

SAT Subject Tests

A SAT Subject Test is a standardized exam in a particular subject area such as Biology, US History or Spanish (more information at www.collegeboard.com). In years past, these exams were called SAT II's and Achievement Tests.

A select handful of colleges and universities require applicants to submit scores from SAT Subject Tests. Colleges that require SAT Subject Tests generally ask students to submit scores from two exams. **Many of these colleges will accept an ACT with writing score** (more information at www.act.org) in lieu of both the SAT and the SAT Subject Tests. Students can take these exams anytime through early fall of senior year. They are offered on the same days that the SAT is administered.

The most common Subject Tests that JJHS students take are Biology, English Literature, Math Level 1, Math Level 2 and US History. Students who take these exams are motivated and generally achieve at high levels in the corresponding JJHS classes. Additional study and preparation outside of the class is always recommended for students who will be sitting for a Subject Test.

The College Board allows for Score Choice. Score Choice gives you the option to choose which scores *(by test date for the SAT and by individual test for SAT Subject Tests)* you send to colleges – in accordance with an institution's stated score-use practice (CollegeBoard web-site). It is important to note that some colleges and universities require that you report all of your College Board and ACT Test Scores when you apply.

The decision to take an SAT Subject Test can be a difficult one. Therefore, we recommend that students consult with both their teachers and counselors prior to registering for an exam.

If you have additional questions or concerns regarding the SAT Subject Tests, please contact your child's counselor.