

Tennessee
Profile of State College Entrance Exam Policies

<i>College entrance exam policy</i>	All 11 th grade students in Tennessee must take either the SAT or ACT.
Purpose	The purpose is to determine whether students are on track to graduate with the knowledge required to succeed after high school.
Major changes in college entrance exam policy since the 2009-10 school year for financial reasons	None.
Major changes in college entrance exam policy since the 2009-10 school year for any <i>other</i> reasons	None.
Year college entrance exam first administered as a state requirement	As the result of state legislation (May 2007) requiring additional diagnostic testing in grades 8, 10, and 11, Explore and PLAN were implemented for the first time in the fall of 2007. The first Weekday ACT administration took place in March 2009; the weekday test is limited to high school juniors.
Grade college entrance exam first administered	ACT-11 th grade
Preparation state offers to students taking college entrance exams	May 2007 legislation mandated diagnostic testing in grades 8, 10, and 11.
Does the state require students to participation in preparation for college	Yes.

entrance exam?	
State financial support provided for students to take the college entrance exam	Each Tennessee public school student is entitled to one (1) state-funded college entrance exam administration (ACT or SAT) during his/her high school career.
State financial support provided for students to re-take either exam after the first administration	No.
Is the college entrance exam administered during school day?	There is now one (1) weekday administration of the ACT available to Tennessee high school juniors in the spring. All other national test dates are on Saturdays.
Impact of adoption of the common core state standards on state college entrance exam policies	No response.