

# Desert Academy Student Testing & Assessment 2011-2012

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Name of Assessment/Test	Acronym	Who Takes it	Content Covered	Time of Year	Fee/Registration	Registration/ fee due	Where
Gray Oral Reading Test	GORT	All 7 <sup>th</sup> -10 <sup>th</sup> graders	Reading fluency and comprehension	<i>Sept and Oct</i>	None	none	Desert Academy
American College Testing (with essay writing)	ACT	<b>12<sup>th</sup> graders in the Fall, 11<sup>th</sup> graders in the Spring</b>	College preparedness testing in all subjects	<i>Sep 10 Oct 22 Dec 10 Feb 11 Apr 14 June 9</i>	Starts at \$49.50 Register on line at act.org	<i>Aug 12 Sept 16 Nov 4 Jan 13 Mar 9 May 4</i>	Various Santa Fe schools (Oct/Apr at Desert Academy)
Scholastic Assessment Test I (with essay writing) and II (subject tests required by some colleges)	SAT I and SAT II	<b>12<sup>th</sup> graders in the Fall, 11<sup>th</sup> graders in the Spring</b>	College preparedness testing in all subjects and specific subject tests	<i>Oct 1 Nov 5 Dec 3 Jan 28 Mar 10 May 5, June 2</i>	Starts at \$49 Register on line at collegeboard.com	<i>Sept 9 Oct 7 Nov 8 Dec 30 Feb 10 Apr 6 May 8</i>	Various Santa Fe schools
EXPLORE	EXPLORE	<b>All 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> graders</b>	High school preparedness achievement tests and needs assessment	<i>7<sup>th</sup> Grade: Sep 27-28 8<sup>th</sup>/9<sup>th</sup> Grades: Oct 18-19</i>	None	<i>none</i>	Desert Academy
Preliminary Scholastic Assessment Test	PSAT	<b>All 11<sup>th</sup> graders, Optional for 10<sup>th</sup> graders</b>	SAT preparedness in Math, Critical Reading and Writing	<i>Oct 15</i>	\$15 payable to Desert Academy.	<i>Oct 7</i>	Desert Academy, Saturday, 9:30-1:00
PLAN ahead for the ACT	PLAN	<b>All 10<sup>th</sup> graders</b>	ACT preparedness in English, Math, Reading, Science	<i>Oct 18-19</i>	\$12 payable to Desert Academy	<i>Oct 11</i>	Desert Academy
Education Records Bureau/WrAP	ERB/WrAP	<b>All students</b>	Measures writing achievement	<i>Feb 13-15</i>	None	<i>none</i>	Desert Academy
International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme Exams	IB DP	<b>Full Diploma Candidates and certificate students</b>	Comprehensive Assessment by subject	<i>May 1-22 (most exams at end of 12<sup>th</sup> Grade)</i>	Fees apply, billed with tuition when entering DP Programme (see Desert's IB Guide for details)	<i>November 15 of the exam year</i>	Desert Academy

**Parents and Students will be notified of registration and payment deadlines prior to each test held at Desert Academy.**

### Other academic testing/assessment information:

The first and third Quarters end October 14<sup>th</sup> and March 2<sup>nd</sup>. The quarter grades serve as a progress report for the semester grades.

The first and second semesters end December 16<sup>th</sup> and May 25<sup>th</sup>. The semester grades are recorded on students' official report cards and transcripts.

Student-Led Parent/Teacher conferences are held in the fall and spring semesters; October 21<sup>st</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> and February 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>.

**Please note the ACT/SAT deadlines listed to avoid penalties.** It is best to register online but if you need to register by paper, packets are available in the college counselor's office. Register as early as possible to insure your choice of test sites. If you need assistance from the Counseling Office, begin the paperwork at least two weeks in advance of the registration deadline.

You are responsible for registering for these tests. Checks are payable to ACT or SAT when you enclose them in your packet.

The school code needed for tests is 320-597. Packets mailed after the deadline will not be accepted by either registration service.

