

After not requiring the ACT for public high school graduation and not allocating any funding for admission testing for two years, the state of Illinois contracted with the College Board to offer a state-supported (paid) SAT beginning in the spring of 2016 for all juniors. All juniors will be taking the SAT for free with essay in the spring of 2018. We will also be offering the PSAT 8/9 and PSAT 10 on Tuesday, April 10, 2018. The PSAT/ NMSQT for juniors on Wednesday, October 11th. This series of examinations is designed to chart a student's college and career readiness systematically and progressively from junior high to high school. Beecher High School will also be hosting a National ACT on October 28, 2017. Students will have to register on their own at [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org). This is optional.

### **PSAT 8/9, PSAT 10, PSAT NMSQT**

Students may qualify for scholarships by scoring a 200 or on this test and becoming a National Merit Scholarship qualifier when taking the PSAT NMSQT.

There are also special scholarships available. <http://www.collegeboard.com>

### **SAT**

The SAT is now an achievement examination as well, basing its assessment on college and career readiness. There is no penalty for guessing, and scores are offered in evidence-based reading and writing and in mathematics.

### **ACT**

Registration information for national dates and test centers is available in the high school or guidance office. <http://www.actstudent.org>

English - The English Test measures understanding of standard written English-punctuation, grammar and usage, sentence structure, understanding of the use of strategy, organization and style in writing.

Math - The Math Test measures mathematical reasoning. The test focuses on your ability to reason in math rather than on how well you have memorized formulas or can do involved computations.

Reading - The Reading Test measures a student's ability to understand written material from different school subjects. The skills measured reading comprehension such as drawing conclusions, and making comparisons and generalizations.

Science - The science Test measures scientific reasoning skills and the ability to draw conclusions from data. Six sets of information are presented in one of three formats: 1) Data from graphs, tables, and other forms 2) Research summaries based on several experiments and 3) Conflicting viewpoints.