

CHECKLIST 2: TESTING TIPS

- The testing format and scoring for the ACT and SAT are completely different so understand which test you are taking and prepare with practice tests or prep books which you can check out from the library or receive from your college advisor.
- Take a couple of practice exams and time yourself at least a couple of months before the test so you have time to improve.
- Think positive.
- Don't cram. The night before the test get plenty of sleep, stay calm, confident and ready.
- Gather what you need the night before. This includes directions, a valid form of id, admission ticket, a few No. 2 pencils, and a working calculator. Check to see if your testing agency allows outside food for breaks and if so bring water and a snack.
- Give yourself extra time the morning of the test so you are on time and not rushing to get ready.
- Eat a healthy breakfast and bring a sweater in case it is cold in the testing room.
- Use a soft No. 2 pencil with an eraser. Avoid mechanical pencils and ink pens.
- READ INSTRUCTIONS.
- Read each question carefully and in its entirety. Pace yourself (this is where practice testing comes in handy) as you don't want to go too fast or too slow since the tests are timed.
- Answer easy questions first. Use the process of elimination for hard questions. Use your test booklet for scratch paper.
- Mark answers neatly.
- Listen for 5 minute remaining mark and when told "pencils down" –listen.
- Take a deep breath – you deserve it!



TEST DATES

SAT

Test Date	Registration Date	Late Registration Date
<i>Oct. 5</i>	<i>Sept. 6</i>	<i>Sept. 20</i>
<i>Nov. 2</i>	<i>Oct. 3</i>	<i>Oct. 18</i>
<i>Dec. 7</i>	<i>Nov. 8</i>	<i>Nov. 22</i>
<i>Jan. 25</i>	<i>Dec. 27</i>	<i>Jan. 10</i>
<i>Mar. 8</i>	<i>Feb. 7</i>	<i>Feb. 21</i>
<i>May 3</i>	<i>Apr. 4</i>	<i>Apr. 18</i>
<i>Jun. 7</i>	<i>May 9</i>	<i>May 23</i>

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ACT

Test Date	Registration Date	Late Registration Date
<i>Sept. 21</i>	<i>Aug. 23</i>	<i>Aug. 24 - Sept. 6</i>
<i>Oct. 26</i>	<i>Sept. 27</i>	<i>Sept. 28 - Oct. 11</i>
<i>Dec. 14</i>	<i>Nov. 8</i>	<i>Nov. 9 - 11</i>
<i>Feb. 8</i>	<i>Jan. 10</i>	<i>Jan. 11 - 24</i>
<i>Apr. 12</i>	<i>Mar. 7</i>	<i>Mar. 8 - 21</i>
<i>Jun. 14</i>	<i>May 9</i>	<i>May 10 - 23</i>

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