

Testing Information

PSAT/NMSQT (Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Examination): Taken by juniors each October. Sophomores are encouraged to take this examination as a testing experience for future college admissions testing. The PSAT/NMSQT measures critical reading, mathematics, and writing skills. The score report includes critical reading, math, and writing skills scores ranging from 20-80 in each. Scores for junior testing are used to determine National Merit eligibility for U.S. citizens and permanent residents. Students register at school.

TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language): Required of all students who are not citizens of the U.S. and/or for whom English is not the first and only language. TOEFL is a test measuring one's ability to academically function in English. The current acceptable form of TOEFL is the iBT. It is given regularly in Kaohsiung and registration is done through www.ets.org.

SAT - Reasoning Test: A college admissions test consisting of three separate scores – Writing (25-minute essay as well as multiple choice grammar, usage, word choice items); Critical Reading (sentence completion, critical reading of short and long passages); and Math (including Algebra II). The new SAT has changed from a test of general-reasoning skills into an achievement test of what students have learned in school. Registration materials are available at school and can be mailed, done by telephone, or done online.

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SAT Subject Tests: One-hour, primarily multiple-choice, tests in specific subjects. These tests measure knowledge of particular subjects and the ability to apply that knowledge. Students take up to three tests, matching the test choices to fit the college requirements. Registration materials are available at school and can be mailed, done by telephone, or done online.

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SAT and SAT Subject Tests are generally given the first weekend in October, November, December, May, and June as well as the last weekend in January. The registration deadlines tend to be about six to seven weeks prior to the testing dates. It is best to register online at www.collegeboard.com

ACT (American College Testing): A college admissions test that measures skills in four major curriculum areas: English, mathematics, reading, and science reasoning. There is an optional Essay. Only 17% of all colleges and universities in the United States will require this essay.

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ACT is given in December and April at Taipei American School and Morrison Academy in Taichung. Register at www.act.org