



## 'IOLANI TEST PREP INFO: SAT® AND ACT® (COLLEGE ENTRANCE EXAMS)

Starting in their freshman year, 'Iolani students begin preparation for the SAT® and ACT® college entrance exams with the Preliminary SAT (PSAT/NMSQT®). Students will begin their actual SAT® and ACT® testing in their junior year. Students may choose either assessment, but most 'Iolani students choose to take the SAT twice. Factors that affect one's exam choice include specific university admission requirements, personal aptitude for particular test questions and structure, or ease in retesting.

### TEST DATES 2022-2023

*Spots go quickly, so sign up ASAP.*

#### SAT®

[www.sat.org/  
register](http://www.sat.org/register)

##### **August 27, 2022**

Register by:  
7/29/22  
Late Registration  
closes: 8/16/22

##### **\*OCTOBER 1, 2022\***

Register by:  
9/2/22  
Late Registration  
closes: 9/20/22

##### **\*NOVEMBER 5, 2022\***

Register by:  
10/7/22  
Late Registration  
closes: 10/25/22

##### **December 3, 2022**

Register by:  
11/3/22  
Late Registration  
closes: 11/22/22

##### **\*MARCH 11, 2023\***

Register by:  
2/10/23  
Late Registration  
closes: 2/28/23

##### **May 6, 2023**

Register by:  
4/7/23  
Late Registration  
closes: 4/25/23

##### **\*JUNE 3, 2023\***

Register by:  
5/4/23  
Late Registration  
closes: 5/23/23

#### ACT®

[www.act.org/  
register](http://www.act.org/register)

##### **September 10, 2022**

Register by:  
8/5/22  
Late Registration  
closes: 8/19/22

##### **October 22, 2022**

Register by:  
9/16/22  
Late Registration  
closes: 9/30/22

##### **December 10, 2022**

Register by:  
11/4/22  
Late Registration  
closes: 11/11/22

##### **February 11, 2023**

Register by:  
1/6/23  
Late Registration  
closes: 1/20/23

##### **\*APRIL 15, 2023\***

Register by:  
3/10/23  
Late Registration  
closes: 3/24/23

##### **June 10, 2023**

Register by:  
5/5/23  
Late Registration  
closes: 5/19/23

##### **July 15, 2023**

Register by:  
6/16/23  
Late Registration  
closes: 6/23/23

*\*Recommended on-campus administration*

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	SAT®	ACT®
<b>Test Structure</b>	<p>I. Reading 65 min. 52 questions</p> <p>II. Writing 35 min. 44 questions</p> <p>III. Math (No Calculator) 25 min. 20 questions</p> <p>IV. Math (w/ Graphing Calculator) 55 min. 38 questions</p> <p>No essay</p> <p><b>Total 180 min. 154 questions (230 w/ essay)</b></p>	<p>I. English 45 min. 75 questions</p> <p>II. Math (w/ Graphing Calculator) 60 min. 60 questions</p> <p>III. Reading 35 min. 40 questions</p> <p>IV. Science 35 min. 40 questions</p> <p>Essay (optional) 40 min. 1 prompt</p> <p><b>Total 175 min. 215 questions (215 w/ essay)</b></p>
<b>Retesting</b>	<p>Students may take the test as many times as they like, although most Iolani students will take at least twice to see improvement. Most students do not see substantial improvement beyond three retests.</p> <p>Section retesting is not an option. Students must retake the entire exam.</p>	<p>Students may take the test as many times as they like, although most Iolani students will take at least twice to see improvement. Most students do not see substantial improvement beyond three retests.</p> <p>Section retesting is not an option. Students must retake the entire exam. The ACT® company retracted this opportunity before it became an official option.</p>
<b>Scoring</b>	<p><b>Composite Score Range:</b> 400-1600</p> <p><b>Section Scores:</b> 800 EBRW (Reading + Writing) and 800 Math (No Calc + Calc)</p> <p>Superscoring is not an option, although some universities may superscore or combine your best section scores from multiple administrations within their admission process.</p>	<p><b>Composite Score Range:</b> 1-36*</p> <p><b>Section Scores:</b> 1-36 for each of the four sections.</p> <p><b>Essay Scores:</b> 2-12, combining 4 different sub scores (Ideas/ Analysis, Development/Support, Organization, Language Use/Conventions)</p> <p>*ACT® uses superscoring, or combining your best section scores from multiple administrations, when reporting to universities.</p>
<b>Reporting of Scores</b>	<p>Most colleges require applicants to send them official score reports directly from the student's online College Board® account—they do not accept copies of online score reports or score report labels on transcripts. You can request sending score reports to colleges when registering or after test day.</p> <p><b>When registering:</b> You may send up to 4 free score reports to colleges of your choice every time you register for the SAT®. This is the fastest way to send scores to colleges and scholarship programs—and there's no additional fee. Many colleges view receiving your scores early as a demonstration of your interest.</p> <p><b>After the exam:</b> You can still send four free score reports to colleges up to nine days after the test—after that there's a fee for sending score reports, unless you're eligible for an SAT® fee waiver.</p> <p>If you don't want all of your scores sent to your chosen colleges, use Score Choice on your College Board® account after the exam, to select specific tests based off of that college's requirements. Please note, however, that some colleges require all SAT® scores that you have received to be submitted. Some colleges accept superscoring, or combining your best section scores, but this is by university, not the trend.</p>	<p>Most colleges require applicants to send them official score reports directly from the student's ACT® online account—they do not accept copies of online score reports or score report labels on transcripts. You can request sending score reports to colleges when registering or after test day.</p> <p><b>When registering:</b> You may send up to 4 free score reports to colleges of your choice every time you register for the ACT®. This is the fastest way to send scores to colleges and scholarship programs—and there's no additional fee.</p> <p><b>After the exam:</b> In addition to the four institutions you selected upon registering, you can send your scores to others for a nominal fee, even after you test. You determine which set of scores is sent to colleges or scholarship programs. ACT® will release only the scores from the test date (month and year) and test location (e.g., National, State, School) you designate.</p> <p>***ACT® uses superscoring, or combining your best section scores, so most students wait to send their results until they are happy with all their section scores (English, Math, Reading, and Science).</p>
<b>Links</b>	<p><b>College Board's® Online Learning Tool:</b> Khan Academy <a href="http://www.khanacademy.org/sat">www.khanacademy.org/sat</a></p>	<p><b>ACT's® Online Learning Tool:</b> ACT® Academy <a href="http://www.academy.act.org">www.academy.act.org</a></p>
	<p>'Iolani students also have access to <b>'Iolani's Test Prep Google site</b> - link provided on all student iPads.</p>	

All 'Iolani 9-11 graders take the Preliminary SAT (PSAT/NMSQT®) each Fall. This preliminary assessment to the SAT® is a bit shorter in both time and questions, does not include an essay, and contains fewer upper level math questions. This test takes place during a half day in the Fall and the cost of the exam is covered by tuition. After the test, students are provided with feedback to augment their future scores. Each grade level will unpack their scores and their mistakes in the Spring semester.

#### TEST STRUCTURE

I. Reading	60 min.	48 questions
II. Writing	35 min.	44 questions
III. Math <i>(No Calculator)</i>	25 min.	17 questions
IV. Math <i>(w/ Graphing Calculator)</i>	45 min.	31 questions
<b>Total</b>	<b>165 min.</b>	<b>139 questions</b>

#### PSAT/NMSQT® SCORE RANGE: 320-1520

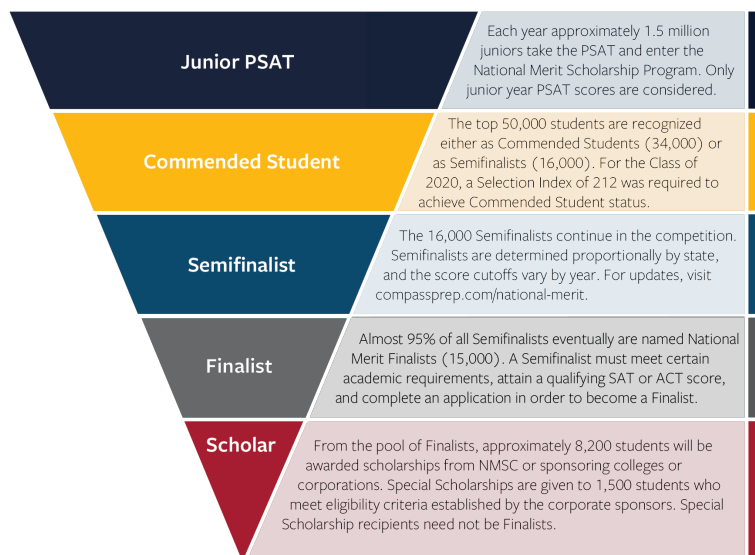
**PSAT/NMSQT® RESULTS:** Only Junior PSAT/NMSQT® results are looked at by the National Merit Scholarship Competition. Freshmen and Sophomore test results are for 'Iolani tracking purposes and to provide feedback to students. PSAT/NMSQT® results are not reported to colleges. Students may access their student report a month after taking the exam via their College Board® Account.

### NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP COMPETITION

Juniors have the opportunity to win scholarships for their high scores on the last administration of the PSAT/NMSQT®. Although the NMSC is based on PSAT/NMSQT® results, the competition uses an "index score" derived from the below formula rather than student's scaled scores.

$$\text{Index Score} = 2(\text{Reading Raw Score}) + 2(\text{Writing Raw Score}) + 2(\text{Math Raw Score})$$

Students will find out their commended or semi-finalist results in the Fall semester of their Senior year.



## UNDERSTANDING TEST-OPTIONAL AND TEST BLIND COLLEGE ADMISSIONS

**Test-Optional:** In the past few years, many university admissions have adopted test optional accommodations for students. Test-optional means they will consider your application complete without the addition of standardized testing results. Some colleges will require additional materials (a portfolio, graded essay, etc) if a student chooses not to submit test scores, while others will simply waive the requirement. It's important to understand that if the school does not consider your testing, then they will put greater weight on the other aspects of your application (grades, letters of recommendations, essays). For some students this feels like a positive option, while others may believe that their testing is a positive element to be considered. It is crucial to consider where your testing falls relative to the college's listed test averages.

If you're within the middle 50% or higher, you may want to include your testing, even if the school is test optional.

**Test-Free (or Test-Blind):** Test-free universities will not consider any test results even if submitted. While fewer than 90 universities are test free, this group does include the University of California and California State University systems.

Note: In order to comply with NCAA regulations, most colleges are requiring that student athletes still submit testing, and some scholarships still require standardized test results.

Whatever you do, research your possibilities and consult with your college counselors to make an informed decision!

## UPDATE: DIGITAL SAT

The College Board is initiating a new digital version of the SAT & PSAT. Digital administration will begin in the fall of 2023 with the PSAT followed by the SAT in the spring of 2024. Current Juniors (Class of 2024) will not be affected, but underclassmen will. As detailed so far, new features of the digital test will include:

- Less questions, spanning only 2 hours
- Only one reading question per passage
- A graphing calculator and annotation tool within the software itself
- Optional devices for those without one

## PURCHASING AN APPROVED CALCULATOR

Both SAT & ACT exams offer a list of allowable calculators on their respective sites. However, 'Iolani recommends the "TI 84 Plus CE" as it meets the requirements of both exams and meets any 'Iolani math course need.

### Questions or Concerns?

Contact 'Iolani's Test Prep  
Coordinator, Jeff Andrews at  
[jandrews@iolani.org](mailto:jandrews@iolani.org)

## FRESHMAN YEAR

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### FALL SEMESTER:

- Create both a College Board® and ACT® student account. Students should use a non-'Iolani email address when creating an account so they may access after graduation or if they move schools. International students should use their home address when creating an account, not 'Iolani's dorm address.
- PSAT/NMSQT® administration 1

### SUMMER:

- Read texts that challenge you, particularly within the realm of Natural Science, Social Sciences, and Historical Documents.

### SPRING SEMESTER:

- Grade Level Meeting to unpack your PSAT/NMSQT® Score Report
- Begin exploring independent online resources (Khan Academy, ACT® Academy, free practice tests)

## SOPHOMORE YEAR

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### FALL SEMESTER:

- PSAT/NMSQT® administration 2 - *Fall Semester*
- 'Iolani's Morning (7:10–8:10 a.m.) Test Prep Sessions focusing on the PSAT/SAT®. A flyer with prep session dates will be emailed to students and their families at the beginning of each semester.

### SPRING SEMESTER:

- PSAT/NMSQT® administration 2 - *Fall Semester*
- 'Iolani's Morning (7:10–8:10 a.m.) Test Prep Sessions focusing on the PSAT/SAT®. A flyer with prep session dates will be emailed to students and their families at the beginning of each semester.

### SUMMER:

- All students must begin some focused preparation for these exams. This may include **'Iolani's SAT® and ACT® Summer Courses** (see the Summer School brochure to register), independent practice, or with an independent test prep company, either online or in person.

## JUNIOR YEAR

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### FALL SEMESTER:

- 'Iolani's Morning (7:10–8:10 a.m.) Test Prep Sessions focusing on the PSAT/SAT®. A flyer with prep session dates will be emailed to students and their families at the beginning of each semester.
- PSAT/NMSQT® administration 3 that counts for National Merit Scholarship
- Those 'Iolani students who are currently enrolled in Pre-Calculus or higher will begin taking their official SAT® and ACT® exams.

### SPRING SEMESTER:

- Begin working with your college counselor to explore colleges, which will help you set personal score goals
- 'Iolani's Morning (7:10–8:10 a.m.) Test Prep Sessions focusing on the PSAT/SAT® and the ACT®. A flyer with prep session dates will be emailed to students and their families at the beginning of each semester.
- Students should attempt at least one SAT® and/or ACT® exam by summer.

### SUMMER:

- Continue independent practice.

## SENIOR YEAR

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### FALL SEMESTER:

- Complete your final SAT® and/or ACT® administration before applying to the colleges of your choice.
- Ensure your scores are sent to your chosen colleges by using your online accounts.

### SPRING SEMESTER:

- Share optional AP scores with your intended university for possible course credit.