

## College Related Tests

Most four-year colleges require either the ACT or the SAT, and accept scores from both tests. Most public universities in Michigan require the ACT. Waterford district high schools **do not** include test scores on student transcripts. **It is the student's responsibility to send official test scores to colleges by ordering directly from the testing agency website.**

### ACT

The ACT is a multiple choice test divided into five parts: English, Math, Reading, Science Reasoning, and Writing. Students receive four separate sub-scores plus a Composite Score. The Composite Score ranges from 1 to 36. For the Writing test, scores range from 2 to 12. The Writing test is optional; however, most colleges recommend students take the Writing test at least once. Registration usually closes a month before the test date. There is a fee for the ACT, but waiver forms to waive the fee are available in the counseling offices for students who are eligible for free or reduced lunch. **It is recommended to take the ACT more than once as most colleges will take the best score when considering admissions or scholarships.** Some colleges will even “superscore” the ACT by combining the best scores from both exams. Contact ACT at 319-377-1270 or [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org)

Free ACT preparation materials are available in the College and Career Centers and on the following free sites:

[www.number2.com](http://www.number2.com)

[www.waterford.k12.mi.us](http://www.waterford.k12.mi.us)

Select library resources, Learning Express Library, College Prep., Select ACT (other help for AP, college admissions is available, too).

Even a few points increase can make a significant improvement in admissions and scholarship opportunities.

### SAT

The SAT Reasoning Test is administered by the College Board. This test is usually taken during the junior and/or senior year. It measures Critical Reading, Math and Writing. Each section is scored on a scale of 200-800. All three sections are added together for a Composite Score; the highest possible Composite is 2400. The College Board website is [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com).

**SAT Subject Tests** – The SAT Subject Tests are one-hour exams measuring knowledge in a specific subject area. Students may register for up to three tests on one date. Some of the most competitive colleges require Subject Tests. For more information go to [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com)

### AP (Advanced Placement) Exams

These are high school examinations taken at the conclusion of an AP (college level) course. AP courses follow a nationally standardized curriculum and the AP exams are given once each year in May. Scores range from 1 to 5. College credit or advanced standing may be granted for scores of 3, 4 and 5, which can save a student significant tuition money. Please ask each college for specific acceptance information. Registration and payment for the exams is handled through the high schools in March. More information about the AP Curriculum can be found at [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com).

### Waiver Forms-Free/Reduced Lunch Students

Students who are eligible for free or reduced lunches may be able to obtain waiver forms to take tests at no cost. Please see the counseling office for further information.