



# Canadian International School of Hong Kong

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As you begin planning ahead to the 2020/2021 academic year, you may have questions about the SAT and ACT related to American university/college applications. Below, we have answered some of the frequently asked questions:

## **How does a CDNIS student sign up for the SAT at CDNIS?**

To register for the SAT, you must create an account on CollegeBoard.org. Most students already have one if they took the PSAT, as it was required to access their online scores.

Once you log in, click on the link to register for an upcoming SAT exam. During the registration process, it will ask you to select a test center. CDNIS is a *private* test center, meaning it won't show up automatically - you must search for it by inputting our test center code, which is "62149".

*\*please do not share this test center code with non-CDNIS students and families\**

## **When can I take the SAT or SAT Subject Tests at CDNIS?**

September 26, 2020

October 3, 2020

December 5, 2020

March 13, 2021

May 8, 2021

To see all public test center test dates in Hong Kong and/or register for the test, click [here](#)

## **What if there isn't space for me to take the test at CDNIS?**

CDNIS is a private test center, which means only our students can take the exam at our school. Running out of space should not be an issue (as long as you register by the deadline).

## **Can I take the SAT and the SAT Subject Tests on the same day?**

No, you must take the SAT and the SAT Subject Tests on separate test dates. However, when taking SAT Subject Tests, you can take up to 3 subject tests on the same day.

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## **Do universities require the SAT Subject Tests?**

Some schools and programs still require them, but many no longer do. An exception to this rule is Engineering - most engineering programs strongly recommend or require that a student take a Science Subject Test, and the Math 2 Subject Test. For a more comprehensive list of SAT Subject Test policies by school, click [here](#)

## **Do all universities in the U.S require the SAT or ACT?**

No! Many schools are test optional - check this [list](#) to see if the school you are interested in is test optional.

## **I don't see my school on the test optional list - but will they be test optional for the Class of 2021, due to COVID-19?**

This is highly likely, as many universities have announced that they will be temporarily test optional for the Class of 2021 and in some cases even for the Class of 2022.

To know for sure, please contact the university directly - you can email them or call their undergraduate admissions office, and ask for an update on their testing requirement due to COVID-19. Many universities have already updated their websites to reflect this policy change, so make sure that you look there first!

## **If a college says they are test optional, are they REALLY test optional?**

Yes, they are REALLY test optional. If they say they don't need test scores, they do not need test scores.

## **Should I still submit test scores to a school that is test optional?**

Only submit test scores if they are strong, and you want them to be considered.

To determine if your test score is strong, look up the "Freshman Class Profile" for the universities to which you are applying. This profile will tell you the middle 50% score range for the most recently admitted freshman class at each school.

If your scores are below the middle 50% range, do not submit them!

## **Should I take the ACT or SAT? Should I take both?**

We do not recommend taking both - colleges do not require both exams, and it is an inefficient use of your time to pursue both tests. You should, however, research both tests ahead of preparing for them to determine which one appeals to you more. To try each test, you can take a mock exam or free practice test online with [KhanAcademy](#) or [PowerScore](#).

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## **Why does CDNIS not host the ACT?**

In Hong Kong, the ACT is only offered online, and tech support is only available at public test centers. We do not host the online ACT because we think it would benefit our students most to have access to ACT Tech support while taking the exam.

## **How many times should I take the SAT or ACT?**

There is no right answer on how many times you should take the exam. Statistically, however, most students do not see a significant increase in their scores after the third attempt.

In general, we recommend that students take the exam 1-2 times. If you are happy with your score after one attempt, there is no need to take it again! If you are not happy with your score, make sure to study *strategically*. Analyze your first score report, and spend more time studying the topics that were weakest for you.

For any further questions about the SAT or ACT, please contact your child's guidance counselor.

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