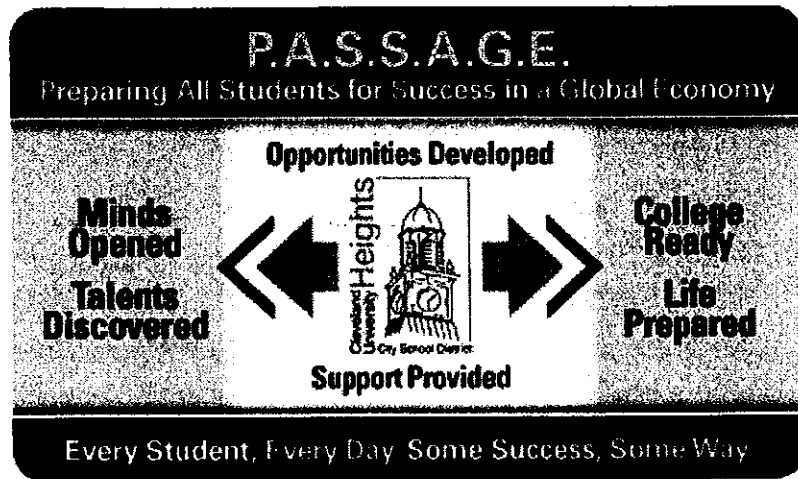


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 - What if I need special accommodations?
 - How do I prepare?

Ohio Graduation Test (OGT)

- What is it?
 - Five tests that a student must pass to earn an Ohio high school diploma
- Why take it?
 - To make sure that Ohio students who receive a high school diploma show at least a high school level of achievement
 - To measure the level of reading, writing, mathematics, science, and social studies skills expected of students at the end of tenth grade
 - To meet federal requirement for high school testing

Ohio Graduation Test (OGT)

- What's on it?
 - 2 ½ hours for each test
 - Approximately 35 multiple choice items
 - Up to 8 constructed response
 - Short answer
 - Extended response
- Skills tested
 - Reading
 - Writing
 - Mathematics
 - Social Studies
 - Science

Ohio Graduation Test (OGT)

- How is it scored?
 - Advanced
 - Accelerated
 - Proficient
 - Basic
 - Limited
- Advanced, accelerated, and proficient are considered passing.

Ohio Graduation Test (OGT)

- When is it taken?
 - Students take the OGT for the first time in spring of tenth grade.
 - The OGT is offered in the summer and fall to students who still need to pass one or more areas.

Ohio Graduation Test (OGT)

- How do I register?
 - No registration necessary.
- What if I need special accommodations?
 - The appropriate accommodations are automatically arranged for students who have an approved IEP or 504 plan.

Ohio Graduation Test (OGT)

- How do I prepare?
 - Pursue rigorous coursework!
 - <http://ogt.success-ode-state-oh-us.info>
 - School intervention sessions

ACT

- What is it?
 - A standardized achievement examination for college admissions in the United States
- Why take it?
 - Required by most colleges for admission
- What's on it?
 - The multiple-choice tests cover four skill areas: English, mathematics, reading, and science.
 - The Writing Test measures skill in planning and writing a short essay.

ACT

Should I take the ACT with writing?

- Colleges require a writing score.
- We strongly encourage students to take the ACT with Writing.
- If you take the SAT, you have a writing test score.

ACT

- How is it scored?
 - Each test score (English, Mathematics, Reading, Science) ranges from 1 (low) to 36 (high).
 - The Composite Score (1-36) is the average of the four test scores, rounded to the nearest whole number.
- When is it taken?
 - Spring of eleventh grade

ACT

- How do I register?
 - www.actstudent.org
 - Use the paper ACT Registration Booklet
 - \$46 for ACT with Writing
- What if I need special accommodations?
 - www.act.org/aap/disab
 - CHHS IEP Case Manager

ACT

- How do I prepare?
 - Pursue rigorous coursework
 - www.actstudent.org/testprep

SAT Reasoning Test

- What is it?
 - A standardized achievement examination for college admissions in the United States
- Why take it?
 - Required by most colleges for admission
- What's on it?
 - Critical Reading
 - Mathematics
 - Writing

SAT Reasoning Test

- How is it scored?
 - Each test score (Critical Reading, Mathematics, Writing) ranges from 200 (low) to 800 (high).
 - The combined score (600-2400) is the sum of the three scores.
- When is it taken?
 - Spring of eleventh grade

SAT Reasoning Test

- How do I register?
 - www.collegeboard.com/sat
 - Use the paper SAT Registration Booklet
 - \$45
- What if I need special accommodations?
 - www.collegeboard.com/ssd
 - CHHS IEP Case Manager

SAT Reasoning Test

- How do I prepare?
 - Pursue rigorous coursework!
 - www.collegeboard.com

ACT vs. SAT

- Refer to article in packet.
- www.fairtest.org
- High school code = 361445

Preliminary SAT (PSAT)

National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (NMQT)

- What is it?
 - a practice SAT which also serves as the qualifying test for the National Merit Scholarship Corporation programs
- Why take it?
 - It is the best preparation for the SAT.
 - Receive feedback about reading, mathematics, and writing skills.
 - For eleventh graders, possibly qualify for scholarships.
 - Gain access to My College Quickstart.

Preliminary SAT (PSAT)

National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (NMQT)

- What's on it?
 - Critical Reading
 - Mathematics
 - Writing
- How is it scored?
 - Each test score (Critical Reading, Mathematics, Writing) ranges from 20 (low) to 80 (high).
 - The selection index score (60-240) is the sum of the three scores.

Preliminary SAT (PSAT)

National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (NMQT)

- When is it taken?
 - October of 9th, 10th, and 11th grades
- How do I register?
 - No registration necessary
- What if I need special accommodations?
 - www.collegeboard.com/ssd
 - CHHS IEP Case Manager

Preliminary SAT (PSAT)
National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (NMQST)

- How do I prepare?
 - Pursue rigorous coursework!
 - www.collegeboard.com
 - *The Official Student Guide to the PSAT/NMQST*

Advanced Placement (AP)

- What are they?
 - Exams usually taken at the completion of Advanced Placement courses.
- Why take them?
 - Opportunity to earn college credit
 - Gain the edge in college preparation
 - Stand out in the college admissions process
 - Broaden your intellectual horizons

Advanced Placement (AP)

- What's on them?
 - Content and format varies from test to test.
- How are they scored?
 - 5 Extremely well qualified
 - 4 Well qualified
 - 3 Qualified
 - 2 Possibly qualified
 - 1 No recommendation
