

# SAT SUBJECT TESTS

#### WHAT ARE THEY?

Tests in individual subjects that show your mastery of the subject.

# WHY SHOULD I TAKE THEM?

Some highly selective colleges **may** use them as an important determinant to evaluate your achievement in the particular subject area and, therefore, your ability to handle demanding college-level work. The end of a course is the best time to take the test.

# WILL COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITIES SEE THESE SCORES?

Yes. These scores will be part of your permanent College Board score report. (Your score report includes dates and scores of all SAT and SAT Subject Tests you take.) However, please note **some** colleges and universities will not be able to see the see scores if you take advantage of the Score Choice feature (but do not bank on this).

# HOW CAN I TELL IF I SHOULD TAKE ONE IN A SPECIFIC SUBJECT?

A small number of highly selective colleges and universities require or recommend that you take two subject tests in different subjects (please visit <a href="www.compassprep.com\compass-guide">www.compassprep.com\compass-guide</a>). You do not need to take one in every subject. **Remember, this is your time to highlight your strengths!** If you are a strong history and English student, but struggle in Math, take one in US History and/or English Literature, but not math. You can view practice questions here: <a href="http://sat.collegeboard.org/practice/sat-subject-test-preparation">http://sat.collegeboard.org/practice/sat-subject-test-preparation</a>

### General guidelines:

You should consult your teacher and take the SAT SUBJECT TEST if:

- You have a high B or A average in the course, and/or
- You are preparing to take the AP in this subject area
- You want to apply to highly selective colleges, and/or
- You are considering pursuing a college major/career in mathematics or science

#### WHEN IS THE BEST TIME TO TAKE THEM THIS YEAR?

At the end of your course: Saturday May 5 or Saturday June 2, 2018

#### HOW MANY CAN I TAKE ON EACH TEST DATE?

Up to three on one day; each test is one hour in length. You may NOT take the SAT and SAT Subject Tests on the same day. They begin and end at the same time.

# WHICH ONE(S) SHOULD I CONSIDER TAKING?

World History: After World History 2 (additional prep needed) or Honors World History 2 (Grade 10)

**US History:** After US History (additional prep needed) or Honors US History (Grade 11)

**Biology:** After Biology (additional prep needed) or Adv. Biology (Grade 9)

**Chemistry:** After Chemistry (additional prep needed) or Advanced Chemistry (Grade 10)

**Physics:** After Physics or Adv. Physics (additional prep needed) or Honors Physics I (Grade 11) **English Literature:** After English 11 (additional prep needed) or Honors English 11 (Grade 11)

\*\*Spanish: After Honors Spanish 4 (additional prep needed) (Grade 11 or Grade 12)

\*\*Chinese: After Chinese 4 (additional prep needed) (Grade 11 or Grade 12)

\*\*Latin: After Latin 4 (additional prep needed) (Grade 11 or Grade 12)

\*\*Math I: After Algebra II (additional prep needed), Advanced Algebra II (additional prep needed) or Pre-Calculus (Grade 10 or 11)

**Math II:** After Honors Algebra II w/ Honors Pre-Calculus, Advanced Pre-Calculus, or Honors Calculus I (Grade 10 or 11)

\*\*VERY few students take these exams. The language exams are very difficult and most students perform better on Math II then Math I.

# **REGISTERING FOR THE EXAMS:**

#### HOW DO I REGISTER?

On-line at <a href="www.collegeboard.com">www.collegeboard.com</a> Columbus Academy School Code: 361525

#### WHAT IS THE REGISTRATION DEADLINE?

Test Date Deadline
May 5 April 6
June 2 May 3

The registration process will take 30 to 45 minutes to complete the first time. Please register early for these tests so you do not get closed out of a preferred location.

WHAT IS CA'S SCHOOL CODE # AGAIN? 361525 !IMPORTANT TO COMPLETE!

SHOULD I SEND MY SCORE REPORTS TO COLLEGES AND SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS? NO, YOU WILL DO THAT IN YOUR SENIOR YEAR.

#### ARE FEE WAIVERS AVAILABLE?

YES, PLEASE COME TO THE COLLEGE COUNSELING OFFICE IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS

#### WHERE CAN I GET ADDITIONAL INFORMATION?

- From the teacher of the subject area
- From the college counselors
- Online at www.collegeboard.org