

# What types of testing does GBCS offer?

## PSAT/NSMQT

- Normally given during 11<sup>th</sup> grade year, but 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> graders may also take it
- Practice for the SAT I (Reasoning) - College Admissions Test
- Juniors who score very high may qualify for National Merit Scholarship
- Test is given @ GBCS on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday in October promptly at 8:30am and runs until approximately 11:30am.
- \$14.00 Fee (Registration forms are in Student Services and are sent home during summer)
- Scores are received by the school about 3-6 weeks following the exam and are explained and distributed to students (prior to Christmas break)
- Learn more about the PSAT at [www.collegeboard.com/psat](http://www.collegeboard.com/psat)

## PLAN

- Given to 10<sup>th</sup> grade students only
- Practice for the ACT - College Admissions Test – provides an estimated score based upon results
- World-of-Work Component- Helps students to get a look at potential/interested career options and associated majors (based upon their responses)
- Test is given @ GBCS on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday in October promptly at 8:30am and runs until approximately 11:30am.
- \$11.25 Fee (Registration forms are in Student Services and are sent home during summer)
- Scores are received by the school in about 3-6 weeks. Students will meet with the Guidance Counselor for an explanation of the results, to explore related information using the ACT/PLAN website, and to discuss testing for next year
- Learn more about the PLAN at [www.actstudent.org/plan](http://www.actstudent.org/plan)

## ACT (American College Testing)

- Standard College Admissions Test
- Normally taken by students in their junior and/or senior year of high school
- More subject-oriented test
- 4 parts (English, Math, Science, Reading) – Scoring range from 1-32 for each section, as well as an overall Composite Score
- Optional Writing Portion
- Given 6 times per year (2 in the fall, 2 in the winter, once in the spring, once in the summer)
- Not administered @ GBCS, but at a local high school or college based on the student's city of residence
- Exam Fee: \$34.00 (no writing portion), \$49.50 (with writing portion) (\$21.00 Late Fee or Change Fee)
- Register online at [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org) (Additional information is in Student Services)

- Results are sent to specific colleges for admissions consideration (up to 4 included with registration)

### **SAT I (Reasoning Test)**

- Standard College Admissions Test
- Normally taken by students in their junior and/or senior year of high school
- 3 Parts (Critical Reading, Math, Writing) - Scoring range from 200-800 for each section
- Given 7 times per year (2 in the fall, 2 in the winter, 2 in the spring, once in the summer)
- Not administered @ GBCS, but at a local high school or college based on the student's city of residence
- Exam Fee: \$49.00 (\$26.00 Late Fee, \$25.00 Change Fee)
- Register online at [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com) (Additional information is in Student Services)
- Results are sent to specific colleges for admissions consideration (up to 4 included with registration)

### **SAT II (Subject Test)**

- Certain colleges may require or recommend one or more of these tests to be taken for admissions & placement consideration
- Exam offered in various subjects
- Given approximately 6 times a year on the same day of the month as the SAT I is given (Students CANNOT take both the SAT I and II on the same day)
- Learn more and register online at [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com) (Additional information is in Student Services)

### **AP (Advanced Placement)**

- Exam offered in various subjects
- Normally given to juniors & seniors in Advanced Placement classes (English Literature, Calculus AB, Psychology, AP Computer Science). Students may take other exams upon request and approval.
- Tests are administered during the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> weeks of May promptly at either 8:00am or 12:00pm, and last approximately 3 hours.
- Scores range from 1-5
- Students who receive a qualifying score (based upon the college, which is typically a 3 or 4) may receive advanced placement (in terms of scheduling), and/or college credit
- Exam Fee: \$87.00 per exam (Register in student services)
- Other tests are available to take in other subjects if interested
- Registration forms are located in Student Services, and are distributed to students in AP classes in February
- Learn more about the AP tests at [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com)

### **ASVAB (Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery)**

- Given by the United States military
- Normally taken by students in their junior or senior year
- Most widely used multiple-aptitude test in the world
- Measures your strengths, weaknesses, and potential for future success
- Career component also provides career information about future vocations and careers (military and non-military)
- Free test! (Registration forms are in Student Services and are sent home during summer)
- Test is given @ GBCS during the last week in September promptly at 8:30am and runs until approximately 11:30am.
- Test Administrators return in January/February to explain and discuss results and potential careers
- Learn more about the ASVAB at [www.military.com/ASVAB](http://www.military.com/ASVAB)

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