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# Introduction of the American Diploma

- The American High School Diploma is an academic school leaving qualification and is awarded to students upon high school graduation.
- The high school diploma is typically studied over the course of 4 years from grade 9 to grade 12, and it is awarded by the school in accordance to *Cognia* requirements.
- The system of high school diploma is based on credit hours and according to American standards.

**One credit hour** of a high school subject comprises of course work which is carried over the whole academic year and is equal to **36 weeks or 180 school days**.

- Students must accumulate a total of 24 credits in order to obtain the American High School Diploma.
  - Students are required to take English, Mathematics, Science, World Language, French language, and ICT, plus National identity subjects (i.e., Arabic language, KSA History, Quran and Islamic studies).
  - Besides passing the semester exams of the school, students have to complete all *assessment (i.e., class work, homework, quizzes and projects)* to be awarded the American High Diploma High Certificate.
  - At the end of grade 12 if the student has completed all previous requirements, he will be awarded an American High School Diploma Certificate.
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# Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT)

The SAT is a standardized test widely used for college admissions in the United States and international admission test for colleges and universities entry requirements, and it is mostly popular among the American diploma programs in the Middle East.

At AIS, we offer the SAT I.

- It's given seven times throughout the academic year.
- The College Board has decided to discontinue the SAT essay and Subject tests (i.e., SAT II)

# American College Test (ACT)

- The ACT is a national college admissions examination in the United States.
- ACT (which contains no Writing) consists of four multiple-choice tests (i.e., English, Mathematics, Reading, and Science). These will be conducted together with a 30-minute Writing Test. The ACT measures achievement mostly related to high school curricula.
- it's given seven times throughout the academic year.
- Both the SAT and ACT require similar skills and test similar content. However, the SAT measures mostly verbal and quantitative reasoning.



# Advanced Placement (AP)

The **AP** is a program created by the College Board which offers college-level curricula and examinations to high school students.

- AP courses reflect what is taught in top introductory college courses at the end of course, students take AP Exams — standardized exams that measure how well students have mastered college-level course work.
- Students who do well on AP Exams can earn credit and/or placement into advanced courses in college.
- There are 37 different standardized single-subject AP tests given during the first two weeks of May.
- Students generally test at their own schools as they complete AP course work, so it is possible to have several AP tests in one year—maybe even two in one day!

# Comparing AP Exams vs. SAT/ACT Subject Tests

AP Exams	SAT Subject Tests
<p>Students can earn college credit based on their performance on the AP exam, but AP exams are not required for admission.</p>	<p><u>Some schools require SAT Subject Tests</u>, in addition to SAT or ACT scores, for admission.</p>
<p>AP exams are intended to assess competence with material that would be presented in a first-year college class.</p>	<p>Subject Tests are designed to assess proficiency of high school curricula.</p>
<p>There are 38 AP courses and corresponding exams.</p>	<p>Currently there are 20 <u>SAT Subject Test options</u>. ACT subject tests are available in following subjects: ELA (English I and II), Math (Math I and II), Science (Biology, Chemistry, and Physics) and U.S. History.</p>



AP exams are three hours in length.

Subject Tests are one hour in length.

AP exams include multiple choice and free response questions.

Subject Tests only have multiple choice questions.

AP exams are offered once per year. They are given over a two-week period at the beginning of May.

Subject Tests are offered multiple times per year. Students can take up to 3 tests per test date.

<p>AP exams are scored on a 1-5 scale.</p>	<p>Subject Tests are scored out of a possible 800 points for SAT or 36 for ACT.</p>
<p>There is no penalty for guessing and students can receive partial credit for free-response questions.</p>	<p><u>There is a penalty for guessing.</u></p>
<p>All AP Exam scores are sent to colleges.</p>	<p>Students can decide which Subject Test scores they want to send to colleges.</p>
<p>AP exams require higher order thinking skills, the need to synthesize information, make connections, and draw conclusions.</p>	<p>Subject Tests require students to have factual knowledge and to be able to churn through the content at a fast pace.</p>

	SAT	ACT
SCORING	200-800 3 SECTION TOTAL: 2400	1-36 4 SECTIONS AVERAGED
READING	TESTS VOCABULARY, MORE ADVANCED CRITICAL READING SKILLS REQUIRED	MORE STRAIGHTFORWARD BUT MUCH FASTER: 40 QUESTIONS IN 35 MINUTES
MATH	BASIC ALGEBRA AND GEOMETRY, A FEW ADVANCED CONCEPTS	TOPICS COVERED ON THE SAT + MORE ADVANCE TOPICS AND TRIG
ENGLISH	BASIC & ADVANCE GRAMMATICAL SKILLS	BASIC & ADVANCE GRAMMATICAL SKILLS
SCIENCE	N/A	READING COMPREHENSION + CHARTS AND GRAPHS
OVERALL	MORE COMPLEX CRITICAL THINKING SKILLS	MORE STRAIGHTFORWARD BUT MUCH FASTER 40 QUESTIONS IN 35 MINUTES

# Requirements for Different Countries

- The student finishes twelve academic years as a regular student, provided that the last three years ([i.e. Grades 10, 11 and 12](#)) are at least in the [American Diploma Program section](#).
- The other requirements are varies from country to country and changes from time to time.
- It's always preferable to check with the Ministry of Education in the respective countries.
- Some examples:
- Jordan: 6 ACT(II) or 1 AP + 4 ACT (II) or 2 AP + ACT (I)
- Egypt : ECT + ECT subjects only.
- ECT, SAT and ACT require similar skills and test similar content.

# General Aptitude Test (GAT) & Standard Achievement Admission Test (SAAT)

- **General Aptitude Test (GAT) - Qudrat**
- **Standard Achievement Admission Test (SAAT) -**

## **Tahsili**

- We provides support classes to prepare students for GAT and SAAT exams.
- The schools maintained one of the top five positions in GAT (QUDRAT)) and SAAT (TAHSILI) citywide (in Riyadh) .

# THANK YOU!

For more information, please don't hesitate to contact me.

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