

Notice Regarding College Testing for Juniors- January 2010

Any junior who is headed to a four-year college should start testing this spring. We highly recommend taking either the SAT or ACT in May or June and then again next fall. (Statistics show that the average tester will improve on the second test round.)

However, all students who are involved in spring sports, particularly Track and Field, sometimes have conflicts with those weekend test dates which make testing in March (SAT) or April (ACT) advisable.

This year the College Board which runs the SATs has scheduled the March testing in mid-March, creating a fairly early test registration deadline!!! Please refer to the chart below and see your guidance counselor if you have further questions.

SAT Testing Date	Registration Deadline	Late Registration Date for an extra \$23 fee
March 13	February 4	February 18
May 1	March 25	April 8
June 5	April 29	May 13

Unlike earlier testing situations (for PSAT's or ASVAB's), this time you do NOT register with your Guidance Counselor, but instead do this directly with the testing agency. For SAT's this is at www.collegeboard.com. (We do have limited paper forms if you cannot do this on line.) The Coe-Brown CEEB code is **300470**.

ACT Testing Date	Registration Deadline	Late Registration Date for an extra \$21 fee
April 10	February 18	March 19
June 12	May 7	May 21

Register directly at www.act.org.

Additional considerations regarding testing:

1. Please discuss your spring schedule with your family and coaches to plan in advance. Occasionally family weddings or graduations as well as sports schedules determine which test dates are best for you.
2. If you are applying to a highly competitive college which will require SAT Subject tests, you may need to use two of these spring test dates since they need to be done separately from the required SAT reasoning tests. It is best to take tests in subjects such as American History or Chemistry at the end of the year you have studied them.
3. If your family is experiencing economic difficulty, you may possibly qualify for a *fee waiver* for these tests. Please see your Guidance Counselor for the form to have your parents review this possibility.
4. Each time you test you have the chance to send scores to four colleges for free. *You may not want to do this in the spring, unless you want to signal particular interest in a school.*
5. College Board has instituted a new policy for SAT reporting called *Score Choice*- please see their information on www.collegeboard.com. It is a bit confusing, but what it means is that you do not have to send scores out to schools immediately. You may wait until later and choose which test session results to send, for a fee. Use the four free chances to send scores to schools for which your test scores will be solid or above average. Then you can reserve paying for Score Choice in the fall if you are applying to highly competitive schools for which this might make a difference.
6. If you took PSAT's, use your access code to target your future study and use the free practice test.
7. Do the SAT Prep Workshop with Mrs. Mennelle, periods 1 or 4 or after school. bmennelle@coebrown.org