College Entrance Exams

College entrance exams, such as the SAT and ACT, are just one part of the college admission process, but it is important to prepare for them.

Preparing for exams:

10th Grade: Prepare to take AP subject tests for your 11th/12th grade subjects. Read AP subject manuals to take practice exams. Check with your school counselor to register for a test. Free exams are available for those who qualify.

11th Grade: Take the PSAT in October. It is the preliminary exam for the SAT and is required for several national scholarship programs, including the National Merit Scholarship Program. Consider participating in www.collegereadiness.org and check with your school counselor to sign up.

12th Grade: Register for the SAT or ACT. Your counselor can provide registration forms or you can register online. Plan to register for these exams a month or two before the test date.

To find out your potential eligibility for need-based financial aid, please visit www.finaid.org and www.usc.edu.