

# ACT/SAT/PSAT & ASSET Information

Most colleges and Universities will accept either American College Test (ACT) or Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT I) Scores for college entrance. Some colleges (example: UCLA) require the SAT II (Subject Tests) as well as the SAT I and ACT scores. Students should consult college Catalogs carefully for specific test requirements.

**ACT** (American College Test), an achievement test, is accepted for student admission by most universities and colleges and by many out-of-state institutions. A student profile and interest inventory section is included in the application. It is a 3-hour exam, which consists of a battery of four tests: English, Mathematics, Reading, and Science Reasoning. The ACT is scored on a range from 9 (minimum) to 36 (maximum).

**SAT I** • Scholastic Aptitude Test • The SAT I test is a test of general intellectual ability, not an achievement test. Its purpose is to assess your future learning potential on the basis of how you have developed intellectually to this point. The SAT I is accepted for student admission by all most universities and colleges and is required by many out-of-state institutions. Online registration is available. Recent changes to the SAT I added longer reading passages, the use of calculators, and, in one mathematics section, the requirement to solve problems without the benefit of multiple choice answers. It is a 3-hour aptitude exam which consists of sections which alternate from verbal to math as well as writing.

**PSAT** is a practice exam that can be taken by Sophomores to get ready for the SAT. National Merit Scholarships base some of their scholarships on PSAT scores as an incentive to have students take it.

**ASSET** is three, 25 minute placement tests used by our instate community colleges and technical colleges, to identify your skill levels in English language usage, reading, and mathematics. A calculator is NOT allowed. ASSET scores are used by you and your college advisor to decide which courses to take.