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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

www.collegeboard.com

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

COLLEGE ENTRANCE EXAM PREPARATION

Test preparation is a multimillion-dollar industry providing everything from expensive private tutoring sessions to free online resources. There is no 'best' resource or approach to prepare for college entrance exams; each student's approach is determined learning style, schedule and preference.

If you are best motivated by external forces, a face-to-face test prep course may be a good fit for you. Kaplan, Princeton Review and local organizations provide group or personal tutoring for a fee. There are several online programs and free resources that provide the same information as prep courses and are a good option for self-motivated students.

At a minimum, complete at least one practice test before taking an exam. There are free practice tests available in the College Corner. It only takes a few hours to take a practice test and you will gain familiarity with the types of questions on the exam, the directions for each section and how questions are sequenced. Taking full-length practice exams gives you an idea of how to manage the time limits for each section. Review your test experience as a whole, asking the following questions: *Did I run out of time? Did I make careless mistakes because I felt rushed? Did I omit questions when*

I could have guessed?

There is no penalty for guessing on the ACT, but a fraction of a point is deducted for each wrong answer on the SAT. This saying can help you remember how to answer questions when you are not sure of the correct answer: *Act on the ACT and sit on the SAT.*

Spend some time on the SAT and ACT websites for more free practice tests and helpful hints.

One last, but very important, thing to do to prepare for taking a test: SLEEP. Prepare your body and your mind by getting plenty of sleep the *entire week* of the test, eat a complete breakfast, dress comfortably and allow extra time to get to the test center. Once you begin taking your test, relax, all of the preparation is over. Breathe deeply and focus on one question at a time.

COLLEGE VISITS

Sept 18 Cornell College

Sept 25 Vanderbilt University

Sept 26 Saint John's College

Sept 29 Lake Forest College

TERMS & DEFINITIONS

Admission Index Number: A number calculated using a student's ACT/ SAT scores plus the cumulative unweighted GPA (some schools will use your weighted GPA). Eighty per cent of the students accepted at public colleges/universities in Colorado must meet the institution's minimum index.

Class Rank: A student's approximate standing in his/her graduating class [i.e. 10th out of 250 students]. MacLaren does not calculate or report class rank.

Common Application: An application form accepted by 700 colleges in place of their institution's application. Students can complete one form & make copies instead of filling out a unique form for each school.

Consortium: A voluntary association of colleges and universities that provides joint programs and exchange opportunities for students. Students can participate in academic programs, drama productions or travel to a member's campus for an exchange semester.

Foundation school: One school to which a student chooses to apply based on the high probability of acceptance, its academic and social suitability to the student, and its affordability. On this foundation, the student can make decisions regarding other schools to which to apply.

Retention Rate: The rate at which those who start college earn a degree. 'Sophomore retention rate' indicates the percentage of students who return to the college after their freshman year.

RESOURCES

SAT Prep

Free Full-Length Practice Test at East Library - Sept. 16, 2017 Register [here](#).

Official SAT Practice through [Khan Academy](#)

Recommended Books

10 Real SATs by College Board

Getting into the ACT by ACT

SAT by Princeton Review

ACT by Kaplan

KNOW YOUR RIGHTS

- Tests should be given in a well-ventilated room with sufficient lighting & minimum distractions.
- There should either be a clock in the room or time should be posted by the proctor.
- Access to a restroom.
- If any problem arises, note the proctor's name, test center, room number and details of what happened. Notify the testing agency no later than the following Wednesday.

RETAKING TEST

Consider retaking the SAT or ACT if:

- You were ill before or during the test
- You were extremely nervous during the test
- You misunderstood the test directions
- You have never before taken this type of test
- You have since completed coursework related to the test
- You feel your score does not accurately reflect your ability
- A school/scholarship requires a higher score than you received
- You did not prepare for the test

UPCOMING EVENTS

Registration Deadline for Oct.7 SAT:
September 8

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](#).

Out-of-State College Fair: September 25
5:30-7:30 p.m. Coronado High School 1590 Fillmore St Colorado Springs, CO 80904 Meet representatives from 215 colleges and universities

Out-of-State College Fair & Workshops: Sept. 30
10:00a-12:00p Mountain Vista High School
10585 Mountain Vista Ridge, Highlands Ranch, CO
Register [here](#).

Christian College Fair: October 2
6:00-8:00 p.m. Colorado Springs Christian High School