



Dreher High School

Dear Parent/Guardian,

This spring, the South Carolina Department of Education has agreed to fund and offer either the ACT or SAT to every student in the third year of high school. The ACT and SAT are college entrance exams that produce scores that students may use for obtaining admission to college.

Parents have the opportunity to designate which test -- either the ACT or SAT (or neither) -- they would like their children to take. These tests will be offered during a regular school day at no cost to families. The ACT date is March 8, and the SAT date is March 2. Most colleges will accept either exam in making admissions determinations. For the school-day ACT, students/parents have the option to take the test either with or without the optional essay. Very few colleges require the optional essay, but students or parents may wish to check admissions requirements at their colleges of interest when making their decision regarding the ACT essay. The SAT has no essay section.

Testing is optional, but parents may designate only **one** test for their child to take through this state-sponsored testing program. Please use the enclosed form to designate the test you would like your child to take. If you do not want your student to take either exam, please check the appropriate box. A chart summarizing the characteristics of each test is printed on the reverse of this page.

Parents who wish to have their children re-take a test or take both tests should be aware that both the ACT and SAT are offered multiple times per year on Saturdays in addition to this school-day test. Students may register for Saturday test dates at www.act.org or www.sat.org.

Please complete the enclosed designation form and return to Kevin Kirkley in the counseling office at Dreher no later than **December 10, 2021**. If this form is not received by the deadline, your student will not be tested with either assessment. For questions, please contact Kevin Kirkley in the counseling office at (803) 253-7016 or kevin.kirkley@richlandone.org.

Sincerely,

Dreher Counseling Department

School-Day SAT and ACT at a Glance 2021-22

Structure and Timing	SAT	ACT
Testing time	3 hours	2 hours 55 minutes + 40-minute optional essay
Structure	3 tests	4 tests + optional writing test
Number of questions	154	215
Score range	Composite 400–1600 Two subtest scores: Evidence-Based Reading and Writing; Math (subtest scores range from 200-800 and then are added together to produce composite score)	Composite 1–36 Four subtests: Reading, English, Math, and Science (subtest scores range from 1-36 and then are averaged to produce composite score) (writing domain scores: 2–12)
Test length and timing	Reading Test 65 minutes 52 questions Writing and Language Test 35 minutes 44 questions Math Test 80 minutes 58 questions	Reading Test 35 minutes 40 questions English Test 45 minutes 75 questions Math Test 60 minutes 60 questions Science Test 35 minutes 40 questions Optional Essay 40 minutes
Free School-Day Test Date	March 2, 2022	March 8, 2022
Websites for more information or to register for other test dates	www.sat.org	www.actstudent.org
Free Practice	www.satpractice.org	https://www.act.org/content/act/en/products-and-services/the-act/test-preparation/free-act-test-prep.html