

## LHN Testing Plan for College Preparation

- 9<sup>th</sup> grade      October – EXPLORE – all LHN students take at school  
                         includes college readiness standards and how to improve  
                         March – PSSS (PSAT) – optional
- 10<sup>th</sup> grade      October – PLAN – all LHN students take at school  
                         includes college readiness standards and how to improve  
                         March – PSSS (PSAT) – optional
- 11<sup>th</sup> grade      October – PSAT/NMSQT – all LHN students take at school  
                         Spring – ACT and SAT – sign up online – take on Saturdays at test centers  
                         (may take earlier if desired)
- 12<sup>th</sup> grade      Fall – ACT and/or SAT again if desired  
                         THEA test if needed – sign up online – take on Saturdays at test centers

### Scoring

**ACT Program** – English, Mathematics, Reading, Science, Composite

EXPLORE – 1 to 28

PLAN – 1 to 32

ACT – 1 to 36

ACT has an optional Writing test with an essay – you should take it

Essay is scored 2 – 12 and is part of the writing score

**College Board Program** – Critical Reading, Mathematics, Writing

PSAT – 20 - 80 on each part, 60 - 240 total (called selection index)

Writing portion is all multiple choice

SAT – 200 - 800 on each part, 600 - 2400 total

Writing portion is part multiple choice and part essay

Essay is scored 2 – 12 and is part of the writing score

- ☆ Many colleges still just use two parts – Critical Reading and Mathematics  
400 - 1600 range for the two added together

**Texas Higher Education Assessment** – Reading, Mathematics, Writing

THEA – 100 to 300 on each part

Required by all Texas state supported universities

Required for education majors at any Texas university – state or private

You may be exempt from the THEA if your SAT or ACT scores are high enough.

You may retake individual portions if you do not pass.

Only simple four-function (+, -, ×, ÷), nonprogrammable calculators (with square root and percent) are allowed – not scientific or graphing

## Websites

After you take the EXPLORE test in 9<sup>th</sup> grade

[www.explorestudent.org](http://www.explorestudent.org)

EXPLORE score explanation  
Career information

After you take the PLAN test in 10<sup>th</sup> grade

[www.planstudent.org](http://www.planstudent.org)

PLAN score explanation  
Career information  
Preparing for the ACT

After you take the PSAT

[www.collegeboard.com/quickstart](http://www.collegeboard.com/quickstart)

PSAT individual results and explanation  
Study plan for SAT  
Career and college planning - MyRoad

[www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org)

ACT registration and information

[www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com)

SAT registration and information

[www.thea.nesinc.com](http://www.thea.nesinc.com)

THEA registration and information

[www.edline.net](http://www.edline.net)

College info section  
"Road to College Admissions"  
"My Plan After High School"

[www.mystudentedge.com](http://www.mystudentedge.com)

See Mrs. Heath for special LHN code  
to set up an account  
Practice tests and tutorials for SAT and ACT  
Lots of college and career planning information

## Preparing for the SAT and ACT

PLAN test – students receive the test book and answers

PSAT test – students receive the test book and answers

[www.mystudentedge.com](http://www.mystudentedge.com) – individualized tutorials designed for student based on practice test

Word of the day from [www.petersons.com](http://www.petersons.com)

Question of the day from [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com)

Test preparation courses – Kaplan, TestMasters, Princeton Review, RMASS, etc.

Personal tutors