



# TASIS 2020-2021 STANDARDIZED TESTING RECOMMENDATIONS AND TESTING SCHEDULE

## Suggested Testing schedule for 9th to 12th Grade

***Due to ongoing uncertainty caused by the Covid-19 pandemic, the test dates listed below are subject to change. These dates will be offered only if Swiss regulations and TASIS policies allow.***

It is the recommendation of the TASIS College Counseling Office that every college/university-bound student take a [free SAT practice test](#) and a [free ACT practice test](#) to determine which test they prefer, and then focus on preparing for either the ACT or the SAT exam. These tests may be used at many universities world-wide in the admission process. **All US colleges and universities that require applicants to submit a standardized test score with the application will consider the ACT or the SAT equally.** Students who have taken the tests will decide, with the help of their college counselor, if it is to their advantage to submit the score report of the ACT and/or the SAT. A very small number of US colleges and universities recommend two SAT Subject Tests in addition to the ACT or SAT. Students are responsible for researching the standardized test requirements for the colleges/universities to which they plan to apply. *Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, many colleges/universities have modified testing requirements. It is essential that students confirm the requirements (or lack thereof) for each school.*

Additionally, international students (non-US passport holders) applying to US colleges may be required to submit TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language), IELTS (International English Language Testing Systems), or Duolingo scores if English is not the primary language. Students from non-EEA countries planning to study in the United Kingdom will need to submit a qualifying IELTS score to receive a student visa.

The following provides a suggested plan in order to take advantage of all the standardized testing options available at TASIS to complete the college application process.

## 12TH GRADE STUDENTS

### 2020-21 Academic Year

The TASIS College Counseling Team has created a special information document for Grade 12 students and their families with Testing Recommendations: [G12 Testing Recommendation document](#).

## 11TH GRADE STUDENTS

### 2020-21 Academic Year

1. Take the PSAT on October 14. (This is the qualifying test for the National Merit Scholarship Competition for US citizens in the 11th grade.) You will be registered automatically by the school.
2. If you prefer the ACT, take the ACT in April 2021.
3. *If relevant to your applications*, check the [College Board Subject Test webpage](#) for dates and tests offered. Subject tests are available in October, December, May, and June. Not all subject tests are

offered on all dates. The May administration is the only opportunity to take a “Language with Listening” exam.

4. Enroll in the SAT/ACT Prep course in April 2021.
5. If you prefer the SAT, take the SAT test in May 2021.
6. EAL students or students for whom English is not the primary language: take the TOEFL, Duolingo, or IELTS English placement test.

Make sure you register early for any test you’re planning to take as the registration deadlines are set at least a month prior to the test date.

#### **2021-22 Academic Year – return for your senior year**

1. Repeat the SAT/ACT Prep Course before the October SAT date, if needed.
2. Take the October SAT test or the fall ACT test, if needed.
3. EAL students or students for whom English is not the primary language: take the TOEFL, Duolingo, or IELTS English placement test.

### 10TH GRADE STUDENTS

#### **2020-21 Academic Year**

1. Take the PSAT test on October 14. You will be registered automatically by the school.

#### **2021-22 Academic Year – return for your junior year**

1. Take the fall PSAT test. (This is the qualifying test for the National Merit Scholarship Competition for US citizens in the 11th grade.)
2. Enroll in the SAT/ACT Prep course in spring 2022.
3. Take the spring 2022 ACT Test or the May SAT Test.
4. EAL students or students for whom English is not the primary language: take the TOEFL, Duolingo or IELTS English placement test.

#### **2022-23 Academic Year – return for your senior year**

1. Repeat the fall 2022 SAT/ACT Prep Course if needed.
2. Retake the SAT test in October 2022 or the ACT in September 2022.
3. EAL students or students for whom English is not the primary language: take/retake the TOEFL, Duolingo, or IELTS English placement test.

### 9TH GRADE STUDENTS

#### **2020-21 Academic Year**

1. Take the PSAT 8/9 test on October 14. You will be registered automatically by the school.

## **2020-2021 STANDARDIZED TESTING SCHEDULE**

### PSAT

The PSAT (Practice SAT) will be held on campus on **Wednesday, October 14, 2020**. The exam is mandatory for all 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> grade students. Students will be automatically registered. Students/parents do not need to request a registration.

## SAT WITH OPTIONAL ESSAY

TASIS will offer the SAT and SAT Subject Tests on the dates listed below. (The Subject Language Tests with Listening are offered in November only. Students must bring a CD player in working order.) **Students should always include the essay section when registering for the SAT.**

**Saturday, September 26, 2020 (Registration deadline Aug. 26)**

**Saturday, October 3, 2020 (Registration deadline: September 4)**

**Saturday, November 7, 2020 (Including “Language with Listening” Subject Tests)**

**Saturday, December 5, 2020**

**Saturday, March 13, 2021 (No Subject Tests)**

**Saturday, May 8, 2021 (Including “Language with Listening” Subject Tests)**

**Saturday, June 5, 2021 (Subject Tests ONLY)**

The College Board administers the SAT. The SAT consists of two sections (Evidence-Based Reading and Writing, and Math) along with an optional Essay section. The essay may be required by some colleges, therefore, we recommend that students register for the essay section as well. Each of the two main sections is scored on a 200-800 scale. The SAT is less curriculum-based than the ACT; instead, it measures a student’s reasoning, critical thinking, and writing skills.

The Subject Tests are one-hour exams that test a student’s knowledge in a particular subject. Subject Tests are offered in literature, history (World and US), mathematics, the sciences, and nine different languages. A student may register to take up to three different subject tests on a single test date. **It is not possible to take both the SAT and a Subject Test(s) on the same test date.**

More information about the SAT may be found at [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org). **Students are responsible for registering for the exam through the same website at least four weeks prior to the test date. Due to a significant increase in the number of registrations for our test center TASIS students are encouraged to register over the summer for any dates that they are interested in taking.** A credit card is required to register.

## ACT + WRITING

TASIS will offer the ACT plus writing test on the following dates:

**Saturday, September 12, 2020 (Registration deadline – August 21)**

**Saturday, October 10, 2020 (Family Weekend)**

~~Saturday, December 12, 2020 (International administration cancelled by ACT)~~

~~Saturday, February 6, 2021 (International administration cancelled by ACT)~~

**Saturday, April 17, 2021**

The ACT® test assesses high school students’ general educational development and preparation for college-level work with four multiple-choice tests in English, mathematics, reading, and science. The writing portion of the test measures skill in planning and writing a short essay.

**Students should always include the writing section when registering.** The test is scored on a 1-36 scale. The ACT is curriculum-based and is neither an aptitude nor an IQ test. Instead, the questions on the ACT are

directly related to what students have learned in their high school courses in English, mathematics, and science.

**Beginning in the fall of 2018 the ACT is offered internationally as a computer-based test only** (with the exceptions of tests taken with accommodations).

More information about the ACT may be found at [www.act.org](http://www.act.org). **Students are responsible for registering for the exam through the same website approximately four weeks before the test date.** A credit card is required to register.

## SAT/ACT PREPARATION COURSE

### Fall Semester 2020:

**Saturday, September 12**

**Sunday, September 13**

**Saturday, September 19**

**Sunday, September 20**

### Spring Semester 2021:

**Saturday, April 17**

**Sunday, April 18**

**Saturday, April 24**

**Sunday, April 25**

Cost: approximately 900 USD . This preparation course is offered twice a year and is taught by an employee of Academic Services International, a test preparation company based in Rochester, NY. Classes total 24 hours, typically spread over two weekends. The teacher is available during the intervening week to meet individually with students for tutoring sessions. It is recommended to take the course first in the Spring of the 11<sup>th</sup> Grade then again in the Fall of the 12<sup>th</sup> Grade.

Once a student has paid for the course, he or she may repeat the course once without additional charge. **Please note that enrollment in the preparatory class does not enroll your child for the SAT exam.**

Registration is first-come, first-served. A waiting list will be kept once the course is full. Please speak about this with your child. It is a large time commitment, but one that many have found worth making.

### Enrollment and Cancellation Policies

For program details and to register please visit [asi-sat.com](http://asi-sat.com) or email [zmustafa@asi-sat.com](mailto:zmustafa@asi-sat.com). If you have questions you may also contact the TASIS Test Coordinator.

Cancellations need to be submitted to the Testing Coordinator prior to the beginning of the first class in writing. Registered students who do not attend the course will be billed accordingly.

**FOR STUDENTS FOR WHOM ENGLISH IS NOT THEIR FIRST LANGUAGE:** We recommend that you take the TOEFL, Duolingo, or IELTS English placement tests. The TOEFL test will be offered at TASIS on dates this year to be decided.

## DUOLINGO ENGLISH TEST

The [Duolingo English Test](https://www.duolingo.com) is quickly being recognized by [many universities](#) (1000+) to meet the testing requirements to prove English proficiency. It is an online exam that can be taken anytime on a personal computer with video capability.

## TOEFL

TOEFL test dates are subject to change and will be announced at the beginning of the school year. Please make sure you do not sign up for a TOEFL test on the same day of an SAT or ACT test you might be taking, as both tests are given at the same time.

**TASIS is now an open testing site for the TOEFL. Seats are reserved for TASIS students only until 10 days before each test.** 11th and 12th grade students will receive special registration instructions and a registration code by email (from [testcoordinator@tasis.ch](mailto:testcoordinator@tasis.ch)) for using the “Group Reservation” feature. It is recommended that students register as soon as possible after receiving these instructions as there are only 12 seats available for each Internet-based TOEFL test administration. Students can register for the exam by visiting the website: **[www.toefl.org](http://www.toefl.org)**.

**Please note:** Currently TOEFL results are not accepted by UK Immigration authorities for the purpose of obtaining a study visa. Non-EU students interested in studying in the UK may be told by universities that they will need to take the [IELTS](#) after submitting applications. More information regarding options for TASIS students to take the IELTS will be given in the fall.