

# Grade 11 Testing Recommendations and Timeline



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# Purpose of Today

- **Advice from College Counselors**
- **Advice from College Board**
- **Advice from College Admissions Representatives**
- **Advice from current Seniors**
- **Help you plan ahead so you have a stronger application**

**When should I take college  
entrance exams?**

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**Junior year**



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## What SAT Subject Tests does Carnegie Mellon require?



[Carnegie Mellon 2016-2017 Testing Requirements](#)

**Which tests to take?**

**How many tests?**

# Which tests to take? How many tests?

Take only the tests you are required to take. Extra testing is not helpful in U.S. college admissions. Your time can be better spent in other areas. In general plan to take:

1. SAT with Essay or ACT with Writing - Take one of these twice
2. SAT Subject Tests - Take two or three of these in your strongest subjects
  - *Thinking about a STEM major? Take a math and a science subject test*
3. AP Exams - Take the tests following the courses you are taking at KIS
4. TOEFL and IELTS - Take one of these once

# Which tests and how many should I take?

**Always check each college's website directly**

(but these first two links are place to get a good start)

[Common App Requirements Grid](#) - Click on Requirements Grid

> How to Apply   > Understand Requirements   > Requirements Grid pdf

[Compass Prep Test Requirements](#) - Please do not pay for services

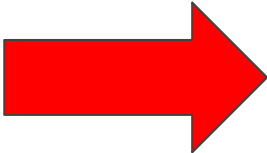
[Carnegie's 2016-2017 Test Requirements](#) - Examples by major





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High/Secondary School Preparation

Additional Program Requirements

**Standardized Tests**

English Language Testing

National

Standardized Testing Categories

Early Decision

Advanced Credits

Opportunity Programs

## Standardized Testing Policy

Results from scholastic exams are an important criteria for evaluating our global pool of applicants. With that said, NYU has one of the most flexible testing policies of any college or university.

You only have to submit results from one of the following:

- [SAT](#) (essay test not required)
- [ACT](#) (writing test not required)
- Three [SAT Subject Test](#) scores
- Three [AP exam](#) scores
- [International Baccalaureate \(IB\) Diploma](#)
- Three [IB higher-level exam](#) scores if not an IB Diploma candidate
- [Nationally accredited exam](#) that shows you completed your secondary education

With flexibility comes considerations. Here are a few questions you might be asking:

# Which scores should I report?

## Yale


### WHY

Learning at Yale  
Living at Yale  
Student Pursuits  
Virtual Tour & Blogs

### APPLY


Application Process  
Advice to Candidates  
Visit & Connect  
Financial Aid

Yale evaluates each applicant as an individual. Standardized test scores are just one of the many factors Yale considers when reviewing applications.



#### Required Testing:

The SAT or the ACT with Writing is required for admission. For SATs taken in March 2016 or later, the additional essay is required. Students applying for freshman admission for fall 2017 or fall 2018 may submit either the old or the new SAT.



Yale does not participate in Score Choice for the reporting of SAT or ACT scores. You should report all scores you have received on whichever test you choose to submit. If you submit both the SAT and ACT to Yale, you should submit all scores received on both tests. The Yale-specific questions associated with the Common Application provide the space to list test results not reported on the Common Application itself.

# Colleges that don't require testing

## Test-Optional Policy

The George Washington University's (GW) test-optional policy went into effect on August 1, 2015, so if you are applying for freshman or transfer admission you are not required to submit standardized test scores, except in select circumstances.

This policy aligns with our admissions philosophy of holistic review, supports the university strategic plan on access, reflects the most current data analysis regarding the use of testing in admission and is clear and easy to communicate and understand. The best indication of whether a student will be successful at GW is their performance in high school—the grades they earn and the rigor of their coursework. This has always been the most important part of the application process at GW and this will not change, regardless of whether you choose to submit scores.

## Students Required to Submit Test Scores

If you are part of one of the following groups you are still required to submit SAT/ACT scores:

[Fairtest.org](https://www.fairtest.org) - 900+ schools don't require test scores

# Testing FAQs

**How many times should I take each test?** 2 - 3 times for SAT w/ Essay or ACT

**How much prep time?** KIS College Prep Classes plus 20 hours to become familiar with the tests and refresh previous learning

**How long does it take to get my scores?** 3 - 8 weeks for results plus 3 - 4 weeks to be sent to colleges

# Testing Timeline

SAT	ACT	SAT w/ Essay or SAT Subject	SAT w/ Essay or SAT Subject	ACT	IELTS/ TOEFL	ACT/SAT
Jan	April	May	June		Summer	Oct
Dec 7 deadline	March 3 deadline		<b>Last test for early apps</b>			Last test for regular apps

# Recommendation for KIS Students

- Take ACT and SAT for the first time early in 2nd semester
- Whichever test you do better on and feels more comfortable, retake it again in May or June
- Take two subject tests in May or June
- Take an English Language Proficiency test over the summer (just in case a college requires one)
- All Juniors should have a usable ACT or SAT test score by the start of Senior Year.

# Important Testing Facts

How do I sign up? Go directly to testing website to register.

Deadlines? Watch the deadlines and sign up early.

Passport? Must be current/valid and must match Testing registration EXACTLY

Waitlist? If you miss the deadline you may be able to get on the waitlist, but not always if the test center is full. There is no guarantee you will be able to test.

What are you reading for fun? High tests scores are highly correlated with the amount of reading (in the English not Korean) a student does beyond their required reading.



# Admission Decision Factors

Percentage of colleges\* attributing considerable importance to factors in the admission decision

\*colleges that accept fewer than 50% of applicants

National Association for College Admission Counseling -  
State of College Admission Report

<b>Grades in college prep courses</b>	<b>82.1</b>
<b>Strength of Curriculum</b>	<b>75</b>
<b>Admission test scores</b>	<b>60.7</b>
<b>Grades in all courses</b>	<b>47.3</b>
<b>Essay/Writing sample</b>	<b>32.1</b>
<b>Teacher rec.</b>	<b>27.3</b>
<b>Counselor rec.</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>Extracurricular activities</b>	<b>21.4</b>
<b>Demonstrated interest</b>	<b>19.6</b>
<b>Class rank</b>	<b>18.2</b>
<b>Interview</b>	<b>14.5</b>
<b>Portfolio</b>	<b>9.3</b>
<b>Subject test scores (AP, IB)</b>	<b>12.5</b>
<b>SAT Subject scores</b>	<b>10.9</b>

# Top Five Factors

Grades and Courses

Test Scores - only those tests you are required to take - *mainly ACT or SAT*

Your Writing (Essays and Supplements) - *your interests and activities add depth*

Others' Writing (Counselor and Teacher letters of recommendation)

Extracurricular Activities