

COLLEGE TESTING

There are two different tests that are used by universities and colleges as part of their application process. They are run by two competing corporations. The tests are the ACT and the SAT. Most colleges and universities accept either test.

The pre-SAT test is the PSAT which is given at Westmark in the fall of the 11th grade. Any accommodations need to be pre-approved by the testing company. Once the accommodations are approved for the PSAT, they are good for the SAT as well.

The pre-ACT is the PLAN which is taken in the fall of the 10th grade. We can give accommodations for the PLAN without documentation. However, before taking the ACT, accommodations must be approved.

Both companies have become more stringent about who gets accommodations and require extensive documentation of the disability and the need for the accommodation. We cannot provide an accommodation that is not approved by the testing company.

Current psycho-educational evaluations are required by the testing companies. You should be planning to have your 10th grader tested by this spring to qualify for testing accommodations for the fall. You may have to have your child tested again in the senior year to qualify for accommodations which are available at the colleges.