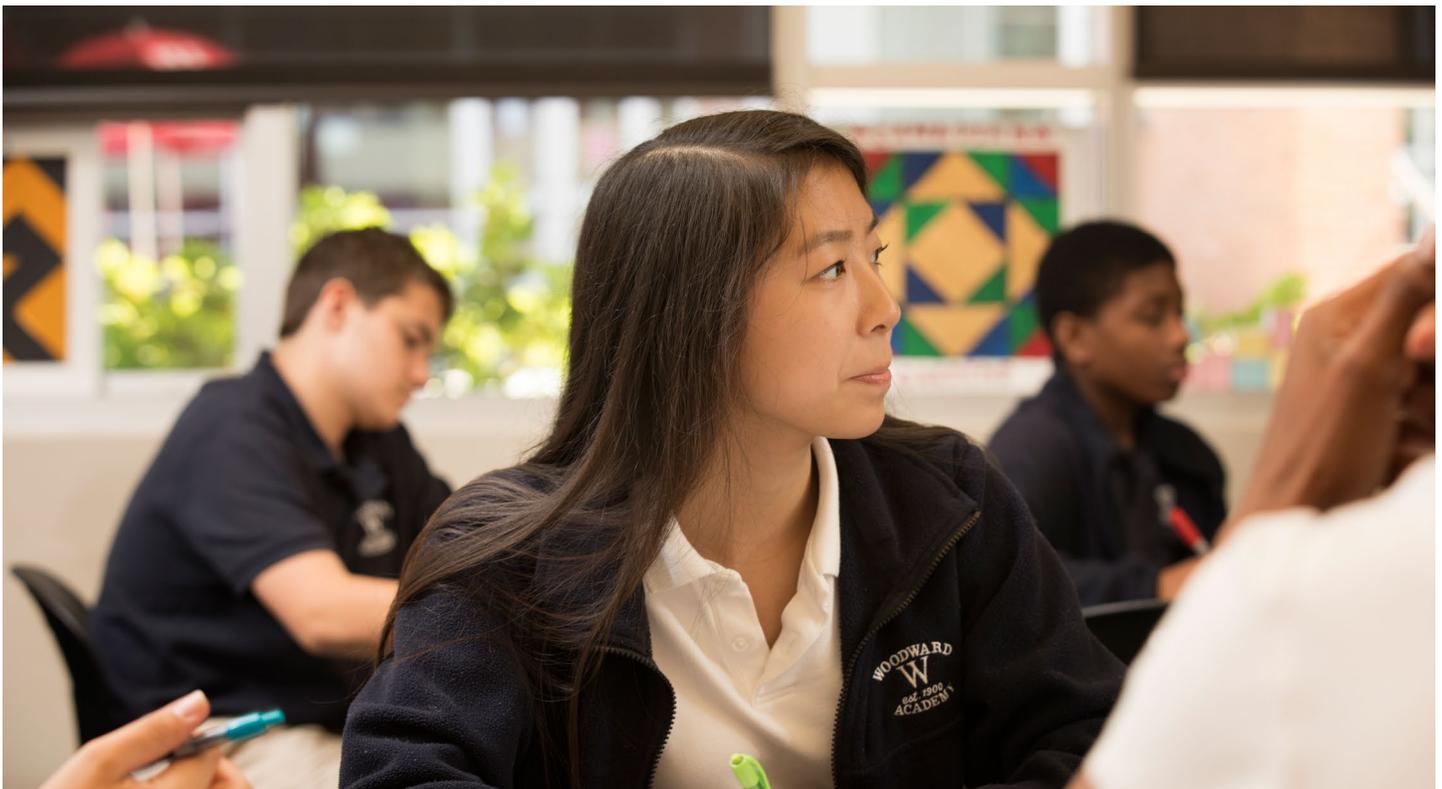


# WOODWARD

## Who Should Take a College Board Subject Test?

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SAT Subject Tests are one-hour-long College Board standardized tests offered in specific academic areas. Some highly selective colleges and universities require or recommend them for admission consideration. The undergraduate admission website of the college or university is the best place to learn whether the school uses Subject Tests in the admission process. Subject Tests may also be used for placement purposes (similar to AP tests). Generally speaking, a score

of 700 or higher of a possible 800 is considered to be competitive. Since Subject Tests measure specific knowledge, students choosing to take them should probably do so in the spring after a year-long course that includes material the Subject Test covers.

Woodward Academy teachers of the courses listed below are the best persons to advise students whether they might do well on the test. Prep material for Subject Tests is available, and it is

advisable that interested students practice. Students may take up to three tests in one sitting and are responsible for registering for the test(s). Students may not take the SAT Reasoning Test and Subject Tests the same day. Students taking an AP course that covers the same discipline as the Subject Test (e.g., Chemistry) are welcome to take both the AP and Subject Tests. As with the SAT Reasoning and ACT tests, students may retake a Subject Test if they wish. [Learn more about SAT Subject Tests.](#)

COLLEGE BOARD SUBJECT TEST OFFERED	TAKE THE TEST AFTER STUDENT COMPLETES WOODWARD COURSES	COMMENTS
<b><u>Math Level 1</u></b>	Algebra 1 and 2, Geometry, Precalculus EP	EP students in Precalculus or Pre-Cal with Algebra at end of junior year are best prepared.
<b><u>Math Level 2</u></b>	Algebra 1 and 2, Geometry, Precalculus EP or HP	After completion of Precalculus EP or Precalculus HP at end of junior year, students are prepared. HP students would need to learn standard deviation and exponential regression unless they are taking, or have taken, AP Statistics.
<b><u>Biology E/M</u></b>	Biology HP or AP Biology	Biology HP would prepare students for either the E or M versions of the test, although they will feel more prepared for the M version. Biology HP students need to learn organismal biology to do well on the test.
<b><u>Chemistry</u></b>	Chemistry HP or AP Chemistry	
<b><u>Physics</u></b>	AP Physics C or AP Physics 1 and 2	
<b><u>English</u></b>	English 2 and 3 or English 2 and AP Language 11	While any level could take the test, taking a practice test and scoring above 700 would mean the student should take the College Board's Subject Test.
<b><u>U.S. History</u></b>	US History EP or HP; AP US History	<p><b>2017-2018:</b> Students in EP or HP would need to study pre-colonial (before the colonial units that start Woodward's U.S. History EP and HP courses) and post-Watergate U.S. History. The AP U.S. History curriculum aligns with this Subject Test.</p> <p><b>2018-2019:</b> Students in EP or HP U.S. History would need to study the Pre-Columbian to the Civil War period independently. The AP U.S. History curriculum aligns with this Subject Test.</p>
<b><u>World History</u></b>	This subject test does not align with Woodward's social studies curriculum.	
<b><u>Any World Language Exam</u></b>	After the highest level of EP or HP language taken at Woodward (preferably after level 4 EP or 3 HP or AP).	The listening tests are given annually in November. The written only test can be taken throughout the year. Taking a practice test and scoring above 700 is recommended.