

Standardized International Assessment

Any student seeking UAE equivalency status for his/ her High School Diploma must sit for SAT I Math component (minimum score of 400) and TOEFL (minimum score of 173 computer based; minimum score of 61 internet based) including IELTS {score can vary between universities-MOE Score Requirement is 5.5 }. (Taken from the MOE Requirements)

Test Name	Grade Level(s)
PSAT – <i>Preliminary Scholastic Assessment Test</i> The PSAT is a standardized test administered by the College Board and cosponsored by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC) in the United States. It does not count towards college admissions applications, but it is the qualifying test for the National Merit Scholarship and gives students an idea of how they will perform on the actual SAT. The PSAT is offered nationally every year in October and April and covers Mathematics, Evidence-Based Reading & Writing. (Reference: https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/psat?navId=gh-sat) Testing: October and April	9, 10,11
SAT I - <i>Scholastic Assessment (Reasoning) Test (English and Mathematics)</i> The SAT I is administered by the College Board and aims to assess a student’s readiness for University. SAT questions measure literacy, writing and problem-solving skills that are needed for academic success post-high school. The test is generally used along with a student’s Grade Point Average to indicate admissions to college and university. Minimum Score 440 (Reference: https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat?navId=gh-sat) Testing: Rotating	11 & 12
SAT II – <i>SAT Subject Tests Optional</i> SAT Subject Tests are college admission exams on specific subjects and administered by the College Board. There are 20 SAT subject tests that fall under English, History, Language, Mathematics or Science. All of the SAT II exams are one hour long and multiple choice. The aim of the SAT II is to test a student’s knowledge on a particular subject learned in high school. Some higher education institutions require candidates to complete the SAT II, but not all. It is therefore optional. (Reference: https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat-subject-tests/about/at-a-glance) Testing: Dec, Jan, May, June	12

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MAP – *Measures of Academic Progress*

3-11 (tri-annually)

MAP tests are adaptive assessments in Reading, language Usage, Mathematics and Science that provide data about where each child is on their learning path. These assessments benchmark student growth, achievement and progress. This assessment is important because it allows teachers to know where a student's strengths are and if extra help is needed in certain areas. Teachers use this assessment to help guide and personalize instruction in the classroom. MAPs data also provides teachers and administrators with information on how students are progressing against international standards. It presents clear information on student progress from one semester to the next as well as one year to the next. (Reference: <https://www.nwea.org/assessments/map/>) Testing: Fall (October 15), Winter (January), Spring (March 1-May 25)

CAT 4 – **Cognitive Abilities Test Fourth Edition**

3,4,6,8

These tests were developed to support schools in understanding students' abilities and likely academic potential This test is used to establish a baseline and to project expected grades in students' work. This is a requirement for all schools in the UAE as part of the National Agenda parameters. This test is an assessment of developed ability and likely academic potential.

The tests highlights strengths and weaknesses across four types of reasoning as follows:

Verbal Reasoning; Thinking with words

Quantitative Reasoning: Thinking with numbers

Non -Verbal reasoning: Thinking with shapes

Spatial Reasoning: Thinking with shapes and space.

Specifically, the spatial score can help to identify learners with potential to do well in the vital STEM subjects (science, technology, engineering and mathematics).CAT4 helps teachers understand how their students learn best and encourages self-reflection and ownership of learning by students. It is an effective assessment to benchmark students' abilities and provide essential additional information when considering students' attainment and progress against potential

There is no preparation required for these tests. However, it is very important that your son/daughter takes these tests seriously and try their best.

Taken from <http://www.cat4support.com/about>) Testing: **November-January**

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IBT – <i>International Benchmark Test –Arabic</i>	Grades 4-10
<p>The IBT (International Benchmark Tests) is an optional test that students can take. The test allows schools to compare student performance internationally, between grades and overtime. Reports provide schools with detailed information about a student's strengths and areas for improvement in all subjects. The IBT is a high-quality skill-based assessment not linked to any national curriculum. This allows students from all countries to be compared fairly. (Taken from https://ibt.acer.edu.au/) – Testing Date: November</p>	
TIMSS – <i>Trends in International Mathematics and Science Study</i>	Grade 4, 8
<p>TIMSS is a comprehensive set of assessments of mathematics and science for students Grade 4 and Grade 8, providing an international perspective on teaching and learning in those areas. TIMSS is a project of the International Association for the Evaluation of Educational Achievement (IEA) and is directed by the TIMSS International Study Center at Boston College in collaboration with a worldwide network of organizations and representatives from the participating countries. (Taken from https://www.acer.edu.au/timss) Testing: 2019</p>	
PISA – <i>Programme for International Student Assessment</i>	Grades 8 or 9 (15 years old)
<p>PISA assesses the extent to which students have acquired key knowledge and skills that are essential for full participation in modern societies. Since 2000, PISA has been testing students worldwide in the key subjects of: reading, mathematics and science. The assessments also collect information on students' backgrounds and on how their schools are managed in an effort to identify the factors that influence student performance. PISA also assesses students' skills in other areas relevant to modern life, such as creative problem solving, financial literacy and collaborative problem solving. (Taken from https://www.oecd.org/pisa/aboutpisa/) Testing: November 2018</p>	
PBTS	Grade 10
<p>This test is based on PISA style of assessment in the key subjects of mathematics, reading and science. PBTS like PISA also assesses students' skills in other areas relevant to modern life, such as creative problem solving, financial literacy and collaborative problem solving It is taken annually by all Grade 10 students. Testing: June Annually</p>	
EmSAT	Grade 12
<p>EmSAT is a compulsory test for Grade 12 Emirati and non-Emirati students studying in Private Schools. University admission requires EmSAT as part the admission process for any student wishing to continue their studies in the government or private university in the UAE. It is also a requirement for many scholarships through Higher Education Institutions in the country. The test is offered for the following subjects: English Language, Mathematics, Physics, Arabic Language, Chemistry {for the Advanced track}, Biology, Computer Science. Information about registration processes, test policies, test instructions, registration dates, test centers including test specifications, performance levels and sample test questions are available on the MOE website Testing: Monthly throughout the Academic Year-students can select the date/s</p>	

