

TESTS THAT ARE TAKEN DURING HIGH SCHOOL

ACT EXPLORE – The ACT Explore is geared to assist students discover various options for their future. It can also help identify a student's strengths and, very importantly, their weaknesses; this allows for early intervention. It seeks to provide students with preparation skills for their HS and post-HS classes. Our 7th and 8th grades took this during the 2012-2013 school year.

PSAT-SAT's college readiness test for 10th and 11th grade students. It's a standardized test that provides firsthand practice for the SAT[®]. It also gives you a chance to enter NMSC scholarship programs and gain access to college and career planning tools.

PLAN-ACT's college readiness test for 10th grade students. This test helps 10th graders build a solid foundation for future academic and career success and provides information needed to address school districts' high-priority issues. It is a comprehensive guidance resource that helps students measure their current academic development, explore career/training options, and make plans for the remaining years of high school and post-graduation years. Our 9th and 10th grade students took this during the 2012-2013 school year.

Ohio Graduation Test (OGT)- Assessments aligned to Ohio's Academic Content Standards in reading, mathematics, science, social studies and writing that students in high school must take to demonstrate proficiency before graduation from high school.

ACT- is a standardized test for high school achievement and college admissions in the United States . The ACT test consists of four tests: English, Math, Reading, and Science reasoning and includes an optional writing portion. All four-year colleges and universities in the U.S. accept the ACT. The main four tests are scored individually on a scale of 1-36, and a Composite score is provided which is the whole number average of the four scores.

SAT- is a standardized test that measures literacy and writing skills that are needed for academic success in college. They state that the SAT assesses how well the test takers analyze and solve problems—skills they learned in school that they will need in college. The SAT is typically taken by high school sophomores, juniors and seniors. SAT consists of three major sections: Critical Reading, Mathematics, and Writing. Each section receives a score on the scale of 200–800. All scores are

multiples of 10. Total scores are calculated by adding up scores of the three sections.

Advanced Placement Exams (AP)- AP Exams are rigorous, multiple-component tests that are administered at high schools each May. High school students can earn college credit, placement, or both for qualifying AP Exam scores. Each AP Exam has a corresponding AP course and provides a standardized measure of what students have learned in the AP classroom. The majority of U.S. high schools currently participate in the AP Program, and most four-year U.S. colleges and universities grant credit and/or advanced placement for qualifying AP Exam scores.

Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB)-The ASVAB is a timed multi-aptitude test, which is developed and maintained by the Department of Defense. The test is scored in four critical areas -- Arithmetic Reasoning, Word Knowledge, Paragraph Comprehension and Mathematics Knowledge -- count towards the Armed Forces Qualifying Test (AFQT) score. The AFQT score determines whether one is qualified to enlist in the U.S. military. Scores in the other areas of the ASVAB will determine how qualified one is for certain military occupational specialties and Enlistment Bonuses.

Time Line for Testing

Grade	Fall	Winter	Spring
7	ACT EXPLORE	None	Math and Reading OAA
8	ACT EXPLORE	None	Math, Reading, and Science OAA
9	ACT Plan	None	None
10	PSAT, PLAN	None	OGT
11	PSAT, Practice ACT	ACT and/or SAT	ACT and/or SAT, AP
12	ACT and/or SAT	ACT and/or SAT	AP

*ASVAB test can be taken anytime during the junior or senior year