

# Casa Grande Union High School

## College/Career Assessments

2019-2020

**ACCUPLACER** (Semester 1: Juniors and Seniors- Semester 2: Sophomores, Juniors, and Seniors)- ACCUPLACER is an integrated system of computer-adaptive assessments designed to evaluate students' skills in reading, writing, and mathematics. For over 30 years, ACCUPLACER has been used successfully to assess student preparedness for introductory credit-bearing college courses. ACCUPLACER delivers immediate and precise results, offering both placement and diagnostic tests, to support intervention and help answer the challenges of accurate placement and remediation. **Note: See your Counselor to sign-up for one of the dates below.**

Semester 1: Thursday, October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019 and Thursday, October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2019

Semester 2: Thursday, March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020 and March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020

For more information and practice test: <https://accuplacer.collegeboard.org>

**ACT** (Juniors and Seniors)- The ACT® contains multiple-choice tests in four areas: English, mathematics, reading and science. ACT's writing test is optional and will not affect your composite score.

Will NOT be offered at CGUHS this year (Go to link below for a list of test sites and dates)

For more information and practice test: <https://www.act.org>

**ASVAB** (Juniors and Seniors)- ASVAB CEP empowers students nationwide to discover their strengths and interests then map out post-secondary plans that work. Start exploring. It's free! **Note: See your Counselor to sign-up for one of the dates below.**

Semester 1: Thursday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019 ~ Semester 2: Thursday, March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2019

For more information, please visit: <https://www.asvabprogram.com>

**PSAT** (Sophomores and Juniors)- The PSAT/NMSQT is the Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test. The PSAT is a great primer for the SAT, and even the ACT, but it's more than just a trial run. PSAT scores are used to identify National Merit Scholars and award merit scholarships. **Note: See your Counselor to sign-up for the date below.**

Semester 1 ONLY: Wednesday, October 30<sup>th</sup>, 2019

For more information and practice test: <https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/psat-nmsqt-psat-10>

**SAT (Juniors and Seniors)**– The SAT is an entrance exam used by most colleges and universities to make admissions decisions. The SAT is a multiple-choice, pencil-and-paper test created and administered by the College Board. The purpose of the SAT is to measure a high school student's readiness for college and provide colleges with one common data point that can be used to compare all applicants. College admissions officers will review standardized test scores alongside your high school GPA, the classes you took in high school, letters of recommendation from teachers or mentors, extracurricular activities, admissions interviews, and personal essays. How important SAT scores are in the college application process varies from school to school. Overall, the higher you score on the SAT and/or ACT, the more options for attending and paying for college will be available to you. **Note: See your Counselor to sign-up for the date below.**

Semester 2 ONLY: Wednesday, March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020 ~ Make-Up Date: April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020

For more information and practice test: <https://www.collegeboard.org/>

## Compare the ACT and SAT tests

	SAT	ACT
<b>Why Take It</b>	Colleges use SAT scores for admissions and merit-based scholarships.	Colleges use ACT scores for admissions and merit-based scholarships.
<b>Test Structure</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reading</li> <li>• Writing &amp; Language</li> <li>• Math</li> <li>• Essay (Optional)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• English</li> <li>• Math</li> <li>• Reading</li> <li>• Science Reasoning</li> </ul> <p>Essay (Optional)</p>
<b>Length</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3 hours (without essay)</li> <li>• 3 hours, 50 minutes (with essay)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2 hours, 55 minutes (without essay)</li> <li>• 3 hours, 40 minutes (with essay)</li> </ul>
<b>Reading</b>	5 reading passages	4 reading passages
<b>Science</b>	None	1 science section testing your critical thinking skills (not your specific science knowledge)
	Covers:	Covers:
<b>Math</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Arithmetic</li> <li>• Algebra I &amp; II</li> <li>• Geometry, Trigonometry and Data Analysis</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Arithmetic</li> <li>• Algebra I &amp; II</li> <li>• Geometry, Trigonometry, and Probability &amp; Statistics</li> </ul>
<b>Calculator Policy</b>	Some math questions don't allow you to use a calculator.	You can use a calculator on all math questions.
<b>Essays</b>	Optional. The essay will test your comprehension of a source text.	Optional. The essay will test how well you evaluate and analyze complex issues.
<b>How It's Scored</b>	Scored on a scale of 400–1600	Scored on a scale of 1–36