



# When to take the SAT?

Use this guide to plan when you should take the SAT.

## 9th Grade

### FF Welcome to High School!

This is the year when you want to start adjusting to the more rigorous curriculum that High School brings with it.

Make sure to keep up with your classes. Not much to stress about as far as standardized tests go!

## 10th Grade

### S Prepare to take the PSAT

You will take the PSAT for the first time in October.

The PSAT doesn't count this time around so just think of it as practice for the real thing!

It's also a good time to get the College Board Official SAT Book\*

## 11th Grade

### J Take your first SAT

Take your PSAT in October. Top scores qualify for the National Merit Scholarship.

Plan on taking your first SAT sometime during your Junior year. Most students will take the SAT on average 3 times.

The SAT allows for 'super-scoring'. Learn more about how you can take advantage of super-scoring [here](#).

Plan on taking your first SAT January/March and second SAT in May/June.

Start intensive prep-work at least 2 months before your SAT date. Decide whether a prep-course is right for you by [clicking here](#).

## 12th Grade

### S Final year of High School

Take advantage of the summer before senior year to prepare for your last SAT in October, or at the latest in November.

College Application deadlines usually start approaching late November so make sure to plan ahead!

Find out more about college applications [here](#).

