

HSAS Fast Facts: SAT Subject Tests

General Information

- One hour test, multiple-choice.
- Subjects: English, History, Math, Sciences and Languages.
- Curriculum varies from school-to-school, enabling colleges to compare academic achievement.
- Required by many colleges, not all. (Check application requirements). Can enhance your college applications.
- Exams should be taken soon after a student completes a course, usually in **June**. Please have your subject teacher advise. Students should have a minimum grade of 85 in the course.
- Selected Foreign Language exams are only offered on specific test dates, at specific test centers. Some of the language exams require a listening portion. (Language tests with listening are only offered in November. You may take only one listening test at that time.)
- Fees (as of 2011) for SAT Subject tests \$22.00 (Basic) \$44.00 (Language with listening) \$11.00 (additional subject tests). Rates increase every few years.
- You can take either the SAT or up to three subject tests during a given test administration. **You can not register for both the SAT and the subject tests during the same administration.**

Special considerations

- The last SAT date for the year is generally the first Saturday in June and the regular registration deadline is typically one month prior to the test date.
- Pay close attention to registration deadlines, occasionally they change.
- The only possible subject test a 9th grade student may qualify for is Biology. Molecular Biology best corresponds with the HSAS 9th grade Biology curriculum. We typically do not recommend this test since much of the test material correlates with a higher level biology course. Students must consult with their teacher if they are considering taking this test in June. Students should also plan for additional test preparation.
- College Board now offers score choice (as of 2009). Students may select which subject tests they wish to send to colleges in the future. In an effort to save students money, HSAS sends test scores to colleges (with student's permission). However, if students select this option **all** College Board test scores will be sent to prospective colleges including SAT subject tests.