

WCA COUNSELOR CHATS Topic: Testing For College

"I can do all things through Him who strengthens me." - Philippians 4:13

Most colleges and universities do not require SAT and/or ACT scores to be submitted as part of the admissions process as they are test optional. They may however require scores for scholarships. Carefully check admissions information from prospective colleges and universities to verify if tests are required.

Official scores should be sent directly from the testing agencies (www.act.org for the ACT and www.collegeboard.com for the SAT). Copies of score reports can be sent from Wesleyan; however, most colleges and universities will not accept those as the official scores. Scores are NOT included on transcripts.

All students at Wesleyan take the PSAT in grades 9, 10, and 11.

These scores are NOT reported to colleges; however, some colleges and other organizations (leadership conferences, etc.) do purchase lists from the College Board of students scoring in certain ranges. PSAT scores are used as one of the benchmarks for recommending students for honors and Advanced Placement courses. Also, the PSAT in the junior year is THE qualifying test for the National Merit Scholarship Program.

SAT Test:

Students should plan to take the SAT twice in the junior year and perhaps once in the fall of the senior year. Register for the SAT at the following: **www.collegeboard.com**. Many students will choose to take the SAT Test in January and May of the junior year and again in October of the senior year.

ACT:

Students should plan to take the ACT at Wesleyan Christian Academy in the winter of their junior year. If this is the test they excel at, a good plan is to take the ACT again in June or July of their junior year and possibly in September of the senior year. Register at **www.act.org**. Many students score higher on this test than the SAT. Colleges and universities will accept scores from either test.

The school code for Wesleyan is 342018.

This will be used on SAT, ACT, and on college applications.

AP (Advanced Placement) Exams:

AP exams are administered in May of each year to students who are enrolled in AP courses. All students in AP courses are required to take the exams. A fee is charged for each exam. Students receive college credit hours according to their scores and the policies of the college or university they plan to attend.