

# Important tests

Four-year colleges in Kentucky may require you to take the ACT or SAT entrance exam. If you've been out of school for several years, you may not have to take an entrance exam, depending on the school you attend. Many schools also accept the Common Application which can be found online at <https://www.commonapp.org/>. This application allows you to apply to multiple schools using the same form. Check your school's page in Part III of this book to see which of the following tests are required or accepted for enrollment. Test dates are on the next page.

## ENTRANCE/PLACEMENT TESTS

The **ACT** is required or accepted at all public and private colleges in Kentucky. It has multiple-choice questions in English, math, reading and science reasoning, plus an optional writing test. For more information or to register online, visit [act.org](http://act.org).

The **SAT** has two sections: math and evidence-based reading and writing. For more information or to register online, visit <https://satsuite.collegeboard.org/sat>.

The **Graduate Management Admission Test® (GMAT®)** is often required for admissions to a graduate school of business or management. The GMAT measures mathematical, verbal, reading, writing and reasoning skills. For more information, visit [mba.com](http://mba.com).

**Graduate Record Examinations® (GRE®)** evaluate students' potential for success in graduate, business or law school. The General Test measures verbal reasoning, quantitative reasoning, analytical writing and critical thinking skills. The Subject Tests measure undergraduate achievement in specific fields. For more information, visit [ets.org/gre](http://ets.org/gre).

## Test Prep

You can take online practice tests on the SAT and ACT websites or buy practice tests for use at home. The SAT works with the Khan Academy to provide free online test prep. Visit <https://www.khanacademy.org/digital-sat>.



## TESTS FOR COLLEGE CREDIT

The **College-Level Examination Program® (CLEP®)**, which offers tests for many subjects taken during the first two years of college, lets you receive credit for or get out of taking undergraduate courses. Visit <https://clep.collegeboard.org/> for more information.

KCTCS students majoring in a technical field of study can opt out of certain courses by taking challenge or special proficiency exams. These allow you to demonstrate mastery of course content and receive credit toward your program requirements. Meet with your faculty advisor to discuss if an exam for a specific course is available. You may take an exam only once per course and may test out of up to 9 semester hours.

Your ACT or SAT composite score can earn you a Kentucky Educational Excellence Scholarship (KEES) award of up to \$500 per school year. See page 27 for eligibility requirements, award amounts and other KEES information.

# National test dates

## Entrance/Placement Tests

Test Name	Test Date	Registration Deadline (late fee applies after this date)	Late Registration <sup>1</sup>	Registration Fee <sup>2</sup>
<b>ACT</b>	Saturdays:			
	February 8, 2025	January 3, 2025	January 20, 2025	\$65.00 – ACT (no writing) \$90.00 – ACT (plus writing) <b>Late registration fee:</b> Additional \$38 Check <a href="http://www.act.org">www.act.org</a> to confirm fees.
	April 5, 2025	February 28, 2025	March 16, 2025	
	June 14, 2025	May 9, 2025	May 26, 2025	
	July 12, 2025	June 6, 2025	June 20, 2025	
<b>SAT</b>	Saturdays <sup>2</sup> :			
	March 8, 2025	Feb. 21, 2025	Feb. 25, 2025	\$60 – SAT <b>Late registration fee:</b> Additional \$30 Check <a href="http://www.collegeboard.org">www.collegeboard.org</a> to confirm fees.
	May 3, 2025	April 18, 2025	April 22, 2025	
	June 7, 2025	May 22, 2025	May 27, 2025	
<b>GMAT</b>	Visit the GMAT website at <a href="http://www.ets.org/gre.html">www.ets.org/gre.html</a> .			
<b>GRE General Test</b>	GRE General Tests are scheduled throughout the year, visit the website above for more information.			
<b>GRE Subject Tests</b>	In the 2025-2026 testing year, GRE Subject Tests will be administered during two weeks in September, two weeks in October, and April 21, 2025 through May 4, 2025.			

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<b>CLEP®</b>	Exams may be administered any time during the year, depending on the school's policy and schedule. See <a href="https://clep.collegeboard.org/exams">https://clep.collegeboard.org/exams</a> for more information.	Contact the local test center about registration and scheduling procedures.	Not applicable	Check with the local test center.

<sup>1</sup> Additional fee required after original registration deadline.

<sup>2</sup> Subject to change. Check websites (see page 16) for current fees. See college counselor for information about fee waivers for students from low-income families.