Standardized Testing Accommodations

Currently, many post-secondary institutions have waived the ACT/SAT requirements for the class of 2022-23 and younger. All nine campuses of the University of California and all 23 campuses of the California State University have announced that they no longer will require or even consider ACT/SAT scores for admissions. Nor will they be developing their own admissions test. Therefore, Drew does not actively encourage its students to sit or prep for the ACT/SAT tests.

However, if a student with accommodations wishes to take the ACT/SAT, the following guidelines (based on pre-Covid norms, which may be subject to change) are provided. Please check in with Drew College Counseling (for general information) and with the Director of Learning Support (if you have questions about accommodations) to get the most up to date information about standardized testing requirements.

Make sure to apply for accommodations as early as possible, especially if you are taking the ACT. Accommodations can take weeks, sometimes months, to be approved.

How do I get accommodations for Standardized Testing?
To get testing accommodations on the PSAT, SAT, or ACT, a student must have current documentation on file at Drew.

Once I get accommodations for ACT do I have to apply again for accommodations on the SAT (or vice versa)?
The ACT test is owned and developed by the ACT organization, and the SAT is owned and developed by the College Board. As they are separate testing entities, separate applications for accommodations are needed for each one.

ACT

What do I do if I want to request 50% extended time on the ACT?
- You register online for a particular test date.
- You indicate that you will need accommodations. (After indicating that you will take the test in the U.S., click on the box that says “Yes, Accoms/Support Needed.”
- If you do not need more than 50% extra time or other special accommodations, click on “I can do all of those.”
- After you complete registration, ACT will send you an email with instructions to forward it to your school. Please forward it to Ms. Solomon (laurensolomon@drewschool.org).
- Ms. Solomon will send you a Consent Form. You need to have it signed by a parent/guardian and returned to Ms. Solomon.
Ms. Solomon also will discuss accommodation needs with you and/or your parent/guardian.

After you have returned the Consent Form, Ms. Solomon will submit the request for accommodations to ACT, along with a copy of your Drew Learning Plan and any other documentation that may be required.

Where do I take the ACT if 50% extended time is granted?
Students will take the test at a regular test center (chosen online during the registration process) on the national test date.

What if I qualify for 100% extended time or other special accommodations such as the use of a computer?
Then the student requires Special Testing (currently administered through Drew or another independent school if available).

Where do I find the application for Special Testing?
To apply:

- Register for an ACT test date.
- Indicate that you will need accommodations. (After indicating that you will take the test in the U.S., click on the box that says “Yes, Accoms/Support Needed.”
- If you need more than 50% time extension (for example, you receive 100% extra time) or require testing over multiple days, or if you use alternate test formats such as prerecorded audio, or a computer for essays then click “One or more of those apply.”
- ACT will send you an email with instructions to forward it to your school. Please forward it to Ms. Solomon (laurensoolomon@drewschool.org).
- Ms. Solomon will send you a Consent Form. You need to have it signed by a parent/guardian and returned to Ms. Solomon.
- Ms. Solomon will also discuss accommodations needs with you and/or your parent/guardian.
- After you have returned the Consent Form, Ms. Solomon will submit the request for accommodations to ACT, along with a copy of your Drew Learning Plan and any other documentation that may be required.
- If you are approved for Special Testing, the test will be given on school days (to be arranged) during the two-week testing window provided.

Is Special Testing (with 100% ET and/or a computer) available at Drew’s campus?
Yes, Drew is offering special testing for some of the ACT test dates, although no special testing will be administered in July.

Do I ask Ms. Solomon to verify that I receive accommodations before I register for the ACT or do I have to register for the test first?
You must register online for a particular ACT test date before you can submit a request
for verification of accommodations with Ms. Solomon. When you sign up for the test, you must indicate that you will need accommodations. If you do not do so, you will have to re-register to request accommodations. Be sure to register for your ACT as early as possible, as testing centers in the Bay Area tend to fill up within the first week of accepting registrations.

PSAT, SAT, AP

How can I get accommodations on College Board tests (PSAT, SAT, AP)?

- To get testing accommodations on the PSAT, SAT, or AP, a student must have current documentation on file at Drew.
- You must inform Ms. Solomon that you need accommodations on College Board tests. She will discuss accommodation needs with you and/or your parent/guardian.
- Ms. Solomon will send you a Consent Form. You need to have it signed by a parent/guardian and returned to Ms. Solomon.
- Then, Ms. Solomon will submit the request for accommodations.
- Once the accommodations have been approved, you can go online and register for a particular test date, using the SSD number that is printed on your decision letter from the College Board.
- Register for your SAT as early as possible, as testing centers in the Bay Area tend to fill up within the first week of accepting registrations.
- Students with 50% extended time will take the SAT at a regular test center. PSAT and AP tests will be administered at Drew for all students, regardless of accommodations.
- Students with 100% extended time will take the SAT at Drew on school days during a limited test window that extends from the Monday following the national test date through the following Friday.
- Students with 100% extended time will take the test over two consecutive days. The dates and times will be arranged by the school.

Once I get accommodations for the PSAT, do I have to reapply for accommodations for the SAT or AP?

- No. As the PSAT, AP exams, and the SAT are all administered by the College Board, the accommodations received for the PSAT also will remain in place for the AP exams and the SAT.
- The exception is if your documentation changes/updates, you may need to seek new accommodations in accordance with any updates.

If I get accommodations on the PSAT, do I have to use them?
Yes, you must use the accommodation, or otherwise Drew staff will not be able to certify that you need that accommodation for testing. Accommodations are a “use it or lose it” system.