

# TESTING

## ENHANCEMENT TESTS

- ✓ **PSAT** –The PSAT, administered to interested sophomores and juniors in mid October, serves as a practice test for the SAT. (For juniors, the PSAT is the National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test.) The PSAT measures a student's verbal, math and writing ability. Interested students must pre-register and pay for this exam in the guidance office. The test will be administered at ACHS in October. Students should register in the Guidance office in September. See your counselor!!! For further information go to: <http://www.collegeboard.com/student/testing/psat/about.html>
- ✓ **PLAN** – **The PLAN is offered to sophomores in the fall.** Designed as both a practice ACT and a career interest inventory, this instrument measures a student's performance level in English, Math, Social Studies, and Science. It also offers an estimated range of the student's ACT composite score. The test is given at ACHS. For further information go to: <http://www.actstudent.org/plan/index.html>

## COLLEGE ENTRANCE EXAMS

- **ACT** – **The ACT is given to all juniors in the spring.** This college entrance examination is designed to assess critical reasoning and higher-order thinking skills in English, mathematics, reading, and science, along with an optional Writing Test. ACT scores indicate the student's level of preparation for academic coursework beyond high school. Colleges and universities across the nation use it for admissions, academic advising, course placement, and academic scholarships for college (including TN Lottery scholarships). Registration packets are available in the counseling office as well as online at <http://www.actstudent.org>. The ACT is administered at various test sites throughout the year, including Clinton High School in Sept., Oct., Dec., Feb., April, and June.
- **SAT** - This college entrance exam measures higher-level verbal reasoning, critical reading and math problem solving skills and includes a Writing assessment. Students receive three scores: Verbal, mathematical and writing. Although most colleges accept either the ACT or the SAT for college admissions, some schools require SAT subject exams, called the SAT II, in addition to the SAT. Check with college admission offices to determine if you need to take one or more subject matter tests. Registration packets are available in the guidance office or students may apply online. The SAT I and II are administered on specified Saturdays throughout the year. ACHS recommends taking the SAT the spring of your Junior year. For more information go to: <http://www.collegeboard.com/student/testing/sat/about.html>
- **Advanced Placement Exams** – Students may earn college credit/advanced standing at most colleges and universities through AP exams administered each spring. Students usually enroll in AP courses to best prepare for the exams. The following AP courses are typically offered at ACHS: English, Biology, Chemistry, Calculus, & US History. Use this website to determine what score you need to get credit at the schools you are considering: <http://collegesearch.collegeboard.com/apcreditpolicy/index.jsp>

## REQUIRED TESTS FOR GRADUATION

- ✓ **End - Of - Course Exams** – This Exam is required by the state for some courses. The following courses are currently being considered by the state for EOC exams: English I, Sophomore English, Junior English, Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II, U.S. History, Biology I, Chemistry, and Physics. According to the proposed AC Board of Education policy, these exams will count 20-25% of the final course grade as follows: 20% from Fall 2009 through Spring 2010; 25% thereafter. \*\*Please note: students in the classes of 2011, 2012 & 2013 must pass the Algebra, English II and Biology exams in order to meet graduation requirements. Use this site to access practice tests provided by the state: [http://www.state.tn.us/education/assessment/sec\\_samplers.shtml](http://www.state.tn.us/education/assessment/sec_samplers.shtml)
- ✓ **TCAP Writing Exam** is given in February. This test assesses students' strengths and weaknesses in writing. The Anderson County School Board requires that the score count 20 – 25% of the student's English IV grade during the senior year.