

SAT/ ACT INFO

LAND O LAKES HIGH SCHOOL 2012 - 2013

SAT & ACT

While high school grades are a very useful indicator of how students will perform in college, **there is great variation in grading standards and course rigor across high schools throughout the nation.**

Standardized college entrance tests help colleges and universities identify students who could succeed at their institutions and to connect students with educational opportunities beyond high school. The **SAT and ACT** are both used as tools in evaluating a student's **college readiness.**

The SAT assesses **critical reading, mathematical reasoning, and writing skills.** The SAT is **3 hours and 45 minutes** long. It is broken into 10 sections: 3 writing, 3 critical reading, 3 mathematics, 1 variable (un-scored) section. The average on each section of the test is around 500.

The ACT assesses **mathematics, English, critical reading, science,** and has an **optional writing** section (which is recommended). While there are many similarities, as a curriculum-based test, the ACT test is more straightforward than the SAT.



Do you have to take both the SAT and ACT?

No. It is recommended that you **DO** take each one once and when the scores come in, **compare** which one you did better on then concentrate on **retaking** that particular exam again.

The day before the test make sure you:

- * Have photo ID, your Admission ticket, a sweater/jacket, 2 sharpened #2 pencils and calculator ready
- * Make sure you know how to get to the test center
- * **Get plenty of rest!**



What LOLHS Students Want U to Know:



"I didn't study for the 1st test, I studied for the others and saw drastic improvements". "The SAT becomes easier when a person familiarizes themselves with the types of problems on the test. It is all about practice".



"Study far in advance, not just right before". "Going through the entire Princeton Review book helps a lot". "I spent more time studying my weaker subjects". "I strongly suggest taking the SAT immediately after taking Algebra 2".



"I put more time into studying and learning the tricks the SAT books provided". "Study in increments; don't try to cram too much at once. Focus on sections you're struggling with".

PRACTICE, PRACTICE, PRACTICE! PREPARE, PREPARE, PREPARE!



can be complicated because there are several factors that can affect your SAT/ ACT testing timeline. October should be your last exam attempt but you can take the exam up to December of your senior year. We recommend that you prepare for the SAT and ACT during the summer before your senior year. If you don't have time in the summer, then begin your preparation as early as possible after the school year starts.

curriculum and continue to take more challenging English and Math courses. If you're taking AP classes, sit for the corresponding SAT Subject Test immediately after your AP course so that the material is fresh in your mind. Begin reviewing and studying for the SAT/ ACT over summer and continue until your maximum score is reached. You can take a prep class through Huntington, Princeton Review, LOLHS Adult Ed, Kaplan, Knowledge Points, etc.

In the fall, all sophomores will take the PLAN (pre-ACT). Make sure when you get your results back that you go online and review the answers you got incorrect so that you can figure out why you missed those questions.

Juniors (class of 2014) Many juniors take the PSAT in October followed by the SAT in the winter or

spring. Do you have to take the SAT/ ACT in your junior year? No. But it's generally a good idea because it leaves you plenty of time for a second try if you're not happy with your score. You don't want to put the SAT/ ACT off until your senior year, while you're also working on your college applications.

Seniors (class of 2013) Senior year

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Study/ Review Plans:

*Tutor with current teachers, other academically strong students, practice word-of-the-day. *Use College Board study guide, online College Board SAT review, and sign up for the free SAT question of the day. *Use online resources for the SAT and ACT such as The Princeton Review at www.princetonreview.com, www.act.org, and www.collegeboard.com. *Take the SAT and ACT once and then study to improve weak areas before you take the test again. *Review the SAT and ACT question results and work on understanding the reasoning behind missed answer choices. *Learn how to manage your time and pace yourself during each section of the test (you might even want to bring a watch). *Make sure the photo you upload during registration is updated, clear and resembles you.

The Day Before

During the Test

SAT

School Code 100924

www.collegeboard.org

Test Date: Oct. 6, 2012

Deadline: Sept. 7, 2012

Test Date: Nov. 3, 2012

Deadline: Oct. 4, 2012

Test Date: Dec. 1, 2012

Deadline: Nov. 1, 2012

Test Date: Jan. 26, 2013

Deadline: Dec. 28, 2012

Test Date: Mar. 9, 2013

Deadline: Feb. 8, 2013

Test Date: May 4, 2013

Deadline: Apr. 5, 2013

Test Date: Jun. 1, 2013

Deadline: May 2, 2013

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PSAT - WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 17, 2012

The PSAT is the "pre" SAT. It is very similar to the SAT, but without the essay and some algebra. A high score on the PSAT taken your

Junior year is the only way to qualify for a **National Merit**

Scholarship, and a good score can also qualify you for some

[scholarship money](#). So don't blow it off. Start your prep in the summer, so you'll be ready come test time in **October**.

ACT

www.act.org

LOLHS School Code:
100924

Test Date:

September 8, 2012

October 27, 2012

December 8, 2012

February 9, 2013

April 13, 2013

June 8, 2013

Sign up by Deadline:

August 17, 2012

September 21, 2012

November 2, 2012

January 11, 2013

March 8, 2013

May 3, 2013