

SZPAG EXTERNAL ASSESSMENT CALENDAR 2017-2018

SHEIKH ZAYED PRIVATE ACADEMY FOR GIRLS'

TENTATIVE TEST DATES AUGUST 2017 - JULY 2018

This is a tentative calendar of the tests to be conducted this school year. An explanation of each test is available on the back of this calendar. Remember: *Dates are subject to change.*

TEST DATES	TEST DATES	TEST DATES
September 17 – 28: CAT4 (Grades 3, 4, 6, & 8)	*December 4 – 12: Term 1 Exams (Grades 6 – 12)	May 5: SAT (Grades 11 & 12)
September 26: Mock PISA (all 15 year old students)	*February 5 – 15: MAP (Grades 1 – 11)	*June 3 – 13: Term 3 Exams* (Secondary)
October 7: SAT (Grades 11 & 12)	February 25 – March 8: WIDA (Language Test)	Date Unknown: PISA
October 11: PSAT (Grades 8 – 11)	March 6: MOCK PISA (ADEK required)	Date Unknown: EMSA (Grades 5, 7, 9, & 11)
*October 22 – November 7: MAP (Grades 1 – 11)	March 10: SAT (Grades 11 & 12)	Date Unknown: EmSAT (Grade 12)
*November 14 – 27: PASS (Grades 3 – 12)	*March 13 – 21: Term 2 Exams (Grades 6 – 12)	
November 23: IBT (Grades 4, 5, & 6)	*April 29 – May 31: MAP (Grades 1 – 11)	

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Explanation of Tests

CAT 4: The Cognitive Abilities Test (Fourth Edition) is an assessment of reasoning ability. Tasks involve thinking about shapes and patterns (Non-Verbal Reasoning), words (Verbal Reasoning), numbers (Quantitative Reasoning) and some questions are answered by mentally analyzing visual images (Spatial Ability). In other words, students are tested on how they think or process information. This is an English language test. (Grades 3, 4, 6, & 8)

EMSA: EMSA (External Measure of Student Achievement) are tests that measure individual student performance in Abu Dhabi Schools. They also provide information to indicate how schools and the school system are improving. The test is given for the following subjects: • English reading • English writing • Arabic reading • Arabic writing • Mathematics • Science (tested for grade 3 to grade 9 only). This is an English and Arabic Language test. (Grades 5, 7, 9, & 11)

EmSAT: Emiratis Standardized Test is a UAE-wide system of standardized computer-based tests based on national standards. Test subjects include: • English Literacy • Arabic Literacy • Physics • Mathematics. This is an English and Arabic Language Test for Grade 12 students.

MAP: Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) uses a collection of computerized adaptive assessments to test students' knowledge. As students answer questions correctly, the test becomes harder. Students are tested in the following subjects: • Reading • Language • Mathematics • Science. This is an English language test. (Grades 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, & 11)

IBT: The International Benchmark Test (IBT) is an internationally administered program of assessments. The IBT allows schools to compare student performance internationally, between grades and overtime. This is an Arabic language test. (Grades 4, 5, & 6)

PASS: Pupil Attitudes to Self and School (PASS) is an all-age attitudinal survey that provides a measurement of a pupil's attitudes towards themselves as learners and their attitudes towards school. This is an English language test. (Grades 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, & 12)

PISA: The Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA) is an international survey which evaluates education systems worldwide by testing the skills and knowledge of 15-year-old students. It takes place every three years and is an English language test. (all 15 year old students)

PSAT: The Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT) is a pretest administered by the College Board and cosponsored by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC). This test will focus on what you've already been learning throughout high school. It is also a chance to practice for the SAT, to see where students might need to improve, and to qualify for scholarship programs. This is an English language test. (Grades 8, 9, 10, 11 & 12)

SAT: The SAT is a standardized test widely used for college admissions in the United States. It measures students' readiness for college in the following subjects: • Reading • Language • Writing • Mathematics. This is an English language test. (Grades 11 & 12)

WIDA: The WIDA, World-class Instructional Design and Assessment, is an English language proficiency "screeener" test given to students who may be designated as English language learners. It assists educators with placement decisions such as identification and placement of ELLs.