



# Kunming International Academy

## High School Standardized Test Information 2011-2012

### PSAT/NMSQT

**DATE: WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11**

**FEE: No charge for KIA students; \$22.00 for all Extension Service Program students**

**Registration deadline for ESP students: Wednesday, 14 September 2011 (students should register through the ESP Office)**

**All full-time grade 9-11 KIA students will be taking the test**

The PSAT/NMSQT (Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test) is primarily for students in grades 9-11. Grade 11 students have the opportunity to use this test to enter the competition for corporate scholarships and to enter the National Merit Scholarship Program which would place them in the top 1 or 2% of the US. Top colleges aggressively recruit these top students. The test measures critical reading, math problem-solving, and writing skills developed over many years, both in and out of school. The PSAT is also great practice for the SAT and ACT tests. The value of this test for grades 9 and 10 students is that it ranks them nationally and returns a detailed report of their academic strengths and weaknesses in time for them to remedy the situation. Visit [www.collegeboard.com/psat/](http://www.collegeboard.com/psat/) for additional information.

### SAT (REASONING) TESTS

**DATES:** Below are the SAT Test dates that KIA will be offering this school year. All students must complete a paper registration form for each test and return it to the KIA Guidance Office by the date and time below to have the registrations sent with the group directly from KIA. (Registrations may also be sent in individually by the student but must be received by CollegeBoard by the deadline they have set.)

Test Date	Paper Registration due to KIA Guidance Office by:
Saturday, 1 October 2011	Monday, 29 August 2011 (9:00am)
Saturday, 5 November 2011	Monday, 26 September 2011 (9:00am)
Saturday, 3 December 2011	Monday, 24 October 2011 (9:00am)
Saturday, 28 January 2012	Monday, 19 December 2011 (9:00am)
Saturday, 5 May 2012	Monday, 26 March 2012 (9:00am)

**FEE: \$78.00 USD (49.00 test fee + 29.00 international processing fee)**

The SAT is a College Board test that measures critical thinking skills needed for academic success in college. The SAT Reasoning Test is used by many universities around to world to evaluate applicants. There are three sections to the SAT Reasoning Test: Critical Reasoning, Mathematics and Writing. Each section is scored on a range of 200-800. Students are penalized for incorrect answers on the multiple choice sections of the SAT Reasoning Test. For more information about the SAT, go to [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com).

### SAT SUBJECT TESTS

**DATES:** Below are the SAT Subject Test dates that KIA will be offering this school year. All students must complete a paper registration form for each test and return it to the KIA Guidance Office by the date and time below to have the registrations sent with the group directly from KIA. (Registrations may also be sent in individually by the student but must be received by CollegeBoard by the deadline they have set.)

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**FEE: \$22.00 USD BASIC FEE + \$29.00 INTERNATIONAL PROCESSING FEE; LANGUAGE TESTS WITH LISTENING ADD \$22.00, ALL OTHER SUBJECT TESTS \$11.00 PER TEST**

The SAT Subject Tests are designed to measure students' knowledge and skills in particular subject areas, as well as their ability to apply that knowledge. Subject tests are available in the following subjects: English, History, Mathematics, Science, and Foreign Language. The tests are independent of any particular textbook or method of instruction. *KIA will be offering the language tests with both listening and reading sections this year during the November test administration only.* Some colleges or universities require a student to take a subject test for admission or placement. Some colleges will also give college credit in a course if the test score is high enough. Students should check with the universities directly to determine whether they should take the SAT Subject Tests for admission. For more information, please go to [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com).

**ACT**

**DATES:** Below are the ACT Test dates that KIA will be offering this school year. All students are required to complete the online registration at [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org) before the deadline listed below. Please contact the KIA Guidance Office for school codes before the deadline.

<b>Test Date</b>	<b>Online ACT Registration to be Completed by:</b>
Saturday, 22 October 2011	Friday, 16 September 2011
Saturday, 10 December 2011	Friday, 4 November 2011
Saturday, 11 February 2012	Tuesday, 13 January 2012
Saturday, 14 April 2012	Friday, 9 March 2012

**FEE: \$61.00 USD (34.00 test fee + 27.00 international processing fee) + Writing Test additional \$15.50, optional**

The ACT is used by many US universities to evaluate a student’s academic background when they receive an application. The ACT contains multiple-choice tests in four areas: English, Mathematics, Reading, and Science. There is also a 30-minute Writing Test that is now available. *The Writing Test is not offered at international testing centers on 11 February.* Not all institutions require or recommend taking the ACT Writing Test. Students should check directly with institutions they are considering to find out if they should take the writing portion. Test scores are not negatively affected for guesses on the ACT, therefore some students do better on the ACT compared to the SAT. Many colleges and scholarship agencies recommend that students take the ACT during the spring of their junior year, although the test can be taken at any time. ACT website: [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org).

**AP EXAMS**

**DATES: MAY 7-18, depends on the test**

**FEE: \$143.00 USD/test taken**

Through AP Exams, students have the opportunity to earn credit or advanced standing at most of the United States' colleges and universities. Outside the US, universities in 27 countries recognize AP in their admissions processes. AP Exams are offered in 34 subjects. AP Exams are designed to test a student’s proficiency in a subject area. Most students take an AP Exam as they are enrolled in an AP course. KIA is offering AP Biology, AP Calculus AB and AP English Language courses this year. The high school Mandarin 5 course will also be preparing students for the AP Chinese test. Students may take an AP Exam even if they have not been enrolled in an AP course. Learn more about the AP program and AP Exams at [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com). KIA students will register for the AP Exams through the Guidance Office in March.