

SAT & ACT TESTS

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REQUIRED TESTING

- 9TH GRADE: PSAT 9
- 10TH GRADE: PSAT 10
- 11TH GRADE: SAT, CMAS SCIENCE, PSAT NMSQT (OCTOBER-OPTIONAL)- NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP QUALIFYING TEST
- 12TH GRADE: RE-TAKE SAT OR ACT

WAYS TEST SCORES ARE USED

- COLLEGE ADMISSIONS
- SCHOLARSHIPS
- COURSE PLACEMENT
- STATE TESTING

ADMISSIONS AVERAGES

COLORADO MESA UNIVERSITY

- 3.1 GPA
- 430-540 SAT SUBSCORES
- 18-23 ACT AVERAGE

COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY

- 3.3-4.0 GPA
- 520-630 SAT SUBSCORES
- 22-27 ACT AVERAGE

FRONT RANGE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

- OPEN ADMISSIONS
- SAT/ACT USED FOR CLASS PLACEMENT & SCHOLARSHIPS ONLY

CU BOULDER

- 3.66 GPA
- 530-660 SAT SUBSCORES
- 24-30 ACT AVERAGE

UNIVERSITY OF DENVER

- 3.71 GPA
- 550-660 SAT SUBSCORES
- 25-30 ACT AVERAGE

UNIVERSITY OF NORTHERN COLORADO

- 3.02-3.8 GPA
- 450-580 SAT SUBSCORES
- 19-25 ACT AVERAGE

SCHOLARSHIPS CSU

SAT SCORE -OR- ACT SCORE		1490+	1480-1450	1440-1420	1410-1390	1380-1350	1340-1310	1300-1280
		33+	32	31	30	29	28	27
Weighted GPA	4.0+	\$4,000	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,000	\$1,000
	3.90-3.99	\$3,000	\$2,500	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000	
	3.80-3.89	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$1,500	\$1,000	
	3.70-3.79	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	
	3.60-3.69	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	

3.6 GPA + 1310 SAT = \$1,000 (off \$11,632 tuition)

SCHOLARSHIPS U WYOMING

SAT	ACT Composite	Cumulative High School GPA (4.0 unweighted scale)										
		3.0	3.1	3.2	3.3	3.4	3.5	3.6	3.7	3.8	3.9	4.0
1060-1090	21											
1100-1120	22		\$3,000									
1130-1150	23											
1160-1190	24											
1200-1230	25					\$6,000						
1240-1270	26											
1280-1300	27											
1310-1340	28											
1350-1380	29											
1390-1410	30											
1420-1440	31											
1450-1480	32											
1490-1510	33											
1520-1550	34											
1560-1590	35											
1600	36											

150% of Resident Tuition
\$9,675 Value
Considered as WUE award in participating states.

3.6 GPA + 1310 SAT = \$9,675 (off 415, 632 tuition)

SCHOLARSHIPS MESA STATE

Scholarship	<u>Annual Value</u>	<u>Criteria</u>
Academic Achievement	\$1,250	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 3.20 GPA (weighted)• Top 20% of their Class• ACT composite score of 22 or SAT combined score of 1120
Presidential	\$3,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 3.50 GPA (weighted)• Top 15% of their Class• ACT composite score of 25 or SAT combined score of 1190
Trustee	\$3,500	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 3.50 GPA (weighted)• Top 10% of their Class• ACT composite score of 27 or SAT combined score of 1270
Distinguished Scholar	\$6,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 3.75 GPA (weighted)• Top 5% of their Class• ACT composite score of 29 or SAT combined score of 1340

3.6 GPA + 1310 SAT= \$3,500 (off \$8.972 tuition)

SCHOLARSHIP AT FORT LEWIS COLLEGE

▼ Freshman Tuition Merit Scholarship - Fall 2018-Spring 2019

TEST SCORES*			CUMULATIVE HIGH SCHOOL GPA	
ENGLISH		MATH	3.50+	3.00-3.49
ACT 24+ SAT 600+	&	ACT 25+ SAT 600+		
ACT 18-23 SAT 470-590	&	ACT 19-24 SAT 500-590		

Key			
In-State	\$5,000	\$4,000	\$3,000
WUE*	\$10,000	\$8,000	\$6,000
Out-of-state	\$10,000	\$8,000	\$6,000
International	\$10,000	\$8,000	\$6,000

*Western Undergraduate Exchange (WUE) states: AK, AZ, CA, HI, ID, MT, ND, NM, NV, OR, SD, UT, WA, WY.

Scholarship amounts are good-faith estimates. All scholarships are subject to approval by the Fort Lewis College Board of Trustees.

3.6 GPA + 1310 SAT= \$4,000 (off \$6,720 tuition)

COLLEGE TESTING FAQ'S

- DO I NEED TO TAKE THE SAT AND ACT?
 - MOST COLLEGES WILL ACCEPT EITHER
- WHICH IS BETTER?
 - GENERALLY CONSIDERED EQUALLY
 - YOU CAN PRACTICE BOTH IN YOUR CAREER CRUISING ACCOUNT AS THEY ARE A STYLE OF TEST
 - SAT GIVEN AT ROCKY FOR STATE TESTING REQUIREMENT

ACT VS SAT

	ACT	SAT
Basics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4 sections: English, Math, Reading, and Science. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Evidence-Based Reading and Writing combine for one section score. Math (second section of test) No longer a penalty for wrong answers as there was on the old SAT.
Scoring	<p>4 section scores. Scale of 1-36 for each section. Averaged for a Composite score 1-36.</p> <p>English Math Reading Science</p>	<p>2 section scores of 200-800 each. Section scores added together for total score 400-1600.</p> <p>Reading/Writing/Language Math</p> <p>Cross-Test scores for Analysis in Science and Analysis in History/Social Studies.</p>
Timing	2 hours, 55 minutes	3 hours
Number of Test Sections	Four	Four (2 Reading/Writing and 2 Math)

ACT VS SAT

	ACT	SAT
Math		
Number of Math Questions	60	58
Calculators for Math	Allowed	One No-Calculator Section
Formula Reference	None	Some
Range of Math	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Geometry • Algebra • Arithmetic • Trigonometry 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advanced Algebra • Problem-Solving and Data Analysis • Geometry and Arithmetic • Trigonometry
Science		
Number of Questions	40	N/A
Types of questions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research Summaries (experiments) • Data Representations (charts and graphs) • Conflicting viewpoints 	
Curriculum covered	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General science understanding and willingness to read science-y things. No specific class required. 	

ACT VS SAT

	ACT	SAT
Reading		
Number of Passage-Based Reading Questions	40	52
Graphs and Charts	None	Yes, relating to two passages in Science and Social Studies
Number of Passages	3 Long; 1 Medium Pair (comparison)	4 Long; 1 Medium Pair (comparison)
Types of Passages	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 prose • 1 social science • 1 humanities • 1 natural science All contemporary writing.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 prose • 2 or 1 passage and 1 pair social science/history • 2 or 1 passage and 1 pair science Contains a mix of contemporary and historical writing.
English/Writing		
Number of English/Writing Questions	75	44
Important Grammar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Punctuation • Sentence Structure 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Punctuation • Words in Context • Sentence Structure
Grammar vs. Rhetorical Skills	51% to 49%	45% to 55%

WHY JUNIORS SHOULD CONSIDER THE JUNE OR AUGUST SAT?

- APRIL SAT RESULTS ARRIVE AFTER THE REGISTRATION DEADLINE FOR THE JUNE TEST
- IF YOU PARTICIPATE IN A FALL ACTIVITY (ANYTHING THAT COMPETES ON A SATURDAY), YOU MIGHT NOT BE ABLE TO TAKE THE SEPTEMBER OR OCTOBER TESTS.
- SOME COLLEGES' DEADLINES ARE SO EARLY THAT SEPTEMBER OR OCTOBER TESTS ARE THE LAST THAT ARE ACCEPTABLE.

ANOTHER SAT/ACT?

- CAN I TAKE THE SAT OR ACT MORE THAN ONCE?
- HOW DO I TAKE THE ACT MORE THAN ONCE?
- WHAT ABOUT THE SAT?
- AND WHEN SHOULD I TAKE IT?
- WHY TAKE THE TEST MORE THAN ONCE?
- WILL I BE PENALIZED BY A COLLEGE FOR RETESTING?

WHAT OTHER TESTING MIGHT I NEED?

- **SAT II (SAT SUBJECT TESTS)**

- REQUIRED AT SOME COLLEGES—OFTEN MORE HIGHLY SELECTIVE COLLEGES. CHECK THE ADMISSIONS WEBSITES FOR THE COLLEGES YOU ARE CONSIDERING.
- TEST A SPECIFIC SUBJECT, SIMILAR TO (BUT SHORTER THAN) THE AP TESTS.

- **A WRITING COMPONENT (THE ACT + WRITING OR SAT WITH ESSAY)**

- REQUIRED AT SOME COLLEGES—OFTEN MORE HIGHLY SELECTIVE COLLEGES. CHECK THE ADMISSIONS WEBSITES FOR THE COLLEGES YOU ARE CONSIDERING.
- NOT REQUIRED FOR ANY IN-STATE PUBLIC COLLEGES.

- **TOEFL—AN ENGLISH PROFICIENCY TEST**

- FOR STUDENTS WHO ARE NOT NATIVE ENGLISH SPEAKERS AND/OR HAVE RECENTLY BEGUN TO ATTEND AN ENGLISH-SPEAKING SCHOOL.

OPTIONS TO PREPARE

- **OUTSIDE TEST PREP CLASSES**
 - AVAILABLE AT A VARIETY OF AGENCIES IN FC
 - COST VARIES
- **TEST PREP BOOKS**
 - AVAILABLE AT LIBRARY (FREE)
 - AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE AT LOCAL BOOK STORES
- **FREE WEBSITES**
 - WWW.KHANACADEMY.ORG
 - WWW.NUMBER2.COM
 - WWW.ACTSTUDENT.ORG
 - WWW.COLLEGEBOARD.ORG

OPTIONS TO PREPARE

- CAREER CRUISING'S METHOD TEST PREP
 - FREE!
 - ACCESSIBLE ONLINE
 - ONLINE, INDIVIDUALIZED SAT AND/OR ACT PREP THAT STARTS WITH 4 SHORT ASSESSMENT TESTS
 - YOU CAN COMPARE YOUR SCORES FOR THE SAT AND THE ACT TO DECIDE WHICH YOU WANT TO TAKE

TO ACCESS CAREER CRUISING & METHOD TEST PREP

The image shows a screenshot of the Rocky Mountain High School website. At the top, the school's name "Rocky Mountain High School" is displayed in white, with the tagline "Home of the Lobos" in a gold script font below it. To the left is the "RML LOBOS" logo. A search bar is located in the top right corner. Below the header is a navigation menu with links for "About Us", "Academics", "Activities", "Athletics", "Counseling & Career Center", "Calendar & Schedules", and "Lobo Way". On the right side of the menu, there are links for "Parents", "Staff", and "Students".

The main content area is divided into three columns. The left column has a yellow background and contains a "Quicklinks" button with a red arrow pointing to it. Below the button, there is a message: "Report cards are ready. Log into studentVue to print yours!" followed by a "Follow the Conversation" link with a Twitter icon. Below that, there are two news items: "Local Scholarship Application Now Open!" (posted Dec 19th, 2013) and "8th Grade Transition Series" (posted Dec 2nd, 2013). At the bottom of this column is a "More News" link.

The middle column features a large photograph of a crowd of students cheering with their arms raised.

The right column has a yellow background and is titled "Upcoming Events". It lists two events: "Boys D Basketball(away) Poudre" on Jan 13th, 2014 at 5:30pm, and "Girls C Basketball(home) Poudre" on Jan 14th, 2014 at 7:00pm. Below these, it lists "BOYS C BASKETBALL @ Poudre - away" on Jan 14th, 2014 at 7:30am. At the bottom of this column are links for "Access Testing" and "More Events".


A red box on the right side of the page contains the text "Log in to Career Cruising".

At the bottom left of the page, the text "Rocky Mountain High School" is visible.


Quicklinks

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Quicklinks

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 - [Engrade](#)
 - [Google Classroom](#)
 - [Google Drive](#)
 - [Google Sites](#)
 - [Highlighter](#)
 - [Insignia](#)
 - [Master Schedule](#)
 - [Media Center](#)
 - [PSD Homepage](#)
 - [PSD Off-Campus Internet Access](#)
 - [PSD Web Mail](#)
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Click on your name

 **Sample05**
My Plan


What do you want to do?

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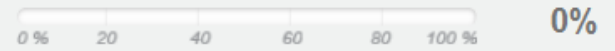
 [Build My Resume](#)

Suggested Links

- [ACT](#)
- [Big Future \(College Board\)](#)
- [Career Guide](#)
- [CO Career Cluster Model](#)
- [CO Index Score](#)
- [COF Info and Link](#)
- [College Guide](#)
- [College in Colorado](#)
- [Common Application](#)
- [FAFSA](#)
- [FAFSA4caster](#)

Welcome to Career Cruising, Sample05!

My Progress



Complete	0%
Reflect & Confirm	0%
Incomplete	100%

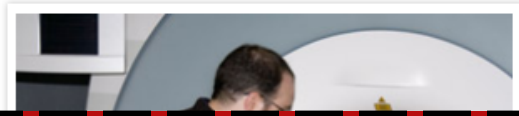


The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams.



Eleanor Roosevelt, Former U.S. First Lady

Focus on Careers



Focus on careers in physics

If you are looking for a career that will allow you to use and develop the knowledge you are acquiring in your physics classes, you should

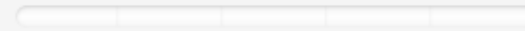


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Rocky Mountain High School
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My Progress

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Method Test Prep

Be prepared for the most important tests of your high school life.

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My Assessments

Click on "Go to Method Test Prep"

match up with your interests.

[Start Career Matchmaker](#)

those used in careers that interest you.

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those used in careers that interest you.

[Learning Styles Inventory](#)

My Saved Careers

Bookmark the careers that interest you and record your thoughts about each. When you find an occupation that interests you click on "Save to My Plan".

[Find Careers](#)

My Saved Schools

Bookmark the colleges that interest you and record your thoughts about each. When you find a school that interests you click on "Save to My Plan".

[Find Schools](#)

My Saved Majors

Bookmark the majors that interest you and record your thoughts about each. When you find a major that interests you click on "Save to My Plan".

[Find Majors](#)

My Journal

My Journal allows you to reflect on your career and education plans.

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Getting Started

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ACT

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This School Year (July 15 - Present)

Checklist

Scores by Concept

Eval Scores

Full Length

Quiz Scores

Words Mastered And Words

Week 1

1. SAT Reading Warm-up (approx. 5 min.)
2. SAT Writing and Language Warm-Up (approx. 5 min.)
3. SAT Math Warm-Up (approx. 5 min.)
- Things to Know About the SAT (approx. 15 min.)

Try the Evaluation Tests to personalize your course! Each section is just 15-25 minutes.

My Schedule

This Week

English Introduction

[View Lesson](#) 

Writing Introduction


Science Introduction

Decoding the Science Section

Reading Introduction

Tests

No test this week.

 Total study time this week: 1:07 - Study time remaining: 1:07

Study time varies by your planned test date and your initial assessment

PRACTICE SAT AT ROCKY

- **SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24TH 7:30-12:00**
- **FULL-LENGTH PRACTICE TEST,**
- **KHAN ACADEMY FOR TEST PREP**
- **INSTANT RESULTS**

FOR MORE QUESTIONS:

- GENERAL ACT QUESTIONS—WWW.ACTSTUDENT.ORG
- GENERAL SAT QUESTIONS—WWW.COLLEGEBOARD.COM
- SCHOOL SAT QUESTIONS—SEE YOUR COUNSELOR

**PREPARE FOR THE SAT NOW...
SO YOU CAN “SHOW WHAT YOU
KNOW!”**

**Stop by the College & Career Center or see your
counselor with questions.**