

# WCA Counselor Chats

## Topic: Testing for College

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

- Most colleges and universities require SAT and/or ACT scores to be submitted as part of the admissions process. Some also require scores from two or three SAT Subject Tests. Carefully check admissions information from prospective colleges and universities to verify which tests are required.
- Official scores should be sent directly from the testing agencies ([www.act.org](http://www.act.org) for the ACT and [www.collegeboard.com](http://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 Reasoning 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](http://www.collegeboard.com). Many students will choose to take the SAT Reasoning Test in January and May of the junior year and again in October of the senior year.
- SAT Subject Tests: Check to see if prospective colleges/universities require SAT Subject Tests. These tests should usually be taken soon after completion of the related courses. Most colleges do NOT require them, and many of the ones that do require them will accept the ACT in lieu of the SAT Subject Tests.
- ACT: Students should plan to take the ACT at least once and possibly twice. A good plan is to take the ACT in April of the junior year and in September of the senior year. Register at [www.act.org](http://www.act.org). Many students score higher on this test than the SAT. Colleges and universities will accept scores on both tests. The Writing Section on the ACT is optional, but many colleges (especially in North Carolina) require it so students should be sure to select the Writing option.

- **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 (approximately \$90). Students receive college credit hours according to their scores and the policies of the college or university they plan to attend.