

**Standardized Testing**  
**PSAT, SAT, ACT**  
Lakewood High School code is **480586**

Universities require the ACT or SAT as part of their admissions procedures. *Most schools will accept either test* but you should check with your intended school for their specific policies. Both exams measure your verbal and math abilities, but the ACT also tests you on natural sciences, and has a smaller math portion. **In order for the school to have your scores in time for the admissions deadline, you should plan on taking your tests in your junior year and/or the fall of senior year.** Please check the SAT or ACT link below for test dates, registration deadlines and fees. If you need assistance with the costs of the tests, fee waivers are available through Mrs. Sather in the Career Center. Accommodations for special needs and mail in registration packets are also available through Mrs. Sather.

The **Preliminary SAT** is taken nationwide on one Saturday only every fall. Primarily juniors and sophomores take this test as practice for future SAT testing. Taking the test as a junior may qualify you for the National Merit Scholarship program. **The fall 2009 test date is October 17<sup>th</sup>. Please pay Mrs. Gogert the \$16.00 fee and then pick up your booklet from Mrs. Sather in the Career Center.** PSAT information: [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com)

**ACT** information, online registration and test prep: [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org)

\*It is recommended that you sign up for the writing portion of the ACT also.

**English:** 75 questions in 45 minutes. Measures standard written English and rhetorical skills.

**Math:** 60 questions in 60 minutes. Calculator use permitted. Measures mathematical skills students have typically acquired in courses taken up to the beginning of grade 12. Calculators OK.

**Reading:** 40 questions in 35 minutes. Measures reading comprehension.

**Science Reasoning:** 40 questions in 35 minutes. Measures the interpretation, analysis, evaluation, reasoning, and problem-solving skills required in the natural sciences.

**\*Optional Writing:** 1 prompt- 30 minutes. Measures writing skills emphasized in high school English classes and in entry-level college composition courses.

**Scoring:** 1-36. No penalties for wrong answers.

**SAT** information, online registration and test prep: [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com).

Choose the SAT Reasoning Test. The subject tests are only required for certain upper-level college programs. Check with the school you are interested in to be sure.

**Critical reading section:** Will include short and long reading passages. Contains sentence completion and passage-based reading questions.

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**Math:** 2-25 minute sections and 1-20 minute section. Number and operations, algebra functions and geometry, statistics, probability and data analysis. Calculators OK.

**Writing:** Multiple choice questions (35 min.) and student-written essay (25 min).

**Scoring:** mathematics(M 200-800), critical reading (CR 200-800), writing (W200-800). Penalties for incorrect answers.

For helpful information for the day before the test, click on this link:  
<http://www.collegeboard.com/prof/counselors/tests/articles/1.html>