

**Fwd: Changes to SAT and ACT offerings at Goul**

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Sent to all seniors and their families this morning.

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From: **Scoir** <automated@scoir.com>  
Date: Mon, Jun 29, 2020 at 1:19 PM  
Subject: Changes to SAT and ACT offerings at Goul  
To: <brooke.libby@gouldacademy.org>



Dear Seniors, Class of 2021,

As you may imagine, the global health crisis continues to put many things in motion. One of those is our plans for offering standardized testing on campus in the fall. I am writing today to let you know about a few known changes to our planned SAT offerings next year and to alert you to possible future changes for ACT offerings. We will keep you updated throughout summer as we know more.

For now, please carefully note changes for your planned SATs and be attentive to next steps. And please also keep in mind the changing landscape of college admissions; [over 300 colleges and universities have added test optional policies](#) (above and beyond those that already offered it) for next year because of the limited options for testing.

**SAT Changes:**

In order to offer a Saturday SAT, schools must serve as national test centers. This comes with the requirement that our test center serve any student who registers -- regardless of whether they are a Gould student. Due to health concerns, Gould is currently planning to limit who can come on campus in the fall. This means we will not be able to open as a national test center as originally planned.

However, the SAT offers the option of school-based testing, which takes place on a Wednesday and is limited to Gould students. Although we do not want to limit access to other students, we feel this is our only safe option at this time. Therefore:

*We are cancelling:*

Saturday, August 29 SAT

Saturday, September 26 SAT

Saturday, October 3 SAT

*And we are adding:*

Wednesday, September 23 SAT

Wednesday, October 14 SAT

*We are waiting on changes to:*

Saturday, November 7 SAT (stay tuned...)

*What do I need to do now?*

If you have already registered for the August, September, or October SAT at Gould:

\* once we cancel the tests later this week, you will automatically receive an email reassigning you to another local test center; be on the look-out for this email

\* DO NOT accept this test-center change; due to Gould's restrictions on off-campus activities, you will not be able to attend tests off campus

\* INSTEAD, please cancel your test registration (and you will receive a refund of \$10)

\* fortunately, the cost of taking the school-based test is only \$10, so you will wind up spending the same amount as previously planned. We apologize for this inconvenience; if this loss poses a financial burden to your family at this time, please reach out to me directly so I can help

\* to register for the school-based test, you should email Ms. Robitaille, our testing coordinator, at [robitailles@gouldacademy.org](mailto:robitailles@gouldacademy.org) to let her know which test or tests you would like to take

\* you will be excused from Wednesday classes to take your SAT

**ACT Changes:**

Like the SAT, in order to offer a Saturday ACT, schools must serve as national test centers. This comes with the requirement that our test center serve any student who registers. Unlike the SAT, the ACT does not currently offer a school-based alternative. They have announced plans to offer at-home ACTs (meaning, on your personal computer) beginning in late fall/early winter, but that does not provide many options for those of you hoping to test in September or October. We are working on possible solutions and will let you know as soon as we know anything further. *At this time, it is extremely likely that we will cancel the September 12 ACT. Again, we will let you know as soon as a decision is made.*

We apologize for all of the confusion this may be causing you. Please reach out to Ms. Davis, Ms. Robitaille or to me, with any questions or concerns. We will be glad to assist you.

Sincerely,

Brooke Libby

Sent by Brooke Libby at **Gould Academy**

You may respond by replying directly to this email.

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