

Dear Samohi Families of the Class of 2022,

Samohi 11th grade students will have the opportunity to take the SAT **free of charge**, on

Tuesday, April 13th 8:30am- 1:15pm.

The test will be administered **in person** at Santa Monica High school, in accordance with the LA County Health Department COVID-19 protocols. Students will be required to abide by health and safety guidelines, which include but are not limited to answering health screening questions, temperature checks and wearing masks during the entire time on campus.

Test pre-registration is required and space is limited due to Covid-19 constraints. The registration deadline is Sunday, March 21st.

Register here: <https://forms.gle/YYJoQLGPe7QpYm2Q6>

For more information from the College Board about the SAT suite of assessments click the links below.

For students: <https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/pdf/sat-benefits-students-flyer.pdf>

For Parents: <https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/pdf/sat-sd-parents-flyer.pdf>

UC and CSU have made changes to standardized testing requirements. For more information about college entrance exams for school admission click the links below.

University of California:

<https://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/press-room/university-california-board-regents-approves-changes-standardized-testing-requirement>

California State University:

https://www2.calstate.edu/apply/freshman/getting_into_the_csu/pages/testing-requirements.aspx#:~:text=Test%20scores%20are%20required%20unless,the%20SAT%20or%20ACT%20tests.

- What is test optional? Test Optional means students can submit their scores to be considered as part of their application, but it is not a requirement.
- What is test blind? Test blind means colleges will not consider test scores for admissions purposes even if scores are submitted or reported.
- Colleges will have their updated testing policy on their website, so be sure to check out their page for the most up to date information.
- As it stands, ALL CSU (California State University) will be test blind for Fall 2022.
- As it stands, the UC (University of California) will be test optional, although some UC have stated they are test blind. Test blind is not a system wide policy as of now. Berkeley, Santa Barbara, Santa Cruz and Los Angeles has confirmed they are test blind, so they will not consider any testing for admission purposes.

Why might you want to take the SAT in the Spring? Here are some things to consider:

- You can qualify for the National Merit Scholarship with their SAT scores IF you missed the PSAT date. You must submit a form to be considered for NMS by April 1, 2021. https://www.nationalmerit.org/s/1758/images/gid2/editor_documents/alternateentry2022.pdf?gid=2&pgid=61&sessionid=5195436d-effc-4afd-9734-49ded18f6df1&cc=1
- While some colleges may be test optional/test blind, some colleges may want to look at scores for course placement or scholarships purposes.
- If a college is test optional, you can take the exam and then decide later if you want to submit your scores if you feel it best represent your academic potential. *Look at a college admitted test range. If the score falls in the range of their admitted student score, you might want to submit them.

Ultimately, if you feel you want to take the exam for admissions purposes, we will have an opportunity for you to test at school for FREE. If you don't feel comfortable testing now, you will have another chance to take the exam in May, June, and into the fall but you will need to register via CollegeBoard and pay for those exams. Also keep in mind that testing centers will be limited.

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