21, 2008	May 23, 2008	June 6, 2008	June 17, 2008	July 25, 2008

## Test of General Education Development (GED)

The Test of General Education Development is designed for adults who do not have a high school diploma. Employers, colleges, and technical schools view this GED certificate as comparable to a high school diploma. [Click here](#) for more information.

### **Who can take the test?**

You can take the test if you are 18 or older.

### **How do I register?**

Call (510) 793-6465 for scheduled test dates and pre-registration requirements.

### **Where is the test given?**

Fremont Adult School  
4700 Calaveras Ave.  
Fremont, CA 94538  
(510) 793-6469

### **How do I register for test preparation classes?**

To register for GED classes at Fremont Adult School, call (510) 793-6469. Morning classes are held at the Mission Valley Regional Occupational Program Center; evening classes are held at Fremont Adult School.

### **What subject does the test cover?**

The test consists of five exams that cover language arts (reading and writing), mathematics, social science, and science.

### **How is the test scored?**

The five exams are scored separately, on a scale of 200-800. A score of 410 on each exam is considered passing.

### **Ohlone College Assessment Testing**

Ohlone College will be here on the Kennedy campus to do the assessment testing **required of all students entering Ohlone** in the fall.

**The testing consists of two (2) parts, English and Math.** Placement tests cover language, reading and math. The test results help you and your counselor determine which courses are needed to best meet your academic goals. Course placement recommendations are based on multiple criteria including your testing test scores, previous courses taken, high school grades, and other applicable information. If you believe that your course placement recommendations will not assist you at Ohlone College, please see a counselor. The placement test is not a pass/fail test and does not exclude you from admission to Ohlone College.

**All** students must register online.

**All** students need to bring a picture ID such as a **school ID, license or passport.**

**All** students must also have **either a social security number or a school ID number.**

For further information go to the Ohlone website at [www.ohlone.cc.ca.us](http://www.ohlone.cc.ca.us) and choose the *A-Z list* then look for *Assessment Center*—follow the *Testing Center* link to the Counseling Center. More information will be found at this site.

## **PRE-SCHOLASTIC APTITUDE TEST/ NATION MERIT SCHOLARSHIP QUALIFYING TEST**

### **(PSAT/MNSQT)**

The Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test and the National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test measure skills in three basic academic areas important for success in college: verbal reasoning, math problem-solving, and writing skills. [Click here](#) for more information.

#### **Who takes the test?**

Sophomores should take this as a practice SAT test to receive good feedback. Juniors must take the test to qualify for the NMSQT competitions for scholarships and recognition.

#### **How do I register for the test?**

You can register and pay your fees with Ms Facha in the Business office.

#### **When and where is the test administered?**

The test will be given on Saturday, October 20, 2007 here at Kennedy.

#### **How much does the test cost?**

The test costs are not available at this time. Fee waivers are available to qualified juniors.

#### **How is the test scored?**

The test is scored on a 20-80 scale. There is no penalty for incorrect or omitted answers.

#### **How can I qualify to be a National Merit Program Semifinalist?**

You must be a top scorer in your state. There are 8,000 awards worth more than \$32 million. Nearly 600 sponsors underwrite the awards.

## **STANDARDIZED TESTING AND REPORTING**

### **(STAR TESTING)**

State law administers the Standardized Testing and Reporting Program annually. The purpose of the STAR Program is to help measure how well students are learning basic academic skills.

#### **Who must take the test?**

All students, grades 2-11, must take the test.

#### **Where is the test given?**

The test is given in the classrooms.

#### **When is the test given?**

Specific dates will be announced closer to the testing period. All 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, and 11<sup>th</sup> grade students will be taking this test in their homeroom classes during the last week of April and the first week of May.

#### **What tests are administered?**

- The California Achievement Test (CAT-6, formerly the SAT-9) in reading, written expression, mathematics, history, social science, and science
- the California Standards Test aligned to state-adopted content standards in reading, writing, mathematics, history-social science, and science
- the SABE/2 only for limited English-proficient Spanish-speaking students who have been enrolled in California public schools less than 12 months

### **Scholastic Aptitude Tests**

#### **Reasoning Test (formerly SAT 1)**

#### **Subject Area Test (formerly SAT 2)**

The Scholastic Aptitude Tests are standardized tests that enable colleges to compare the academic achievements of students from different schools. Students should check admission requirements for each college or university they are considering. [Click here](#) for more information.

## Calendar

# 2007-08 Test Dates and Registration Deadlines

2007-08 Test Dates	Test	U.S. Registration Deadlines*		International Registration Deadlines**	
		Regular	Late (a fee applies)	Early (International only)	Regular
October 6, 2007	SAT & Subject Tests	September 10, 2007	September 14, 2007	N/A	September 20, 2007
November 3, 2007	SAT & Subject Tests	October 2, 2007	October 11, 2007	September 12, 2007	October 1, 2007
December 1, 2007	SAT & Subject Tests	October 30, 2007	November 8, 2007	October 10, 2007	November 1, 2007
January 26, 2008	SAT & Subject Tests	December 26, 2007	January 4, 2008	December 5, 2007	January 1, 2008
March 1, 2008	SAT only	January 29, 2008	February 7, 2008	N/A	February 1, 2008
May 3, 2008	SAT & Subject Tests	April 1, 2008	April 10, 2008	March 12, 2008	April 1, 2008
June 7, 2008	SAT & Subject Tests	May 6, 2008	May 15, 2008	April 16, 2008	May 1, 2008

## **Please Note the Following:**

- Mailed registration materials must be postmarked by the U.S. deadlines.
- Mailed international registration materials must be received by the international deadlines.
- On March 1, only the SAT is offered, and only in the U.S., U.S. Territories, and Puerto Rico.
- Sunday administrations will occur the day after each Saturday test date for students who cannot test on Saturday for religious reasons. The October Sunday Test day is October 22, to avoid conflict with Jewish holiday of Simchat Torah.
- The Language Tests with Listening are offered in November only.
- For students testing outside the U.S., U.S. territories, and Puerto Rico: Web registration, and telephone re-registration must be received by the international deadline dates listed above.

### **What is the SAT Reasoning test?**

The Reasoning Test is a three-hour test that measures verbal and mathematical reasoning and now includes the writing portion of the testing. Most colleges and universities require the Reasoning test scores for admission.

### **What are the SAT Subject Area tests?**

The Subject Area Tests are one-hour subject tests that measure a student's knowledge of particular subjects. All University of California schools require two subject tests: one math and one elective. Students earning a score of 680 or more on the writing test are exempt from taking the UC Subject  
A Examination.

### **How do I register for the tests?**

You can find registration bulletins in the Career Center. You can complete and mail the registration in the envelope provided, or you can register or reregister online at

<http://www.collegeboard.com/>. Mailed registration materials must be postmarked by the U.S. deadlines.

### **How much do the tests cost?**

The test fees change yearly. Fee waivers are available in the Career Center to qualified juniors. Students will not be qualified for college application fee waivers unless SAT/ACT fee waivers have also been granted.

### **Where and when are the tests administered?**

There are various testing centers throughout the state, and several testing dates throughout the year. For a complete list, pick up a registration bulletin in the Career Center.

### **How are the tests scored?**

The Reasoning Test of verbal and math knowledge are each scored on a scale of 200-800, for a combined total score of 400-1600. The Subject Area tests are each scored on a scale of 200-800. There is a penalty for wrong answers.

### **When should juniors take the tests?**

Take the tests in May or June or immediately after a subject such as biology or U.S. history, while the material is still fresh in your mind.

### **When should seniors take the tests?**

Seniors should retake the test for higher test scores in September, October, or December. Some colleges, such as Chico, San Diego State, Cal Poly at San Luis Obispo, and Sonoma State will not accept test scores past October. Check college catalogs for more information.

### **Are the tests required for admission to community colleges?**

No. Each community college has its own placement examinations. Check with each school for dates and locations.

## **Should I use the Score Choice option when I register for the Subject Area tests?**

No. The Score Choice allows you to hold Subject Area test scores before sending them to colleges and scholarship programs; however, requests to release scores are often too late to meet some colleges' deadlines, so we strongly recommend that students not use this process. Colleges will choose only your highest scores for admission purposes.

## **Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL)**

The Test of English as a Foreign Language measures the language proficiency of non-native English-speaking students who wish to study at colleges and universities. The test is available in both computer-based and paper-based formats [Click here](#) or call (609) 771-7500 for more information.

### **How much does the test cost?**

The test fee varies from year to year. Check at the website for the current fees.

### **When and where is the test taken?**

The test is available throughout the year by appointment. You can find test center locations and appointment scheduling information at the website.

## **ACCOMMODATIONS/MODIFICATIONS FOR CALIFORNIA STATEWIDE ASSESSMENTS**

### Table Key

1 = Testing condition available to students who regularly use it in the classroom.



On task reminders/verbal encouragement	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Noise buffers	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Turn pages for student	1	1	1	1	1	1	Not applicable

### Timing/Scheduling

Accommodation/Modification	CAT/6 (STAR)	CST (STAR)	SABE/2 (STAR)	CAHSEE	GSE	CELDT	Physical Fitness
Extra time within a testing day	2	1	2	1	2	1	1
Test over more than one day (for test expected to be completed within one session)	2	2	2	2 (contact test contractor)	2	2	2
Breaks within a subtest (supervised)	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Administer at time most beneficial to student	2	2	2	2 (contact test contractor)	2	2	2

### Setting

Accommodation/Modification	CAT/6 (STAR)	CST (STAR)	SABE/2 (STAR)	CAHSEE	GSE	CELDT	Physical Fitness
Test individually (supervised)	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Test in small group	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Provide special lighting	1	1	1	1	1	1	Not applicable
Use adaptive furniture	1	1	1	1	1	1	Not applicable
Test in study carrel/study enclosure	1	1	1	1	1	1	Not applicable
Test at home or in hospital (administered by certificated teacher)	2	2	2	2	2	2	2

### Response

Accommodation/Modification	CAT/6 (STAR)	CST (STAR)	SABE/2 (STAR)	CAHSEE	GSE	CELDT	Physical Fitness
Student marks responses in test booklet (adult transfers to answer document)	2	2	2	2	2	2	Not applicable
Indicate responses to a scribe for selected response items	Not applicable	2	2	2	2	2	Not applicable
Indicate responses to a scribe for a writing test (student indicates all spelling and language conventions)	Not applicable	2	Not applicable	2	2	2	Not applicable
Indicate responses to a scribe for a writing test (scribe provides	3	3	Not applicable	3±	3	3	Not applicable

spelling, grammar, and language conventions)							
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**Use of Aids or Tools**

<b>Accommodation/Modification</b>	<b>CAT/6 (STAR)</b>	<b>CST (STAR)</b>	<b>SABE/2 (STAR)</b>	<b>CAHSEE</b>	<b>GSE</b>	<b>CELDT</b>	<b>Physical Fitness</b>
Use dictionary	3	3	3	3†	3	3	Not applicable
Use word processing software with spell and grammar check tools turned off	2	2	Not applicable	2	2	2	Not applicable
Use spell checker, grammar checker, or word processing software that checks spelling and grammar	3	3	Not applicable	3†	3	3	Not applicable
Use assistive device that does not interfere with the independent work of the student	2	2	2	2	2	2	Not applicable
Use assistive device that interferes with the independent work of the student	3	3	3	3†	3	3	Not applicable
Use calculator (programs disabled)	3	3	3	3†	3	3	Not applicable
Use an arithmetic table	3	3	3	3†	3	3	Not applicable
Use a marker or mask to maintain place	1	1	1	1	1	1	Not applicable
Use colored overlay	1	1	1	1	1	1	Not applicable

**Other**

<b>Accommodation/Modification</b>	<b>CAT/6 (STAR)</b>	<b>CST (STAR)</b>	<b>SABE/2 (STAR)</b>	<b>CAHSEE</b>	<b>GSE</b>	<b>CELDT</b>	<b>Physical Fitness</b>
Unlisted accommodation or modification	Check with CDE	Check with CDE	Check with CDE	Check with CDE	Check with CDE	Check with CDE	Check with CDE

\* Contact the California Department of Education to find out when a Braille version will be available.

† See waiver policy for the California High School Exit Exam.