

The Scoop on Tests for Teens

HSLDA

Are you in a quandary as to what tests your teens need to take during high school? Do you know the array of possible tests – from college admissions tests; to tests for college credit, placement, or military enlistment; to tests necessary for certain scholarships; to even career tests? When should they be taken? Where? How can your teen prepare for them? Come and get these questions answered.

Introduction

Tests for Teens

- Career tests
- Early high school tests
- High school tests
- Credit by examination tests
- College admissions tests
- Military enlistment tests

Career Tests

- Career Direct
- The Call
- The Highlands Ability Battery
- ASVAB Career Test

Early High School

- Explore
- Plan

High School Achievement Tests

- Stanford Achievement Test (SAT)
- Iowa Tests of Basic Skills (ITBS)
- California Achievement Test (CAT)
- The Comprehensive Test of Basic Skills (CTBS)

PSAT

- National Merit Scholarship
- October test date
- State specific homeschool codes
- Critical reading/writing/math skills
- Denial of access
- Special accommodations

GED

- Not recommended by HSLDA
- Test prep
- Test locations
- Test composition
- Eligibility
- Not required for financial aid

Dual Enrollment

- Placement tests
- COMPASS Test

- Test prep

Credit by Examination

- AP
- CLEP
- DSST (formerly DAN TES)

Advanced Placement (AP) Tests

- College Board administrated
- AP designation
- 30 tests available
- College credit
- May test date
- Scoring
- Test prep resources
- Registration
- Homeschool AP codes

CLEP (College Level Examination Program)

- 37 tests available
- Cost savings
- Test locations
- Test prep resources
- Test format & content
- Test scoring

DSST (DANTES)

- 38 tests available
- Test locations
- Scores

College Admissions Tests

- Necessity of good scores
- Reporting scores
- Testing accommodations

SAT (Scholastic Aptitude Test)

- Registration
- Homeschool code
- Test structure
- Test prep

ACT

- Registration
- Homeschool code
- Test structure
- Score reports
- Test prep

SAT Subject Tests

- Purpose
- Advantages
- Timing
- Score reports

Military Tests

- ASVAB (Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery)
- AIM (Assessment of Individual Motivation)

Resources

General HSLDA Links

- Home School Legal Defense Association
www.hsllda.org
- HSLDA's Homeschooling Thru High School webpage
www.hsllda.org/highschool
- For HSLDA members:
HSLDA High School Coordinators: Becky Cooke and Diane Kummer
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540-338-5600

High School Email Newsletter Links

- To sign up for future free monthly Homeschooling Thru High School email newsletters:
www.hsllda.org/highschool
- Newsletter archives on additional high school topics including:
<http://www.hsllda.org/highschool/newsletter.asp>
"The Scoop on Tests for Teens"
<http://www.hsllda.org/elert/archive/2009/08/20090806163127.asp>

Home School Legal Defense Association's High School Brochures

<http://www.hsllda.org/highschool/brochures.asp>

- Developing a Plan for High School – Sample 4-Year Plans
- Recordkeeping for High School: Simplifying the Process
- Homeschooling the College Bound: Successfully Navigating the Road to Admissions
- It's Off to Work We Go: Homeschooling for the Marketplace, the Home Front, or the Military
- Keeping on Track: A Timeline for High School
- You Can Home School High School

High School Testing Resources and Websites (<http://www.hsllda.org/highschool/testing.asp>)

Achievement tests

- Bayside School Services (CTB McGraw-Hill's TerraNova and Test of Cognitive Skills (TCS), CAT/5 and TCS)
- Christian Liberty Press (California Achievement Test—CAT)
- Bob Jones Testing and Evaluation (variety of nationally recognized tests)
- Seton Home Study School (California Achievement Test – CAT)
- The Sycamore Tree (Comprehensive Test of Basic Skills)

Career Testing

- ASVAB Career Test, www.asvabprogram.com

- Career Direct, <http://www.careerdirectonline.org>
- The Call, <http://www.thecallonline.com/Home>
- The Highlands Ability Battery, <http://www.highlandscs.com/>
- Homeschooling Thru Highschool website, <http://www.hslda.org/highschool/testing.asp#persapcareer>

PSAT

- www.collegeboard.org
- Homeschool state codes for the PSAT- <http://www.hslda.org/highschool/PSATCodes.gif>

SAT and SAT Subject tests (homeschool test code 970000)

- www.collegeboard.org

ACT (homeschool test code 969999)

- www.act.org

AP

- www.collegeboard.org
- <http://www.collegeboard.com/student/testing/ap/about.html>
- http://www.hslda.org/highschool/curriculum.asp#advanced_placement
- http://apcentral.collegeboard.com/apc/public/courses/teachers_corner/46361.html

CLEP

- <http://www.collegeboard.com/student/testing/clep/about.html>

DSST (DANTES)

- http://www.dantes.doded.mil/dantes_web/DANTESHome.asp

GED

- Testing center location and other information [http://www.acenet.edu/AM/Template.cfm?Section=GED_TS&CFID=35865330&CFTOKEN=99724366&jsessionid=16307f2b3c10\\$14\\$F2\\$5](http://www.acenet.edu/AM/Template.cfm?Section=GED_TS&CFID=35865330&CFTOKEN=99724366&jsessionid=16307f2b3c10$14$F2$5)

Military Links

ASVAB Test

- Testing helps: <http://www.military.com/ASVAB>
- Military section of HSLDA website: <http://www.hslda.org/highschool/military.asp>
- Military academies info: <http://www.hslda.org/highschool/military.asp#academicprep>
- Enlistment info: <http://www.hslda.org/highschool/military.asp#recruitment>
- “Enlisting Help” http://www.hslda.org/docs/nche/Issues/M/Military_Enlistment.asp

Diploma

- Diploma with cover, <http://www.hslda.org/bookstore/items/DIPLOMA.asp?PID=8978540178>
- FAQs regarding high school diplomas, <http://www.hslda.org/highschool/diploma.asp>

Recommended Resources for Homeschooling High School

- *The High School Handbook* by Mary Schofield
- *Homeschooling High School: Planning Ahead for College Admissions* by Jeanne Gowen Dennis
- *Senior High: A Home Designed Form+U+La* by Barb Shelton
- *Homeschooled and Headed for College* by Denise Boiko
- *The Ultimate Guide to Homeschooling Teens* by Debra Bell