



Smart College Launches Monthly Free In-Person ACT and SAT Practice Tests at Edina Office

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Smart College has introduced a new program offering free full-length, proctored in-person practice tests for the ACT and SAT at its Edina office each month. The sessions are open to both current clients and potential clients in grades eight through twelve. Participants receive detailed score reports with projected performance insights returned within 24 hours.

The monthly practice tests replicate official exam conditions, including standard timing, question formats, and a formal testing environment. This provides students with a realistic experience that helps identify current performance levels across English, Math, Reading, Science, and optional Writing sections. Results include not only raw scores but also analysis of strengths and areas for improvement, enabling families to make informed decisions about next steps in test preparation and college planning.

Smart College notes that consistent in-person proctored testing of this nature is uncommon among providers in the Twin Cities area. By making these sessions available on a monthly basis without charge, the program removes a common barrier for families seeking to gauge readiness before investing in more extensive preparation.

“Regular practice in a simulated testing environment is an important component of effective ACT and SAT preparation,” said Kristin Edwards, Founder of Smart College. “By offering these free monthly sessions, we provide students and families in the Twin Cities with a practical opportunity to assess readiness and track progress over time, regardless of their academic background or financial circumstances.”

The initiative supports Smart College’s broader efforts to make college planning and test preparation resources accessible across different academic profiles. Students from those pursuing highly selective colleges to those needing additional support for high school completion can benefit from objective data that informs their pathways. The 24-hour turnaround on score reports allows families to act quickly, adjusting study plans or seeking targeted tutoring based on clear evidence of performance.

In a related development, Smart College completed a one-time collaboration with Focus Tutors, a K-12 tutoring provider in the Phoenix area. The partnership enabled a targeted exchange of expertise to enhance service options for families in Arizona during this period, demonstrating the company’s interest in innovative small business collaborations that expand reach while maintaining focus on quality support.

Smart College’s model emphasizes support for the full range of students. The company provides flexible service packages and payment plans structured to accommodate various family budgets. Services are available both on-site and through the company’s network, including partnerships with co-working spaces at The Reserve in Edina, Woodbury, and Roseville. These settings offer bright, safe, and quiet environments well-suited for focused tutoring and advising sessions.

This new testing program complements Smart College’s recent school-wide partnership with St. Augustine Academy in Inver Grove Heights. That collaboration integrates college planning and test preparation support starting in middle school, reinforcing the value of early and consistent preparation. The monthly free tests in Edina extend similar opportunities to a wider audience of students and families across the metro area who may not yet be part of a formal school program.

The free practice tests align with Smart College’s structured approach to college readiness. Tutors and advisors are experienced, credentialed teachers and content-area specialists with substantial classroom teaching experience. Sessions following the practice tests can incorporate results into personalized plans that address specific content gaps, test-taking strategies, and overall confidence building.

“These monthly opportunities allow students to become familiar with the testing process in a low-stakes setting,” Edwards added. “Over time, repeated participation helps track improvement, reduce anxiety, and inform decisions about official test dates. We are pleased to offer this resource as part of our commitment to practical, hands-on support that benefits students at every stage of their journey.”

As the 2026-2027 school year continues, the monthly schedule provides families with ongoing opportunities to participate without long-term commitments. Sessions focus on practical preparation that integrates with school academics and individual student needs. Families can choose dates that fit their schedules, making the program adaptable to varying levels of readiness and availability.

Smart College remains committed to addressing gaps in traditional college planning resources through structured processes that guide families through testing, applications, financial aid exploration, and successful transitions to postsecondary education. Early trends from similar individualized programs have shown positive indicators in areas such as higher college application completion rates and increased access to scholarship opportunities among participating students.

The launch of the free monthly testing program reflects Smart College's dedication to serving the Twin Cities community by providing tangible tools that support informed decision-making. By combining these free resources with expert instruction and flexible options, the company continues to expand access to quality college advising and test preparation for all types of students.

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