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## Memorandum

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**TO:** Interested Persons

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**SUBJECT:** High School and College Placement and Entrance Examination Delays

### Summary

The Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic has impacted almost every facet of the education system, including standardized tests and college entrance examinations. This memorandum provides scheduling updates on some of the country's most relied upon placement and college entrance examinations and will be updated as more information becomes available.

### High School Examinations

**Advanced Placement (AP) tests.** The College Board has announced that in response to school closures due to the COVID-19 pandemic, all 2020 AP exam dates and testing protocol for high school students have changed. AP exams can be taken at home, and tests are scheduled from May 11, 2020, through May 22, 2020. See updated exam dates and instructions on the take-at-home test on the College Board's [website](#).

**International Baccalaureate (IB) tests.** The IB has cancelled all examinations from April 30, 2020, through May 22, 2020, due to school closures caused by COVID-19. Students at IB schools will be awarded either the IB diploma or program certificate that reflects achievements in their coursework. The IB's [website](#) will provide periodic updates as they become available.

### Undergraduate Entrance Examinations

**ACT.** ACT rescheduled the April 4, 2020 national test date to June 13, 2020, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. All students who were registered for the April test will receive free registration for the June test or a future test date. Learn more about the ACT and changes to exam scheduling on the ACT's [website](#).

**Scholastic and Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Tests (SAT & PSAT).** The Colorado Department of Education (CDE) is working with the College Board, the administrator of the SAT and PSAT, to generate solutions to administer both tests. If certain COVID-19 restrictions are lifted, College Board plans to provide monthly weekend SAT administrations from August to the end of the calendar year. This schedule includes a new administration date in September, along with the previously scheduled test dates of August 29, 2020, October 3, 2020, November 7, 2020, and December 5, 2020. Currently, students can register for these SAT testing opportunities starting in May 2020.

Both the College Board and CDE are working to provide options to take the PSAT in advance of the SAT if desired. Check the College Board [website](#) and CDE's [website](#) for updates on the PSAT and SAT as they become available.

The College Board has partnered with the Khan Academy to provide free [SAT preparation resources](#) for students and educators. The College Board encourages students to review these materials to support their SAT preparation in the midst of school closures.

## **Graduate School Entrance Examinations**

**Graduate Management Admission Test (GMAT).** During the COVID-19 closures, the GMAT will be offered online and monitored by a remote proctor. To increase flexibility, the Graduate Management Admissions Council (GMAC) has made test appointment times available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Appointments can be scheduled beginning April 20, 2020, through June 15, 2020. GMAC will continue to monitor public health updates and add more appointment dates as needed. Test registration details and dates can be found on the GMAC [website](#).

**Graduate Record Examination (GRE).** As of April 2, 2020, the Education Testing Service (ETS) is offering a GRE take-at-home option that will be monitored by a human proctor remotely. See the ETS [website](#) for test dates, free test preparation materials, and instructions on how to register for a home test. The ETS will announce in-person test dates once public health restrictions are lifted.

**Law School Admissions Test (LSAT).** The Law School Admissions Council (LSAC) did not offer the April 2020 LSAT in light of the COVID-19 pandemic. To support those who are interested in taking the LSAT this spring in order to attend law school in the fall of 2020, LSAC is offering an online remotely proctored version of the LSAT called the LSAT-Flex. Currently, the LSAT-Flex is scheduled to take place in the second half of May. LSAC will continue to monitor the COVID-19 pandemic closely and may schedule additional LSAT-Flex days if necessary. The LSAC has published a list of LSAT FAQs and additional details on test scheduling on its [website](#).

**Medical College Admissions Test (MCAT).** The Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC) has announced that all MCAT exam administrations have been cancelled globally through May 21, 2020, as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. Effective April 1, 2020, rescheduling fees for future tests will be waived until further notice. The AAMC suggests checking the MCAT testing [calendar](#) periodically starting on April 17, 2020, to see when new testing dates are scheduled. See the AAMC's [website](#) for more information and a list of FAQs on testing delays.