

COLLEGE ENTRANCE TESTS

PLEASE NOTE: Mechanicsburg's College Code Number is 363345

ACT: 2009-2010

Dates: Oct. 24 Dec. 12 Feb. 6 April 10 June 12

Tests English Usage – Math Usage - Reading Comprehension – Science Literacy and Reasoning Skills. The ACT can be taken without writing an essay. Colleges expect students to take the ACT with the essay at least once. If a student elects to take the ACT a second time to raise his scores, no essay is necessary with this second administration.

SAT-I: Reasoning Tests – 2009-2010

Dates: Oct. 10 Nov. 7 Dec. 5 Jan 23 March 13 May 1 June 5

Tests: Verbal - Increased emphasis on critical reading including a double passage with different points of view. Questions that measure vocabulary in context (antonyms are no longer included). Students are required to write an essay.

Mathematical – Math questions test one's ability to solve problems involving arithmetic, algebra, and geometry. Increased emphasis on interpretation of data and applied mathematics.

SAT-II: SUBJECT TESTS – 2009-2010

Dates: Same as above, except March 13 is SAT I only

Tests: Literature – Math – Biology – Chemistry – Physics – Foreign Language – American History – World History

Number and kinds required vary by school. Check with guidance office for requirements of out of state schools you may be applying to.

Be sure to meet the registration deadline. It is not necessary to take both ACT and SAT unless student applies to a college that requires ACT and a college that requires SAT. However, many students choose to take both.

Preparing for ACT or SAT

1. A booklet comes with registration materials that contain tips for taking tests, also a sample test.
2. Higher level A+ questions are similar to ACT questions and are good for studying.
3. The school library has three 2009 ACT books students may borrow.
4. On www.infohio.org, Learning Express Library has online tests available for ACT and other tests. Students create an account and can go back and work at their leisure.
5. www.march2success.com also has ACT test preparation and practice questions.
6. Students can access ACT and SAT practice questions by going to the test manufacturer's websites: ACT – www.actstudent.org SAT – www.collegeboard.com
7. Study courses are given at Capital University, the Columbus Academy and at the Tutor Center in Pickerington.
8. The best preparation is extensive reading and concentration on subject matter throughout school.