



TASIS 2023-2024 STANDARDIZED TESTING RECOMMENDATIONS

Suggested Testing Plan for Grades 9-12

It is the recommendation of the TASIS College Counseling Office that every college/university-bound student take a [free SAT practice test](#) (available in the Bluebook App online) 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 (not both). 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. Students are responsible for researching the standardized test requirements for the colleges/universities to which they plan to apply. ***It is essential that students confirm the testing requirements for each school to which they are applying.***

Additionally, international students (non-US passport holders) applying to US colleges or university programs taught in English may be required to submit IELTS (International English Language Testing Systems) or Duolingo scores if English is not the primary language. Students from non-EEA countries planning to study at a foundation course in the United Kingdom will need to submit a qualifying IELTS Tier IV 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. In addition, please review information about these tests on the [TASIS Standardized Testing](#) website.

GRADE 12 STUDENTS

All students planning to take an SAT are encouraged to enroll in the SAT test preparation course being offered on the TASIS campus in September 2023. Details and registration are available here:

<https://www.testtakers-sg.com/tasis-satprep>

October: Students applying to a US university or students applying to IE or Bocconi University should make sure they have taken at least one ACT or SAT before November 1st. Early decision/ early action applicants to the US must complete their testing before November 1st.

- Students wishing to take the SAT should register for the October 7th SAT (www.collegeboard.org)
- Students wishing to take the ACT should register for the October 21st ACT (www.actstudent.org)

December: Students wishing to retake the SAT should register for the December 2nd SAT (www.collegeboard.org). This test date is fine for regular decision applications at most US universities, and for any university with a deadline of January 1st or later.

Registration for each test opens at varying times based on the exam. Please check your specific test date on our [website](#) for more exact information regarding the registration date and deadline.

Students who have not attended TASIS for more than four years or who are enrolled in our EAL program should sit an English proficiency test before November 1st. We recommend either the [IELTS exam](#) (offered at USI) or the [Duolingo English Exam](#).

GRADE 11 STUDENTS

All students considering an application to a US university are encouraged to sit at least one ACT or SAT exam in Grade 11. Students planning to apply to universities outside of the US who are not full IB diploma candidates are also encouraged to sit an ACT or SAT exam in Grade 11 as these tests may be used as an entry requirement with AP courses or a High School Transcript.

All students planning to take an SAT in Fall 2023 are encouraged to enroll in the SAT test preparation course being offered on the TASIS campus in September. Details and registration are available here:

<https://www.testtakers-sg.com/tasis-satprep>

October:

- **Optional** PSAT on Saturday, October 14 (this is the qualifying test for the National Merit Scholarship Competition for US citizens/ Green Card holders in the Grade 11).
- Students wishing to take the SAT should register for the October 7th SAT (www.collegeboard.org)
- Students wishing to take the ACT should register for the October 21st ACT (www.actstudent.org)

December:

- Students wishing to take the SAT should register for the December 2nd SAT (www.collegeboard.org)

February:

- Students wishing to take the ACT should register for the February 24th ACT (www.actstudent.org)

March:

- Students wishing to take the SAT should register for the March 9th SAT (www.collegeboard.org)

June:

- Students wishing to take the SAT should register for the June 1st SAT (www.collegeboard.org)

TASIS recommends that all Grade 11 students for whom English is not a primary language sit a Duolingo test before Grade 12 (<https://englishtest.duolingo.com/>).

Registration for each test opens at varying times based on the exam. Please check your specific test date on our website for more exact information regarding the registration date and deadline.

GRADE 12 STUDENTS

2023-24 Academic Year

No testing is recommended in Grade 10, but there is an optional PSAT test available in October.

October: *Optional* PSAT on Saturday, October 14th (this is the qualifying test for the National Merit Scholarship Competition for US citizens/ Green Card holders in the Grade 11).

9TH GRADE STUDENTS

2023-24 Academic Year

No testing is recommended in Grade 9.

2023-2024 STANDARDIZED TESTING SCHEDULE

ACT

Unless conditions warrant a change, TESIS will offer the ACT on the following dates:

Saturday, October 21, 2023

Saturday, February 24, 2024

More information about the ACT may be found at www.act.org. **Students are responsible for registering for the exam through the same website no less than four weeks before the test date.** A credit card is required to register.

SAT TEST

Unless conditions warrant a change, TESIS will offer the SAT Tests on the dates listed below. **Please note TESIS is a public SAT test center so you must register early as space is very limited.**

Saturday, October 7, 2023 **

Saturday, December 2, 2023

Saturday, March 9, 2024

Saturday, June 1, 2024

****The October SAT date falls during TESIS Family Weekend, so please plan accordingly. The test will be finished by 12:00 on the test date for standard time test takers. Test takers with extended time will finish their exams by 13:30**

More information about the SAT may be found at www.collegeboard.org. **Students are responsible for registering for the exam through the same website six weeks prior to the test date.** A credit card is required to register.

2023-2024 English Proficiency Testing

FOR STUDENTS FOR WHOM ENGLISH IS NOT THEIR FIRST LANGUAGE: We recommend that you take the Duolingo or IELTS English placement tests.

DUOLINGO ENGLISH TEST

The [Duolingo English Test](#) is an inexpensive and flexible way to either meet this requirement at many universities, but also tell you if you need to improve your English fluency before next year. It costs about 50 francs and can be taken on your laptop in your room.

IELTS

More information can be found [here](#).

Students applying for a foundation course in the UK may be required to sit the IELTS UKIV for the Tier IV visa, and this test is not offered at TESIS. You can register for that test [here](#).

TOEFL

Please note:

- TOEFL is no longer administered at TASIS. However, there are numerous testing sites in Milan and other parts of Switzerland. Register [here](#).
- Currently TOEFL results are not accepted by UK Immigration authorities for the purpose of obtaining a study visa. Non-UK students interested in studying in the UK may be told by universities that they will need to take the [IELTS](#) after submitting applications.

SAT/ACT PREPARATION

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Information for SAT and ACT Test Preparation is available at the “[Standardized Testing at TASIS](#)” webpage.

If you have questions about any of the information above, please contact the [TASIS Test Coordinator](#).