

# The SAT Subject Tests™:

## What You Need to Know

The SAT Subject Tests™ are the only admissions tests that give students the opportunity to demonstrate their knowledge and skills in specific subjects. They give students another chance to shine, especially if they are interested in or excel in a particular subject area.

### Why Take the Tests

Many colleges use the SAT Subject Tests for admissions, course placement and for advising students about course selection. Some colleges specify the SAT Subject Tests that they require for admissions or placement, while others allow students to choose which tests to take. Together with other information — high school transcripts, SAT® scores, teacher recommendations, etc. — the SAT Subject Tests provide another valuable piece of information about a student. Like the SAT, they're a reliable measure of academic achievement and a good predictor of college performance.

### Which Tests to Take

Students should consider taking SAT Subject Tests in subjects in which they have an interest or excel. They should also find out how the colleges that they're considering use SAT Subject Tests scores. Specifically, students should look to see whether the schools require these scores for admission and, if so, how many tests and in which subjects. Some colleges grant an exemption from a freshman course requirement if a student does well on a particular SAT Subject Test. Students may want to take these requirements into consideration when determining which courses to take.

Also, many colleges that do not require or recommend SAT Subject Tests still accept the scores and often review them because they can give a more complete picture of a student's academic background and interests.

### When to Take Them

Most students take SAT Subject Tests toward the end of their junior year or at the beginning of their senior year. It's recommended that students take the SAT Subject Tests as soon as possible after completing course work for that subject. This way, the material is still fresh in their minds. The only exception to this recommendation concerns foreign language tests, where students tend to do better after at least two years of study. Note: Not all SAT Subject Tests are offered with every SAT administration. Check [collegeboard.com/sat](http://collegeboard.com/sat) for more information.



## Practice Tools

collegeboard.com features advice on test-taking approaches, SAT Subject Test-specific information and practice tools, and other resources to help students become familiar with the tests.

Students who register by mail are encouraged to visit their advising office for a copy of The SAT Practice Booklet, which includes information and exercises for both the SAT and the SAT Subject Tests.

The College Board also publishes three SAT Subject Test practice books, which are available for purchase at collegeboard.com or at bookstores throughout the country:

- The Official Study Guide for all SAT Subject Tests™
- The Official SAT Subject Tests in Mathematics Levels 1 & 2 Study Guide™
- The Official SAT Subject Tests in U.S. and World History Study Guide™

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Mathematics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mathematics Level 1</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mathematics Level 2</li></ul>
Science	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Biology Ecological/Molecular</li><li>• Chemistry</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Physics</li></ul>
English	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Literature</li></ul>	
History	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• U.S. History</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• World History</li></ul>
Languages	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Chinese with Listening</li><li>• French</li><li>• French with Listening</li><li>• German</li><li>• German with Listening</li><li>• Italian</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Japanese with Listening</li><li>• Korean with Listening</li><li>• Latin</li><li>• Modern Hebrew</li><li>• Spanish</li><li>• Spanish with Listening</li></ul>