



COLLEGE READINESS TESTING

	PSAT	ACT	SAT	ACCUPLACER	INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE (IB) EXAMS	ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP) EXAMS
PURPOSE	Designed to prepare students to take the SAT. Students eligible to enter the National Merit Scholarship competition during their junior year.	Designed to assess academic readiness for college.	Designed to assess academic readiness for college.	Designed as a placement test to determine the appropriate college level course for students.	Designed to assess student knowledge and skills through student work.	Designed to assess student knowledge and skills in the subject area.
MEASURES	Students receive feedback on strengths and weaknesses in order to provide focus during their remaining time in high school. Students can compare performance against other students nationally.	Measures what students have learned in reading, mathematics, English, and science. There is an optional writing test. The test includes a career interest inventory.	Measures reasoning skill in critical reading, mathematics, and writing.	Measures academic achievement in reading, writing, mathematics, and computer skills.	Measures the achievement of IB course objectives at the end of the course.	Measures how well students have mastered content and skills at the end of an Advanced Placement course.
STUDENTS	Usually taken in a student's Junior year, though 10 th graders may take the PSAT for practice prior to eligibility for National Merit Scholarship Competition in their junior year.	Usually taken in the spring of student's Junior year. Some students take or re-take in the fall of their senior year.	Usually taken in the spring of a student's Junior year. Some students take or re-take in the fall of their senior year.	Usually taken prior to enrollment in a college course, including dual enrollment courses at DVUSD's high schools. Score reports available immediately after testing.	All students enrolled in International Baccalaureate courses are expected to take the IB assessments at the end of the course in May	All students enrolled in an Advanced Placement course at the high school are expected to take the AP exam for the course(s) they are enrolled in at the end of the course(s) in May.
REGISTRATION	PSAT Available at: BCHS, BGHS, SOHS on October 15, 2014 DVHS, MRHS on October 18, 2014	District Funded Testing (no writing portion): BGHS and DVHS: All Juniors will test March 17 BCHS, MRHS, SOHS: All Juniors in CTE courses will test on March 17 Other students may register for the ACT at: http://www.actstudent.org/register/	Students should check with the colleges and universities they are interested in attending about whether a college entrance exam is required and, if so, which exams are acceptable. Register at: http://sat.collegeboard.org/register	Register with your school or college advising office.	Registration procedures for the exams will be provided by the AP teacher and fees will be collected through the school Bookstore.	Registration procedures for the exams will be provided by the AP teacher and fees will be collected through the school Bookstore.
COST	Cost \$15-20	Cost: Free to district-funded students listed above Cost: \$38 (no writing) \$54.50 (plus writing)	Cost \$52.50	Cost: No charge.	Cost: \$160 (registration fee) + \$110 for each subject exam taken by the student	Cost: \$89 per exam