

## College Entrance Exams/Standardized Tests

There are three different standardized tests to be aware of when preparing for college acceptance: the SAT Reasoning Test, the ACT and the SAT Subject Tests. There has been a lot of discussion over the years about how important these exams are in the admissions process. Whether or not you believe these tests are fair or important you need to know that the vast majority of schools use these test scores as a significant factor in rating your academic ability. It gives them an opportunity to compare students across the country who took the same exam. Each test and its importance is described below. It is important to start planning now for when you will take these exams, as there will be a limited number of opportunities before your applications are sent in the fall of your senior year.

### Registering

For each and every standardized test that you register for and take while in high school, it is critical that you include Mohonasen's school code, also called **The CEEB Code**. Mohonasen's CEEB Code is **335-103**. Including this code on your registration ensures that your score will be reported back to Mohonasen. Your score will then become part of your official record and something your colleges will receive with every transcript. You may register for these tests with either paper applications, which are available in the C&CC, or online at [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com) for the SAT Reasoning and SAT Subject Tests and [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org) for the ACT. Mohonasen is not a test site for these tests so you will need to take them at another area high school.

When you register, you will also have the opportunity to request that your scores automatically be sent to four colleges – *for free*. Take advantage of this! It's ok if you don't end up applying to that school but if you do apply and you haven't sent your scores, you may end up paying for your scores to be sent. Some colleges require that your SAT/ACT scores be sent directly from the testing center and will not accept them as part of your high school transcript. If you haven't already requested that the test center send your scores to those schools when you registered to take the test, then you will need to go online and pay to have them sent directly to those schools. Whenever you request test scores be sent directly from the test center, scores from all test dates will be sent. This process can take the test centers several weeks to complete, so plan ahead.