



**'IOLANI
SCHOOL**



'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). 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 both exams at least once. Factors that affect one's exam choice include specific university admission requirements, personal aptitude for particular test questions and structure, ease in retesting.

TEST DATES 2019-2020

Spots go quickly, so sign up ASAP.

SAT:

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

August 24, 2019

Registration:
7/26/19
Late Registration:
8/13/19

OCTOBER 5, 2019

Registration:
9/6/19
Late Registration:
9/24/19

NOVEMBER 2, 2019

Registration:
10/3/19
Late Registration:
10/22/19

December 7, 2019

Registration:
11/8/19
Late Registration:
11/26/19

MARCH 14, 2020

Registration:
2/14/20
Late Registration:
3/3/20

May 2, 2020

Registration:
4/3/20
Late Registration:
4/21/20

JUNE 6, 2020

Registration:
5/8/20
Late Registration:
5/27/20

ACT:

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

September 14, 2019

Registration:
8/16/19
Late Registration:
8/30/18

October 26, 2019

Registration:
9/20/19
Late Registration:
10/4/19

December 14, 2019

Registration:
11/8/19
Late Registration:
11/22/19

February 8, 2020

Registration:
1/10/20
Late Registration:
1/17/20

APRIL 4, 2020

Registration:
2/28/20
Late Registration:
3/13/20

June 13, 2020

Registration:
5/8/20
Late Registration:
5/22/20

July 18, 2020

Registration:
6/19/20
Late Registration:
6/26/20

**Recommended on-campus administration*

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<p>Scoring</p>	<p>Composite Score Range: 400-1600</p> <p>Section Scores: 800 EBRW (Reading + Writing) and 800 Math (No Calc + Calc)</p> <p>Essay Scores: Three separate scores (Reading, Writing, Analysis) ranging from 2-8.</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>Composite Score Range: 1-36*</p> <p>Section Scores: 1-36 for each of the four sections.</p> <p>Essay Scores: 2-12, combining 4 different sub scores (Ideas/Analysis, Development/Support, Organization, Language Use/Conventions)</p> <p>*Starting September 2020, ACT will be using superscoring, or combining your best section scores from multiple administrations.</p>																																				
<p>Reporting of Scores</p>	<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>When registering: 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>After the exam: 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>When registering: 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>After the exam: 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>***Starting September 2020, ACT will be using superscoring, or combining your best section scores, so most students wait to send their results until they are happy with all their scores.</p>																																				
<p>Links</p>	<p>College Board’s Online Learning Tool: Khan Academy https://www.khanacademy.org/sat</p>	<p>ACT’s Online Learning Tool: ACT Academy https://academy.act.org/</p>																																				
	<p>‘Iolani students also have access to ‘Iolani’s Test Prep Google site - link provided in test prep sessions-with more information and specific test prep materials.</p>																																					

RECOMMENDED TIME-LINE FOR (P)SAT AND ACT PREPARATION AND ADMINISTRATION

FRESHMAN YEAR

FALL SEMESTER:

- Create both a College Board and ACT student account
- PSAT 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 Score Report
- Begin exploring independent online resources (Khan Academy, ACT Academy, free practice tests)

SOPHOMORE YEAR

FALL & SPRING SEMESTER:

- PSAT 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 (P)SAT and ACT Summer School course** (see the Summer School brochure to register), independent practice, or with an independent test prep company, either online or in person.

JUNIOR YEAR

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 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

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.
- Some universities' program admissions require a student to show competency on an additional SAT II: Subject Test. This is rare, so students should speak to their College Counselor if they believe this may be the case.

All 'Iolani 9-11 graders take the Preliminary SAT (PSAT) 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

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PSAT SCORE RANGE: 320-1520

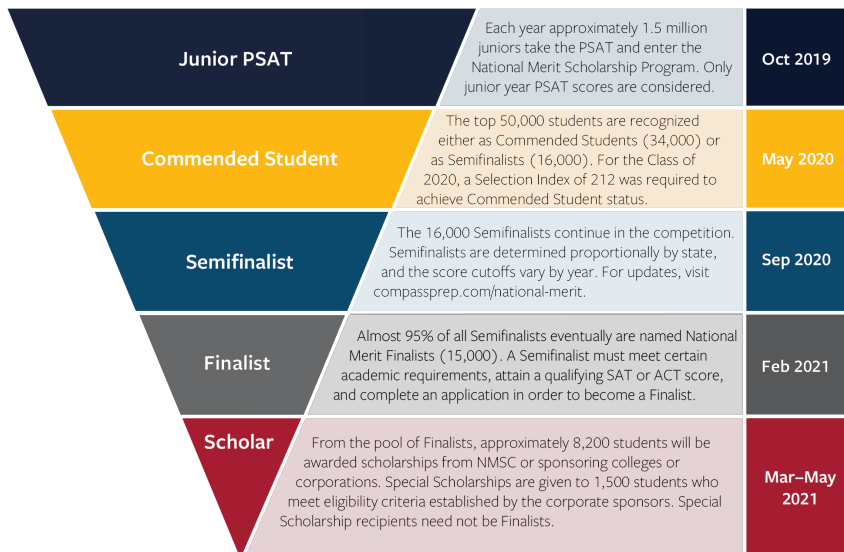
PSAT RESULTS: Only Junior PSAT results are looked at by the National Merit Scholarship Competition. Freshmen and Sophomore test results are for 'Iolani tracking purposes and to provide feedback to students. PSAT results are not reported to colleges. Students may access their student report a month after 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. Although the NMSC is based on PSAT 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.



More information can be found at nationalmerit.org

Questions or Concerns?
 Contact 'Iolani's Test Prep Coordinator, Jeff Andrews at jandrews@iolani.org