



Dear 10th & 11th Grade Students,

As you head into the second semester and look ahead to next year, you may wonder about preparing for college applications. Many 11th and 12th-graders choose to take college entrance exams, such as the ACT and SAT. Students with a Student Learning Plan (SLP) and a recent evaluation report may qualify for accommodations for these exams. The exams have different processes for granting accommodations, which we will outline below.

For the PSAT and SAT, the Learning Services team submits an application to The College Board *prior* to the student signing up for a College Board exam. We typically do this in the first semester of the student's 10th-grade year if the SLP was in place for the entirety of 9th grade. We apply for accommodations that are outlined in the student's evaluation report, the student learning plan, and that are regularly used in school. For example, if an evaluation report recommends text-to-speech but the student does not use text-to-speech to access classroom material or assessments, we are not allowed to apply for this accommodation for a College Board exam.

For the ACT, the Learning Services team submits an application to ACT *after* a student registers for the exam and declares that they have accommodations at school. The Learning Services team then applies for accommodations on the student's behalf. We apply for accommodations that are outlined in the student's evaluation report, the learning plan, and that are regularly used in school.

Some accommodations are easily accessed when the student tests at a national testing center. These typically include extra time and breaks. Other accommodations require the student to test at Bay for school-based testing. These accommodations typically include text-to-speech or dictation, multiple-day testing, or for the ACT, using a computer to type if they are registered for the ACT with writing. The site assignment is made by the College Board and the ACT, not by Bay.

If you believe you may be granted accommodations requiring school-based testing, please note that Bay has limited availability to proctor these exams, so please note the following: *each student can only test with school-based special testing a maximum of two times, one time in the spring and one time in the fall.*\* We typically offer ACT testing in September, October, and April. We offer SAT testing in September, October, March, and May. Since the exact dates are not yet released for future years, we can



only share with you the current 2026-2027 calendar. Note that special testing for ACT falls within a date window and the exact date will be determined based on proctor availability.

**2026**

- SAT September 12/13
- ACT September 19-October 4
- SAT October 3/4
- ACT October 17-November 1
- SAT November 7/8

**2027**

- ACT April 10-April 25
- SAT May 1/2
- SAT June 5/6

Please keep this letter for future reference. If you have any questions, please contact your learning specialist.

Best,

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*\*Special exceptions may be applicable. Please discuss with your learning specialist.*