



Standardized Testing

a calendar and explanation of the tests



• CELDT

– California English Language Development Test

- Test is administered to English Language Learners between the months of July and October.
- Once the student has been reclassified as Fluent English Proficient, they are no longer tested.
- The tests of subgroups include
 - Listening
 - Speaking
 - Reading
 - Writing





PSAT / NMSQT

- The PSAT is given only once a year.
- Ventura High School gives the test on the Wednesday date so that more students have access to the test without having to make transportation arrangements on a Saturday.
- The test is designed for Juniors although Sophomore and Freshmen may also take the test.

PSAT/NMSQT

- **About PSAT/NMSQT**
- The Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT) is a program cosponsored by the College Board and [National Merit Scholarship Corporation \(NMSC\)](#). It's a standardized test that provides firsthand practice for the SAT®. It also gives you a chance to enter NMSC scholarship programs and gain access to college and career planning tools.
- The PSAT/NMSQT measures:
 - Critical reading skills
 - Math problem-solving skills
 - Writing skills



National Merit Scholarship Program

How many program participants are honored annually?

A total of about 55,000 participants receive recognition in the National Merit® Program and the National Achievement® Program.

When and how are students notified they are Semifinalists?

Semifinalists are notified through their schools in early September. Semifinalists who are homeschooled are notified at their home addresses. See the [National Merit® Scholarship Program](#) and [National Achievement® Scholarship Program](#) pages for additional information about each program.

How does a Semifinalist become a Finalist?

Semifinalists must fulfill several requirements, which are provided in the information they receive with their scholarship application and are also listed in the [PSAT/NMSQT® Official Student Guide](#). These include completing an application, having a consistently very high academic record, writing an essay, being endorsed and recommended by a school official, and taking the SAT® and earning a score that confirms the PSAT/NMSQT performance



The SAT

- The SAT and SAT Subject Tests are a suite of tools designed to assess your academic readiness for college. These exams provide a path to opportunities, financial support and scholarships, in a way that's fair to all students. The SAT and SAT Subject Tests keep pace with what colleges are looking for today, measuring the skills required for success in the 21st century.
- The SAT is the most widely used college admission test.
- SAT Subject Tests can complement or enhance your college admission credentials
- The University of California no longer requires the SAT Subject Tests for admission.

When's the Best Time to Take the SAT and Subject Tests?

The SAT and SAT Subject Tests are offered several times a year. Most students take the SAT for the first time during the spring of their junior year and a second time during the fall of their senior year.

U.S. registration dates and deadlines

Test Dates	Test	U.S. Registration Deadlines	
		Regular	Late (a fee applies)
October 1, 2011	SAT & Subject Tests	September 9, 2011	September 21, 2011
November 5, 2011	SAT & Subject Tests	October 7, 2011	October 21, 2011
December 3, 2011	SAT & Subject Tests	November 8, 2011	November 20, 2011
January 28, 2012	SAT & Subject Tests	December 30, 2011	January 13, 2012
March 10, 2012	SAT only	February 10, 2012	February 24, 2012
May 5, 2012	SAT & Subject Tests	April 6, 2012	April 20, 2012
June 2, 2012	SAT & Subject Tests	May 8, 2012	May 22, 2012

The ACT

- What is the ACT?
- The ACT is a national college admissions examination that consists of subject area tests in:
- EnglishMathematicsReadingScienceThe ACT Plus Writing includes the four subject area tests plus a 30-minute Writing Test.
- ACT results are accepted by all 4-year colleges and universities in the U.S.
- The ACT includes 215 multiple-choice questions and takes approximately 3 hours and 30 minutes to complete, including a short break (or just over four hours if you are taking the ACT Plus Writing). Actual testing time is 2 hours and 55 minutes (plus 30 minutes if you are taking the ACT Plus Writing).



Physical Fitness Test

- **Aerobic Capacity**
 - One-Mile Run
- **Abdominal Strength and Endurance**
 - Curl-Up
- **Upper Body Strength and Endurance**
 - Push-Up
- **Body Composition**
 - Body Mass Index
- **Trunk Extensor Strength and Flexibility**
 - Trunk Lift
- **Flexibility**
 - Back-Saver Sit and Reach



Students must pass at least 5 of the 6 areas.

Students who have not passed continue taking PE until they meet the criteria. Students not meeting the criteria are still eligible for graduation.

California High School Exit Exam (CAHSEE)

- **Must Pass the California High School Exit Exam in:**



Mathematics

and

Language Arts



***Passing score is a 350 or above/
Proficient is 382 or above.***



- CAHSEE Testing for all Sophomores will be on March 13th and 14th this year.
- Students who do not pass in tenth grade have two more opportunities to take and pass the test in eleventh grade and three in their senior year.
- Adult Education offers prep courses for students needing additional help; students who've not passed the Math portion must be enrolled in a second math course at VHS to provide support.

Early Assessment Program

EAP

- The Early Assessment Program is a test designed to help determine if a student is academically prepared for college level work as a freshman student.
- The Essay is administered in Junior English Classes in March.
- Multiple Choice sections are imbedded in the CST exam given in May.



EAP Scoring

In English Language Arts, students score:

Ready for College English

Not Ready for College English

In Mathematics, students score:

Ready for College Math

Conditionally Ready (*students taking math Senior year are considered to be ready, but will be reassessed by the University.*)

Not Ready

Students needing extra help may go to:

www.csumathsuccess.org

and

www.csuenglishsuccess.org



CST

California Standards Test

- The CST tests students in various subject areas including:
 - Mathematics
 - Sciences
 - Social Sciences



These tests are used to assist in appropriate placement in classes.

VHS success is also measured by how well our students perform on these tests.

Advanced Placement Exams

Ventura High School offers students the opportunity to take AP exams in the following areas:



Biology
Calculus AB and BC
English Language and Composition
English Literature and Composition
Environmental Science
French Language and Culture
Physics
Spanish Language
Spanish Literature
Studio Art
United States History