

# CLASS OF 2018

# COLLEGE BULLETIN

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### TESTING DATES / REGISTRATION DEADLINES

#### SAT

Oct. 7 / Sept. 8

Nov. 4 / Oct. 5

Dec. 2 / Nov. 2

#### ACT

Oct. 28 / Sept. 22

Dec. 9 / Nov. 3

Registration Fee

\$46

**CEEB Code**

**060-251**

Register online or pick up  
registration materials in  
the College Center.

[www.act.org](http://www.act.org)

[www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com)

*Students interested in highly  
selective schools need to allow  
time to take SAT Subject  
Tests (sometimes required)*

## COLLEGE ENTRANCE EXAMS

**K**eeping college entrance exams and scores in perspective can be a difficult part of the college admission process. While test scores are considered in your application, admissions committees are most interested in the grades you have earned in your high school courses and whether or not you have chosen to challenge yourself academically.

Colleges recognize that standardized test scores are only a snapshot of your ability to take a test on that given day and use scores to supplement the information on your academic transcript. Grade inflation in some schools occurs to such a degree that colleges need to compare grades to standardized test scores to confirm the accuracy of a student's academic record.

Test scores can be useful in revealing how you will compare academically to your peers at a particular school. If your scores are at the high-end of the school's score range, you may be disappointed by a lack of academic ri-

gor in your classes. Conversely, if your scores fall in the low-end of a school's score range, you will most likely be academically challenged by your courses and your peers. If you find that you are frequently stressed about your grades, a school in which you fall into the middle of the score range might be a good fit for you.

As you continue in your college search, make every effort to complete all of your testing by January 1st. Review the testing requirements of the schools you are considering; some schools require SAT Subject Test scores. Subject Tests have the same national test dates as the SAT. Each Subject Test takes an hour and as many as three tests can be taken in the same day. However, you cannot take the SAT and Subject Tests on the same day.

If you have any questions about college entrance exams, sign up for an appointment with Mrs. Cooper in the College Corner (located in the HL break area).

## WESTERN UNDERGRADUATE EXCHANGE

This program allows Colorado residents to request reduced tuition (150% of resident tuition) at schools in Alaska, California, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah, Washington and Wyoming. It is possible to pay less in tuition at the University of Alaska than UCCS as a Colorado resident. Check out the [WUE website](#) for more information on this program.

## COLLEGIATE CALENDARS—TERMS & DEFINITIONS

**Semester System:** The most common calendar where the academic year is divided into two relatively equal periods of approximately 16 weeks.

**Trimester System:** A calendar which divides the academic year into three equal periods.

**Quarter System:** Similar to the trimester system but usually includes an optional fourth session during the summer. Quarters are shorter in length than a trimester system. Many colleges/universities on the West Coast use Quarter calendar systems as does the University of Denver.

**4-1-4 System:** Students carry four courses during the fall session, one course during the *January Term* and four courses in the spring session.

**Block System:** Students enroll in one course for a 3-week period. Typically, the class meets daily for 4-5 hours or the class may relocate off campus for the 3 weeks. Colorado College & Cornell College (Iowa) are the only two colleges in the U.S. that use this system.

## RESOURCES

### *Recommended Websites*

[SAT Practice](#)

[ACT Test Prep](#)

### *Recommended Books*

10 [Real SATs](#) by College Board

[Getting into the ACT](#) by ACT

[SAT](#) by Princeton Review

[ACT](#) by Kaplan

## APPLES & ORANGES: COMPARING COLLEGE ENTRANCE EXAMS

### SAT

- No Science Section
- No Trigonometry Section
- Vocabulary emphasized
- Includes non-multiple choice questions
- Penalty for guessing
- Math accounts for 30% of total score
- Questions sequenced from *easy* to *hard* in most sections
- Colleges received all scores from all tests taken

### ACT

- Science reasoning section
- Math sections include Trigonometry
- Vocabulary is less important
- Only multiple choice questions
- No penalty for guessing
- Math accounts for 25% of total score
- *Easy* and *hard* questions are mixed within sections
- Choose which test results are sent to schools

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **Jesuit Excellence Tour: September 7**

**6:00 – 8:00 p.m.** Denver Marriott Tech Center 4900 S. Syracuse Street, Denver, CO 80237 Meet reps from:

Creighton University

Fairfield University

Gonzaga University

Loyola Marymount

Loyola Maryland

Loyola Chicago

Loyola New Orleans

Marquette

Regis University

Rockhurst University

Saint Joseph's University

Saint Lewis University

Seattle University

University of San Francisco

### **Senior Parent Night: September 14**

**6:30-8:00 p.m.** Thomas MacLaren School

Information for parents of seniors to help navigate the college application and selection process with their senior.

### **NACAC College Fair: September 24**

**1:00-4:00 p.m.** Denver Mart 451 E. 58th Ave, Denver, CO 80216 Meet representatives from more than 200 colleges and universities. Register [here](#).