

CTY Testing Information to Consider

Test	SCAT (grades 2 and up)	SAT (grades 7 and 8)	ACT (grades 7 and 8)	STB (grades 5 to 8)
Requesting Accommodations	Submit a Request for Special Testing Accommodations form and accompanying documentation to CTY prior to scheduling a test at a Prometric testing center.	Visit the College Board's Website for details and procedures for requesting accommodations.	Refer to the section "Testing for Students with Disabilities" in ACT registration booklet, check http://www.act.org/aap/disab/index.html , or call 319-337-1270 before registering to test.	Submit a Request for Special Testing Accommodations form and accompanying documentation to CTY prior to scheduling a test at a Prometric testing center.
Sections and Content	The test has two sections that measure verbal and mathematical reasoning ability.	The test has a verbal, math, and writing section. <i>The writing section is not used for CTY program qualification.</i>	The ACT test (No Writing option) has four sections- science, math, reading, and English . <i>The writing section is not used for CTY program qualification.</i>	The test includes four subtests: Visual Memory , Surface Development , Block Rotation , and Perspectives (this section for 7th and 8th grade only).
Length	The length of the exam is about 45 minutes , but total testing time can run about an hour and fifteen minutes factoring in transitions and breaks.	The length of the exam is about three and half hours .	The length of the exam is approximately three hours . A break is provided after the first two sections of the exam.	Two hours is scheduled for the exam, but typically students only take 30-90 minutes to complete the exam.
Question Types	There is no writing required for the SCAT; all answers are multiple choice . There is no lengthy reading required (i.e., no passage comprehension sections). Tutorials are provided before each of the two sections to show students how questions will work.	The exam consists of multiple choice and student-produced response questions.	All four sections consist of multiple choice questions .	There is no lengthy reading or writing required (i.e., no passage comprehension sections); all questions are matching or multiple choice . Tutorials are provided before each of the sections to show students how questions will work.
Format	The test is taken on the computer and requires that students manipulate a mouse; no keyboarding is required.	Students complete the exam using No. 2 pencils and bubble answer sheets .	Students complete the exam using No. 2 pencils and bubble answer sheets .	The test is taken on the computer and requires that students use a keyboard and mouse to select their answers. The font of the exam in Times New Roman size 14.

<p>Testing Location and Typical Setting</p>	<p>Students take the test at an individual cubicle in a room with other test-takers at cubicles at a Prometric testing center. The test center employee is not a proctor and is there only to help with computer glitches, etc. and is not able to monitor a student's attention or behavior.</p> <p>*There is an option to request an aide as an accommodation, but procuring aide for a student is the parent's responsibility after approval by the CTY office. This process can take time, so make this request early.</p>	<p>Students typically take the exam at local testing location often in a large room (such as a school cafeteria) or classroom with other students sitting at the table or at individual desks.</p>	<p>Students typically take the exam at local testing location often in a large room (such as a school cafeteria) or classroom with other students sitting at the table or at individual desks.</p>	<p>Students take the test at a Prometric testing center.</p>
<p>Sample Questions and Practice Materials</p>	<p>Sample items and test instructions are provided to the families before testing. You can preview these at http://cty.jhu.edu/ts/scat.html. This link also provides general tips for the SCAT.</p> <p>*Please note that this is a reasoning test and intensive practice and preparation is not required and discouraged. The sample items are helpful in familiarizing students with the format of questions and test directions.</p>	<p>Sample test questions are available at http://sat.collegeboard.com/practice/sat-practice-questions. Students can practice filling in answers and reading directions through this link. There are also tools to plan to study based on how soon the student will take the exam and whether or not he or she has taken it before.</p>	<p>Sample test questions are available at http://www.actstudent.org/sampletest/index.html. These include sample directions. You can also download test booklet instructions ahead of time at http://www.actstudent.org/testprep/tips/instruct.html. Test-taking tips are also available on the ACT web site.</p>	<p>Sample test questions and exam outline are available at http://cty.jhu.edu/ts/stbformat.html.</p>
<p>Other Information</p>	<p>All students in grades 2-10 can take the SCAT to become eligible for CTY programs.</p>	<p>A student's score on the SAT can qualify him or her for the CTY Awards ceremony as well as qualify him or her for SET (Study of Exceptional Talent) if a score of 700 or above is achieved in either section.</p> <p>The SAT is used for college admissions and is well known. It can provide a student practice for taking this exam in the future.</p>	<p>A student's score on the ACT can qualify him or her for the CTY Awards ceremony.</p> <p>The ACT is used for college admissions and is well known. It can provide a student practice for taking this exam in the future.</p>	<p>For CTY program eligibility, the scores of the STB are combined with SCAT, SAT, or ACT scores. Taking the STB alone cannot qualify a student for CTY programs. You can view how the STB can be factored into eligibility for particular programs by following the eligibility links for the program of choice.</p>