

ATHOL HIGH SCHOOL GUIDANCE

STANDARDIZED TEST OPPORTUNITIES

The following information is on six standardized tests that students will need to take in order to achieve goals in their future.

PSAT	PRELIMINARY SCHOLASTIC ASSESSMENT TEST – given to juniors (some sophomores may choose to take this test) as a practice test for the longer college entrance exam. Students register and pay for this test in the guidance office. The PSAT tests math, critical reading and writing.
SAT REASONING TEST	REASONING TEST – given to juniors and seniors as a requirement entrance exam for most 4 year and many 2 year colleges (the ACT may be used instead). Students register and pay for this test on-line or through a mail-in registration. The SAT Reasoning Exam tests in math, critical reading and writing.
SAT SUBJECT TEST	SUBJECT TEST - these are subject tests such as history, chemistry, math and English given to juniors and seniors and are used for college entrance and some scholarships. Not all colleges require these exams. Students register and pay for this test on-line or through mail in registration!
ACT	AMERICAN COLLEGE TEST – given to juniors and seniors as a requirement entrance exam for most 4 year and 2 year colleges (the SAT Reasoning Test may be used instead). Students register and pay for this test on-line or through a mail-in registration. This test measures English, math, reading and science – the writing portion is optional.
ASVAB	ARMED SERVICES VOCATIONAL APTITUDE BATTERY - this is a required entrance exam for any branch of the military. There are several subtests including vocabulary, math, science, mechanical comprehension and coding. Students register to take this free exam through a military recruiter.
AP EXAM	ADVANCED PLACEMENT EXAM – these subject exams are given in May at the end of an Advanced Placement course. Students register and pay for these tests through the guidance office. Any student taking an Advanced Placement course is required to take the exam. Based on the results of these exams, students may earn college credit. Athol High School teaches 4-7 Advanced Placement courses a year.