

# PRACTICE & PREVIEW EXAMS



## Practice & Preview Exams (9th–10th Grade)

Practice tests like the PSAT, Pre-ACT, and CLT10 are designed to help you get ready for the college entrance exams you'll take later in high school. They measure your skills in reading, writing, and math, and give you feedback to improve before your junior and senior years.

### PreACT®

- **Who:** 9th or 10th grade students
- **Purpose:** A shorter version of the ACT, helps you explore career interests and get comfortable with questions.
- **When:** Offered in the fall or spring depending on your school.
- **Cost:** Usually around \$20; may be covered by your school.
- **Learn more:** [act.org/preatct](http://act.org/preatct)

### PSAT/ NMSQT®

- **Who:** 9<sup>th</sup> or 10<sup>th</sup> grade students
- **Purpose:** Introduces you to the SAT format and helps track your progress toward college readiness.
- **When:** Given during the school year (dates vary by school).
- **Cost:** Often free through your school.
- **Learn more:** [satsuite.collegeboard.org](http://satsuite.collegeboard.org)



### CLT 10

- **Who:** Students in grades 9–10.
- **Purpose:** Measures reading, grammar, and quantitative reasoning—similar to the PSAT but based on classic literature and texts.
- **Why take it:** Builds strong critical-thinking and writing skills; accepted by some schools for scholarship consideration.
- **Learn more:** [cltexam.com](http://cltexam.com)

## How Can I Prepare?

- Use Khan Academy for free SAT/PSAT prep.  
[khanacademy.org](http://khanacademy.org)
- Ask your TRiO advisor or school counselor about test dates.
- Visit TRiO's Tutoring Lab for extra help in reading or math.
- Set personal goals to track improvement each year.
- Attend TRiO Test Prep sessions.
- Free tests are available on the ACT, CLT, and SAT websites.

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# COLLEGE ENTRANCE EXAMS



## What are college entrance exams?

College entrance exams are standardized tests used by colleges and universities to help measure your academic readiness and potential for success in higher education.

- Who:** Juniors and seniors.
- Sections:** Math, English, Science, Reading and Writing (optional)
- Scoring:** Composite score from 1–36.
- Why take it:** Widely accepted across the U.S.; includes science reasoning and career insights.
- When:** Test dates available year-round.
- Register:** [act.org](http://act.org)
- Fee waivers:** Available through TRiO or your school counselor.



- Who:** Juniors and seniors interested in classical education or smaller liberal arts colleges.
- Sections:** Verbal Reasoning, Grammar & Writing, and Quantitative Reasoning
- Why take it:** Accepted by hundreds of colleges (including some in Florida); can be taken online from home.
- Scoring:** Out of 120.
- Register:** [cltexam.com](http://cltexam.com)



- Who:** Juniors and seniors planning to attend college.
- Sections:** Reading, Writing, and Math (with and without calculator)
- Scoring:** 400–1600 total.
- Why take it:** Accepted by most U.S. colleges; used for scholarships and admissions.
- When:** Offered multiple times each year.
- Register:** [satsuite.collegeboard.org/sat](http://satsuite.collegeboard.org/sat)
- Fee waivers:** Available through TRiO or your school counselor.



Visit the following website for info on Bright Futures scholarship ACT, CLT, & SAT requirements:  
<https://www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org/SAPBFMAIN>

## How Do I Decide Which Test to Take?

- Most colleges accept either the SAT or ACT.
- Some private or faith-based schools also accept the CLT.
- Use your practice test results from 9th–10th grade to guide your choice.
- TRiO advisors can help you research what your future college prefers.

## When Should I Take These Tests?

- Plan to take your first SAT, ACT, or CLT by spring of junior year, and retake it as many times as possible in fall of senior year if you want to raise your score.

Our TRiO UB staff are here to support you, so don't hesitate to ask for assistance!



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