

# Auburn High School

## Testing Overview

PSAT / PSAT-NMSQT	<p><i>The PSAT is mostly a practice version of the SAT®, but it can also lead to more money for college. The highest performers on this exam are eligible to earn scholarships and even just becoming a Commended Scholar can be a helpful addition to your college application.</i></p>	
	<p><b>Basic Test Info:</b>  <i>Taken fall of Sophomore year            *NMSQT taken fall of Jr year            Optional test opportunity            Student signup, school registers</i></p>	<p><b>What's it like?</b> The PSAT is composed of three parts: a reading section, “grammar and language use” section, and two math sections. These sections mimic the multiple-choice sections on the SAT, but are slightly shorter. The test will also give students a predictor of how they could perform in AP courses. The PSAT / NMSQT does not include an essay. The PSAT / NMSQT is offered only in October to Juniors.</p>
	<p><b>Testing Organization:</b>  <i>College Board</i></p> <p><b>School Contact:</b>  <i>James Tindell            AHS Counselor            AP/IB Coordinator</i></p>	<p><b>How do I receive accommodations?</b> You should have an active plan (504, IEP, IELP) in place and be receiving testing accommodations for course work for College Board to review your accommodations request. You will apply for accommodations through the College Board website and by contacting the Building Testing Coordinator, Beth Antoine, for help with documentation.</p> <p><b>How long is the test?</b> Total testing time is two hours and 45 minutes.</p>
	<p><b>Website:</b>  <i>collegeboard.org</i></p>	<p><b>What about scores?</b> A student's raw score is comprised of the number of questions answered correctly. Raw scores are then converted to scaled scores ranging between 160 and 760. The raw scores are added together for the total PSAT score, which ranges between 320 and 1520. Scores are accessible online approximately 8 weeks after taking the test.</p>

PREACT	<p><i>The PreACT provides tenth graders the opportunity to see how they are projected to score on the ACT as Juniors. The unique aspect of the PreACT is the interest inventory, as it provides students with a personalized view of college and career alignment and even scholarship opportunities.</i></p>	
	<p><b>Basic Test Info:</b>  <i>Taken fall of Sophomore year            Free state assessment            School registers</i></p>	<p><b>What's it like?</b> The PreACT has four sections: English (30 minutes), Math (40 minutes), Reading (30 minutes), and Science 30 minutes).</p>
	<p><b>Testing Organization:</b>  <i>ACT</i></p> <p><b>School Contact:</b>  <i>Beth Antoine            Building Testing Coordinator            Assistant Principal</i></p>	<p><b>How do I receive accommodations?</b> You should have an active plan (504, IEP, IELP) in place for longer than 4 months and be receiving testing accommodations for course work for ACT to review your accommodations request. If you are taking the PreACT through our AHS state testing opportunity, the school will apply for your accommodations. If you are taking the PreACT on your own, you will apply for accommodations through the ACT website.</p> <p><b>How long is the test?</b> Total testing time is two hours and 10 minutes, with approximately 60 minutes of pre-administration activities.</p>
	<p><b>Website:</b>  <i>act.org</i></p>	<p><b>What about scores?</b> The test is scored on the 1-36 ACT scale. Students who take the PreACT should receive their scores approximately 8 weeks after the tests are sent into the testing center.</p>

# Sophomores

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ACT	<p><i>The American College Test, or ACT, is a national college admission examination, accepted by most colleges and universities. ACT is an achievement test, designed to measure what has been learned in school.</i></p>	
	<p><b>Basic Test Info:</b>            Taken spring of Junior year            Free state assessment            School registers</p>	<p><b>What's it like?</b> The ACT has sections for English, Math, Reading, and Science with an optional writing section. AHS provides the writing session during the state-wide administration.</p>
	<p><b>Testing Organization:</b>            ACT</p>	<p><b>How do I receive accommodations?</b> You should have an active plan (504, IEP, IELP) in place for longer than 4 months and be receiving testing accommodations for course work for ACT to review your accommodations request. If you are taking the ACT through our AHS state testing opportunity, the school will apply for your accommodations. If you are taking the ACT on your own, you will apply for accommodations through the ACT website.</p>
	<p><b>School Contact:</b>            Beth Antoine            Building Testing Coordinator            Assistant Principal</p> <p><b>Website:</b>            act.org</p>	<p><b>How long is the test?</b> Total testing time is two hours and 55 minutes. The ACT Plus Writing is 3 hours and 35 minutes.</p> <p><b>What about scores?</b> The test is scored on the 1-36 scale. Students should receive their scores approximately 8 weeks after the tests are sent into the testing center.</p>

SAT	<p><i>The Scholastic Aptitude Test, or SAT, is a national college admission examination, provided through the College Board and accepted by most colleges. The SAT is an aptitude test, testing reasoning and verbal abilities.</i></p>	
	<p><b>Basic Test Info:</b>            Usually taken Jr. and Sr. year            Optional test opportunity            Parent registers</p>	<p><b>What's it like?</b> The SAT is made up of three sections: reading, writing and language, and math (includes Algebra 1, Geometry, and Algebra 2). The SAT also has an optional Essay.</p>
	<p><b>Testing Organization:</b>            College Board</p>	<p><b>How do I receive accommodations?</b> You should have an active plan (504, IEP, IELP) in place and be receiving testing accommodations for course work for College Board to review your accommodations request. You will apply for accommodations through the College Board website and contact the Building Testing Coordinator, Beth Antoine, for help with documentation.</p>
	<p><b>School Contact:</b>            Beth Antoine            Building Testing Coordinator            Assistant Principal</p> <p><b>Website:</b>            collegeboard.org</p>	<p><b>How long is the test?</b> Total testing time is three hours, excluding the optional essay and breaks. With the optional essay, the total test time increases to three hours and 50 minutes. The Math section is the only section separated into two pieces: A No Calculator and a Calculator section.</p> <p><b>What about scores?</b> Each section of the SAT is scored on a 200 to 800-point scale. Your total SAT score is the sum of your section scores. The highest possible SAT score is 1600. If you take the Essay, you will receive a separate score.</p>



# Juniors

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WORKKEYS	<p><i>WorkKeys is the career-oriented branch of the ACT testing system. This assessment measures essential workplace skills that estimate job performance and indicate to employers candidates best fit for employment or for career advancement. The successful completion of WorkKeys results in a National Career Readiness Certificate® (NCRC®).</i></p>	
	<p><b>Basic Test Info:</b>  <i>Taken fall of Senior year            Free state assessment            School registers</i></p>	<p><b>What's it like?</b> Three different main assessments are offered: applied mathematics, locating information, and reading for information. The questions asked in the assessments are based entirely on situations that many employees experience daily within the working world.</p>
	<p><b>Testing Organization:</b>  <i>ACT</i></p>	<p><b>How do I receive accommodations?</b> You should have an active plan (504, IEP, IELP) in place for longer than 4 months and be receiving testing accommodations for course work for ACT to review your accommodations request. If you are taking the WorkKeys test through our AHS state testing opportunities, the school will apply for your accommodations.</p>
	<p><b>School Contact:</b>  <i>Beth Antoine            Building Testing Coordinator            Assistant Principal</i></p>	<p><b>How long is the test?</b> Total testing time is two hours and 45 minutes.</p>
	<p><b>Website:</b>  <i>act.org</i></p>	<p><b>What about scores?</b> Each time you take a WorkKeys test, you will receive a score report containing your skill-level score, your scale score, and an explanation of your skill level. The explanation may also include information on what you can do to increase your score. Skill-level scores are the most useful to students, job-seekers, and employers. Scores are released usually within 8 weeks of taking the exam.</p>

ASVAB	<p><i>The Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery, or ASVAB, is a timed multi-aptitude test, which is given at over 14,000 schools and Military Entrance Processing Stations (MEPS) nationwide and is developed and maintained by the Department of Defense.</i></p>	
	<p><b>Basic Test Info:</b>  <i>Taken spring of Senior year            Optional test opportunity            Student signup, school registers</i></p>	<p><b>What's it like?</b> There are four critical areas: Arithmetic Reasoning, Word Knowledge, Paragraph Comprehension, and Mathematics Knowledge.</p>
	<p><b>Testing Organization:</b>  <i>Department of Defense</i></p>	<p><b>How do I receive accommodations?</b> There are no accommodations for the ASVAB.</p>
	<p><b>School Contact:</b>  <i>Nichole Warren            AHS Counselor</i></p>	<p><b>How long is the test?</b> Total testing time is two hours and 34 minutes.</p>
	<p><b>Website:</b>  <i>military.com</i></p>	<p><b>What about scores?</b> Scores count towards your Armed Forces Qualifying Test (AFQT) score. The AFQT score determines whether students are qualified to enlist in the U.S. military. Student scores in the other areas of the ASVAB will determine qualification for certain military occupational specialties and Enlistment Bonuses. A high score will improve chances of getting the specialty/job and signing bonus. Scores are sent to the school usually within a month of taking the ASVAB.</p>



# Seniors