

College Testing General Information

- Some colleges (Bates, Bowdin, Lafayette do not require any tests!) www.fairtest.org has the details!
- Most colleges & universities in the US will take either ACT or SAT
- Testing should start no later than the Spring of the junior year. Final testing can happen Fall of the senior year.
- **SAT Reasoning** tests a student's ability to problem solve and can therefore predict academic success in college. Three sections as of March, 2005: verbal, math, and writing. The math section tests arithmetic, elementary algebra, advanced algebra and geometry skills; Verbal section tests vocabulary, verbal reasoning, and reading comprehension skills. The writing portion includes a student written essay. To learn more, go to www.collegeboard.com
- **American College Test (ACT)** is curriculum based and tests how well you remember the basic concepts you have learned over all these years of school. There are five sections on the new ACT coming out in Feb 2005: English, Mathematics, Reading, Writing and Science Reasoning. To learn more go to www.act.org
- **SAT II, Subject Tests:** hour-long comprehensive tests in 33 different subjects. They may not be taken the same day as the SAT Reasoning Test. Many colleges, especially the selective and UC system schools require these-check on the college website. To learn more go to www.collegeboard.com