

# ACT & SAT National Test Dates & Registration Information for 2019-2020

North Murray High School CEEB Code: 110663

## ACT REGISTRATION FACTS/DATES

Visit [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org) to set up a student account and/or register for the test.

Free, Official, Individualized ACT Prep Tool: [academy.act.org](http://academy.act.org)

Cost: \$50.50 ACT without Writing, \$67 ACT with Writing (contact counselor if eligible for fee waivers)

Closest test center: Southeast High School (test center code 190970)

Target scores for Dual Enrollment: GNTC – English 16, Reading 17, Math 19; DSC - English 19, Math 21, Comp. 20

Target score for Zell Miller Scholarship: Composite score of 26

Test Date	Normal Deadline	Late Registration (Late Fee Required)	Online Score Release
September 14, 2019	August 16, 2019	August 30, 2019	2 – 8 Weeks After Test Date
October 26	September 20	October 4	
December 14	November 8	November 22	
February 8, 2020	January 10, 2020	January 17, 2020	
April 4	February 28	March 13	
June 13	May 8	May 22	
July 18	June 19	June 26	

## SAT REGISTRATION FACTS/DATES

Visit [sat.collegeboard.org](http://sat.collegeboard.org) to set up a student account and/or register for the test.

Free, Official, Individualized SAT Prep Tool: [www.khanacademy.org/sat](http://www.khanacademy.org/sat)

Cost: \$49.50 SAT, \$64.50 SAT with Essay (contact counselor if eligible for fee waivers)

Closest test center: North Murray High School (test center code 11607)

Target scores for Dual Enrollment: GNTC – Reading 25, Math 24; DSC – Reading 25, Math 530, Combined 970 after converting Reading and Math scores to old SAT scale and adding them

Target score for Zell Miller Scholarship: Combined score of 1200

Test Date	Normal Deadline	Late Registration* (Late Fee Required)	Online Score Release
August 24, 2019	July 26, 2019	August 13, 2018	Multiple Choice Scores release 2 – 3 Weeks after test date.
October 5	September 6	September 24	
November 2	October 3	October 22	
December 7	November 8	November 26	
March 14, 2020	February 14, 2020	March 3, 2020	Essay Scores release within the week after that.
May 2	April 3	April 21	
June 6	May 8	May 27	

\*For mailed registration forms, Late Registration postmark deadline is generally 6 business days earlier than the Late Registration deadline listed above.

**SCHOOL-DAY ACT/SAT TESTING:** In addition to the above national Saturday test dates, NMHS may administer certain school-day dates. Such opportunities will be announced as they arise.

## ACT & SAT Registration FAQ's

### General Info & Recommendations

The ACT and SAT are nationally standardized college entrance exams. Colleges/universities typically require applicants to submit qualifying ACT or SAT test scores for admissions consideration. Along with high school GPA, these exams are used by college admissions departments to predict an applicant's future college success. Because they are nationally standardized, colleges typically accept scores from either test when considering a student for admissions.

**Which test should I take?** Both the ACT and SAT require the dedication of a few hours to take, have similar enough prices, and are widely accepted by US colleges/universities. Also, neither is "easier" than the other. They are, however, slightly different in how they assess student knowledge, skills, and critical thinking. For this reason, NMHS counselors recommend that any student considering four-year college enrollment try both the SAT and ACT at least once to see which shows their strengths better. Then, perhaps try that test again after further test prep.

**What about the optional writing section? Or an SAT Subject test?** It is not common for a college/university to require the optional ACT Writing/SAT Essay section, or that you take an SAT Subject test. On occasion, though, a college may consider the scores or recommend that you take it. We recommend that you check the testing requirements for your college(s) of interest to be sure, since the preference varies from college to college.

**When should I start college entrance exam testing?**

For four-year college admissions purposes, it is generally best to begin college entrance testing part way through junior year *at the latest*. This allows time to attempt both the SAT and ACT at least once (to see which better shows a student's strengths), get scores back, study for desired retakes, send scores to colleges of interest, etc., well ahead of college admissions deadlines. However, if considering applying to colleges with more competitive admissions, it wouldn't hurt to begin testing earlier in high school.

For Dual Enrollment purposes, it's never too early to start! Just be sure to include Georgia Northwestern Technical College and/or Dalton State College in your score report recipients list.

### Score Reports

**Who should I send my scores to?** In the test registration process, a student can designate up to four score report recipients (included in the registration cost). Use these included score reports for any colleges you are considering, even if you haven't applied yet. Report requests made after the test date typically require a fee.

**What are the test score requirements for my college(s) of interest?** This varies by college, so it is best for a student to refer to the admissions webpages of their college(s) of interest. Also, many colleges have minimum test score requirements, but some instead describe the average test score of their current college freshman. Colleges that give average scores rather than cutoff scores usually have a more competitive admissions process.

**What if it's my first time testing, and/or I'm nervous about the college seeing scores I'm not proud of?** If at first you don't meet required scores (or achieve competitive scores), try again and keep sending your scores each time you test. College admissions departments typically consider your *best* scores if they receive multiple score reports from your testing efforts. Some colleges strictly consider your best scores from a single test date of either the ACT or SAT; some "superscore" by mixing your best subscores from both the ACT *and* SAT; and some colleges do something in between. Refer to college admissions pages to learn how they handle retests.

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**Test Registration Fee Waivers** are available to juniors and seniors who are eligible for free or reduced lunch. Talk to your counselor if this applies to you.

### Other Options

**Are there alternatives to the ACT and SAT?** The ACT and SAT are typically necessary for admission to four-year college/university programs. Some colleges offer alternatives on their campus, though. Refer to the testing requirements on your college of interest's admissions webpage to check those options.

**What if my career goals don't require a four-year college program?** Students who wish to keep their options open can do so by still taking the ACT and/or SAT. However, career plans that require technical/community college, trade school, or military enlistment do not commonly require the ACT or SAT. Students planning to enter military service must take the ASVAB. The ASVAB is offered annually at NMHS or can be arranged individually through a military recruiter. Technical/community colleges typically accept SAT/ACT scores, but also offer an alternative entrance exam with the cost of applying. Trade schools don't commonly require the ACT or SAT, but may accept scores for consideration. View requirements for your program of interest to be sure.