

College Testing

Test	Type	When	Subjects
EXPLORE	Pre ACT	Freshman	Eng. Math, Reading, Science
PLAN	Pre ACT	Sophomore	Eng, Math, Reading, Science
PSAT	PreSAT National Merit Scholar	Junior, October	Verbal, Math
ACT	College Admission Midwest	Semester 2 junior	Eng, Math, Reading, Science Essay optional
SAT	College Admission Coasts	Semester 2 junior	Critical reading, math, writing
SAT II	Subject tests Very selective colleges	Senior	Math, literature, history, languages, etc.
Compass	Metro placement exam	Senior	English, math

How do I register?

Test	Where do I register?	Fee
EXPLORE	All freshmen take the test. No registration needed.	\$0
PLAN	All sophomores take the test. No registration needed.	\$0
PSAT	Scholarship office here at PLHS	\$14
ACT	www.actstudent.org	\$34, \$49.50 with essay
SAT	www.collegeboard.com	\$49
SAT II	www.collegeboard.com	\$22
Compass	Make appointment with Metro	\$0

How do I prepare for tests?

1. Practice! A good way to improve your score is to practice. You can check out materials from the Career Ed Center, buy books at a local bookstore, or practice on-line. Both computer and written tests will work, but practicing with paper/pencil and a timer is best.
2. Take a test prep class. Some companies offer very expensive classes, but Omaha has several affordable ones. PLHS offers a class before all tests but June. Cost is \$30 and you can register in guidance. The Assistance League of Omaha offers a class for \$30 at Westside High School. Obtain a registration form from Mrs. Bradley in the scholarship office.
3. Take rigorous classes. The best way to prepare for college admission testing is to take the hardest classes possible. Four years of core classes is a sure way to get better scores. Honors and Advanced Placement classes can do more for you as well.