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UPDATED WITH THE OFFICIAL EST 2026 SCHEDULE

American Diploma Examination Calendar

September 2026 — July 2027

Digital SAT | EST I | EST II | ACT

26 test days

18 registration deadlines

1 same-day clash to plan around

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How to use this calendar

Legend, exam guide and the dates that need a decision

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Legend

SAT	**Digital SAT**: test day, always a Saturday
SAT reg	Registration deadline for the Digital SAT
EST I	**EST I**: test day, always a Friday
EST II	**EST II**: subject tests, the Saturday after EST I
EST opens	EST registration window opens (it runs 20 days)
EST reg	One deadline covers **both** EST I and EST II
ACT	**ACT**: test day, a Saturday (international sittings run Fri–Sat)
ACT reg	Registration deadline for the ACT
EST I ~	A tilde marks a **projected** date (see the note below)
	A red corner marks a day when **two exams clash**

Which exam does a student need?

REQUIREMENT	WHAT SATISFIES IT
The first exam Required of every American Diploma student	Digital SAT (min. 1050), **or** EST I, **or** ACT, weighted at 60% of the equivalent total
Subject tests Practical and scientific faculties	SAT 2 or EST II: two subjects from Math Level 1 & 2, Biology, Physics, Chemistry (min. 1100). **Not every subject runs in every EST session** (see the EST sessions page)
ACT	A single composite sitting covering English, Math, Reading, Science and Writing. There is no separate ACT subject-test day, so a student on the ACT route sits one exam, not two.
National identity Arabic and History	Ministry-administered examinations, not on this calendar. They carry 20% of the diploma total.

Clash · Saturday 12 December 2026

EST II and the ACT fall on the same day, and EST I (Fri 11 Dec) sits inside the ACT's Friday–Saturday international window. A student cannot sit both: decide at registration. EST closes **16 Nov**, ACT on **6 Nov**.

What changed in this edition

EST December moves to **11–12 Dec** (registration 27 Oct – 16 Nov), so the old 5 December SAT/EST clash is gone. October EST is now confirmed. 2027 EST sessions are re-projected from the 2026 slots, which moves April to **26–27 March** and removes the 10 April clash.

Confirmed and projected dates. Every Digital SAT and ACT date is published by the test provider for 2026/27. The October and December 2026 EST sessions come from the official EST 2026 calendar. The 2027 EST sessions are **projected** and marked with a tilde. In all six official 2026 sessions, registration opened on a Tuesday, ran for 20 days and closed on a Monday exactly 25 days before EST I. The projections apply that rule to the same Friday slots EST used in 2026. Confirm each one against the official EST calendar before a family pays a registration fee.

EST sessions 2026/27

Every EST session in this academic year, with its registration window and EST II subjects

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SESSION	REGISTRATION WINDOW	EST I	EST II	EST II SUBJECTS	STATUS	BASIS
October 2026	Tue 25 Aug 2026 → Mon 14 Sep 2026	Fri 9 Oct 2026	Sat 10 Oct 2026	Math Level 1 & 2 · Biology · Physics	CONFIRMED	Official EST 2026 calendar
December 2026	Tue 27 Oct 2026 → Mon 16 Nov 2026	Fri 11 Dec 2026	Sat 12 Dec 2026	Math Level 1 & 2 · Biology · Chemistry	CONFIRMED	**Clashes with ACT.** Official EST 2026 calendar
January 2027	Tue 8 Dec 2026 → Mon 28 Dec 2026	Fri 22 Jan 2027	Sat 23 Jan 2027	Math Level 1 & 2 · Biology · Chemistry	PROJECTED	Same slot as Jan 2026 (4th Friday, 23 Jan)
March 2027	Tue 9 Feb 2027 → Mon 1 Mar 2027	Fri 26 Mar 2027	Sat 27 Mar 2027	Math Level 1 & 2 · Biology · Physics	PROJECTED	Same slot as Mar 2026 (last Friday, 27 Mar)
May 2027	Tue 6 Apr 2027 → Mon 26 Apr 2027	Fri 21 May 2027	Sat 22 May 2027	Math Level 1 & 2 · Biology · Physics · Chemistry	PROJECTED	Same slot as May 2026 (3rd Friday, 15 May)
July 2027	Tue 18 May 2027 → Mon 7 Jun 2027	Fri 2 Jul 2027	Sat 3 Jul 2027	Math Level 1 & 2 · Biology · Physics · Chemistry	PROJECTED	Same slot as Jul 2026 (1st Friday, 3 Jul)

Official EST 2026 calendar (reference)

ROUND	EST I	EST II	EST II SUBJECTS	REGISTRATION
January	Fri 23 Jan	Sat 24 Jan	Math · Biology · Chemistry	9 Dec 2025 → 29 Dec 2025
March	Fri 27 Mar	Sat 28 Mar	Math · Biology · Physics	10 Feb → 2 Mar
May	Fri 15 May	Sat 16 May	Math · Biology · Physics · Chemistry	31 Mar → 20 Apr
July	Fri 3 Jul	Sat 4 Jul	Math · Biology · Physics · Chemistry	19 May → 8 Jun
October	Fri 9 Oct	Sat 10 Oct	Math · Biology · Physics	25 Aug → 14 Sep
December	Fri 11 Dec	Sat 12 Dec	Math · Biology · Chemistry	27 Oct → 16 Nov

The rule behind every window

45 days
Registration opens on a Tuesday, 45 days before EST I

20 days
The window stays open 20 days

25 days
It closes on a Monday at 22:00 Cairo time, 25 days before EST I

This rule held in all six official 2026 sessions. Plan subject choices early: Physics and Chemistry each run in only four of the six sessions.

The year at a glance: autumn term

September to December 2026

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DATE	DAY	EXAM	EVENT	STATUS	NOTE
11 Sep 2026	Friday	**ACT**	Registration closes	CONFIRMED	Late registration until 29 Sep
12 Sep 2026	Saturday	**Digital SAT**	Test day	CONFIRMED	
14 Sep 2026	Monday	**EST I & II**	Registration closes	CONFIRMED	Closes 22:00 Cairo time · covers EST I and EST II
18 Sep 2026	Friday	**Digital SAT**	Registration closes	CONFIRMED	Late registration until 22 Sep
19 Sep 2026	Saturday	**ACT**	Test day	CONFIRMED	International sitting runs 18–19 Sep
3 Oct 2026	Saturday	**Digital SAT**	Test day	CONFIRMED	
9 Oct 2026	Friday	**EST I**	Test day	CONFIRMED	
10 Oct 2026	Saturday	**EST II**	Test day	CONFIRMED	Math Level 1 & 2 · Biology · Physics
17 Oct 2026	Saturday	**ACT**	Test day	CONFIRMED	International sitting runs 16–17 Oct
23 Oct 2026	Friday	**Digital SAT**	Registration closes	CONFIRMED	Late registration until 27 Oct
27 Oct 2026	Tuesday	**EST I & II**	Registration opens	CONFIRMED	For the December session · window runs 20 days
6 Nov 2026	Friday	**ACT**	Registration closes	CONFIRMED	Late registration until 29 Nov
7 Nov 2026	Saturday	**Digital SAT**	Test day	CONFIRMED	
16 Nov 2026	Monday	**EST I & II**	Registration closes	CONFIRMED	Closes 22:00 Cairo time · covers EST I and EST II
20 Nov 2026	Friday	**Digital SAT**	Registration closes	CONFIRMED	Late registration until 24 Nov
5 Dec 2026	Saturday	**Digital SAT**	Test day	CONFIRMED	
8 Dec 2026	Tuesday	**EST I & II**	Registration opens	PROJECTED	For the January session · window runs 20 days
11 Dec 2026	Friday	**EST I**	Test day	CONFIRMED	
12 Dec 2026	Saturday	**EST II**	Test day	CONFIRMED	**Clashes with ACT.** Math Level 1 & 2 · Biology · Chemistry
12 Dec 2026	Saturday	**ACT**	Test day	CONFIRMED	**Clashes with EST II.** International sitting runs 11–12 Dec
28 Dec 2026	Monday	**EST I & II**	Registration closes	PROJECTED	Closes 22:00 Cairo time · covers EST I and EST II

ACT deadlines shown are the published **national** deadlines; international registration closes roughly four weeks before the test, so register earlier. EST deadlines close at 22:00 Cairo time.

The year at a glance: spring and summer

January to July 2027

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DATE	DAY	EXAM	EVENT	STATUS	NOTE
22 Jan 2027	Friday	EST I	Test day	PROJECTED	Same slot as Jan 2026 (4th Friday, 23 Jan)
22 Jan 2027	Friday	ACT	Registration closes	CONFIRMED	Late registration until 9 Feb
23 Jan 2027	Saturday	EST II	Test day	PROJECTED	Math Level 1 & 2 · Biology · Chemistry
9 Feb 2027	Tuesday	EST I & II	Registration opens	PROJECTED	For the March session · window runs 20 days
19 Feb 2027	Friday	Digital SAT	Registration closes	CONFIRMED	Late registration until 23 Feb
27 Feb 2027	Saturday	ACT	Test day	CONFIRMED	International sitting runs 26–27 Feb
1 Mar 2027	Monday	EST I & II	Registration closes	PROJECTED	Closes 22:00 Cairo time · covers EST I and EST II
5 Mar 2027	Friday	ACT	Registration closes	CONFIRMED	Late registration until 23 Mar
6 Mar 2027	Saturday	Digital SAT	Test day	CONFIRMED	
26 Mar 2027	Friday	EST I	Test day	PROJECTED	Same slot as Mar 2026 (last Friday, 27 Mar)
27 Mar 2027	Saturday	EST II	Test day	PROJECTED	Math Level 1 & 2 · Biology · Physics
6 Apr 2027	Tuesday	EST I & II	Registration opens	PROJECTED	For the May session · window runs 20 days
10 Apr 2027	Saturday	ACT	Test day	CONFIRMED	International sitting runs 9–10 Apr
16 Apr 2027	Friday	Digital SAT	Registration closes	CONFIRMED	Late registration until 20 Apr
26 Apr 2027	Monday	EST I & II	Registration closes	PROJECTED	Closes 22:00 Cairo time · covers EST I and EST II
1 May 2027	Saturday	Digital SAT	Test day	CONFIRMED	
7 May 2027	Friday	ACT	Registration closes	CONFIRMED	Late registration until 25 May
18 May 2027	Tuesday	EST I & II	Registration opens	PROJECTED	For the July session · window runs 20 days
21 May 2027	Friday	Digital SAT	Registration closes	CONFIRMED	Late registration until 25 May
21 May 2027	Friday	EST I	Test day	PROJECTED	Same slot as May 2026 (3rd Friday, 15 May)
22 May 2027	Saturday	EST II	Test day	PROJECTED	Math Level 1 & 2 · Biology · Physics · Chemistry
4 Jun 2027	Friday	ACT	Registration closes	CONFIRMED	Late registration until 22 Jun
5 Jun 2027	Saturday	Digital SAT	Test day	CONFIRMED	
7 Jun 2027	Monday	EST I & II	Registration closes	PROJECTED	Closes 22:00 Cairo time · covers EST I and EST II
12 Jun 2027	Saturday	ACT	Test day	CONFIRMED	International sitting runs 11–12 Jun
2 Jul 2027	Friday	EST I	Test day	PROJECTED	Same slot as Jul 2026 (1st Friday, 3 Jul)
3 Jul 2027	Saturday	EST II	Test day	PROJECTED	Math Level 1 & 2 · Biology · Physics · Chemistry
10 Jul 2027	Saturday	ACT	Test day	CONFIRMED	International sitting runs 9–10 Jul

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September 2026

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
30	31	1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11 ACT reg	12 SAT
13	14 EST reg	15	16	17	18 SAT reg	19 ACT
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	1	2	3

REGISTRATION

- **11 Sep** Fri — ACT
- **14 Sep** Mon — EST I & II
- **18 Sep** Fri — Digital SAT

TEST DAYS

- **12 Sep** Sat — Digital SAT
- **19 Sep** Sat — ACT

THIS MONTH

Registration month. The EST October deadline (Mon 14 Sep) and the SAT October deadline (Fri 18 Sep) fall four days apart. Register for both before mid-month.

October 2026

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
27	28	29	30	1	2	3 SAT
4	5	6	7	8	9 EST I	10 EST II
11	12	13	14	15	16	17 ACT
18	19	20	21	22	23 SAT reg	24
25	26	27 EST opens	28	29	30	31

REGISTRATION

- **23 Oct** Fri — Digital SAT
- **27 Oct** Tue — EST I & II opens

TEST DAYS

- **3 Oct** Sat — Digital SAT
- **9 Oct** Fri — EST I
- **10 Oct** Sat — EST II
- **17 Oct** Sat — ACT

THIS MONTH

The heaviest testing month: SAT (3 Oct), EST I and II (9–10 Oct) and ACT (17 Oct) all fall within a fortnight. December EST registration opens Tue 27 Oct.

November 2026

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4	5	6 ACT reg	7 SAT
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16 EST reg	17	18	19	20 SAT reg	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	1	2	3	4	5

REGISTRATION

- **6 Nov** Fri — ACT
- **16 Nov** Mon — EST I & II
- **20 Nov** Fri — Digital SAT

TEST DAYS

- **7 Nov** Sat — Digital SAT

THIS MONTH

Decision month for December. The EST window closes **Mon 16 Nov at 22:00** and the SAT deadline is Fri 20 Nov. Choose EST II or the ACT for Sat 12 Dec: you can't sit both.

December 2026

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
29	30	1	2	3	4	5 SAT
6	7	8 EST opens ~	9	10	11 EST I	12 EST II ACT
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28 EST reg ~	29	30	31	1	2

REGISTRATION

8 Dec (Tue)	EST I & II opens	PROJECTED
28 Dec (Mon)	EST I & II	PROJECTED

TEST DAYS

5 Dec (Sat)	Digital SAT	
11 Dec (Fri)	EST I	
12 Dec (Sat)	EST II	CLASH
12 Dec (Sat)	ACT	CLASH

THIS MONTH

Three test weekends in a row: SAT (5 Dec), then EST I and II (11–12 Dec), with the ACT also on Sat 12 Dec. The January EST window (projected) runs 8–28 Dec, over the winter break.

January 2027

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22 EST I ~ ACT reg	23 EST II ~
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31	1	2	3	4	5	6

REGISTRATION

22 Jan Fri	ACT	

TEST DAYS

22 Jan Fri	EST I	PROJECTED
23 Jan Sat	EST II	PROJECTED

THIS MONTH

EST I and II (projected 22–23 Jan) are the first test days of the year, and the ACT deadline is the same Friday. Use the second half of the month to start the March SAT cycle.

February 2027

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
31	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9 EST opens ~	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19 SAT reg	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27 ACT
28	1	2	3	4	5	6

REGISTRATION

9 Feb Tue	EST I & II opens PROJECTED
19 Feb Fri	Digital SAT

TEST DAYS

27 Feb Sat	ACT

THIS MONTH

The ACT on 27 Feb is the only test day. Two windows close: the SAT March deadline (19 Feb) and the EST March window (projected 9 Feb – 1 Mar).

March 2027

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
28	1 EST reg ~	2	3	4	5 ACT reg	6 SAT
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26 EST I ~	27 EST II ~
28	29	30	31	1	2	3

REGISTRATION

1 Mar (Mon)	EST I & II	PROJECTED
5 Mar (Fri)	ACT	

TEST DAYS

6 Mar (Sat)	Digital SAT	
26 Mar (Fri)	EST I	PROJECTED
27 Mar (Sat)	EST II	PROJECTED

THIS MONTH

The SAT on 6 March and EST I and II (projected 26–27 Mar) are three weeks apart. A strong month for students taking both routes.

April 2027

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
4	5	6 EST opens ~	7	8	9	10 ACT
11	12	13	14	15	16 SAT reg	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26 EST reg ~	27	28	29	30	1

REGISTRATION

6 Apr Tue	EST I & II opens PROJECTED
16 Apr Fri	Digital SAT
26 Apr Mon	EST I & II PROJECTED

TEST DAYS

10 Apr Sat	ACT

THIS MONTH

No clash this April: the ACT runs alone on 10 Apr. The May EST window (projected 6–26 Apr) and the SAT May deadline (16 Apr) make this a registration month.

May 2027

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
25	26	27	28	29	30	1 SAT
2	3	4	5	6	7 ACT reg	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18 EST opens ~	19	20	21 SAT reg EST I ~	22 EST II ~
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31	1	2	3	4	5

REGISTRATION

7 May (Fri)	ACT	
18 May (Tue)	EST I & II opens	PROJECTED
21 May (Fri)	Digital SAT	

TEST DAYS

1 May (Sat)	Digital SAT	
21 May (Fri)	EST I	PROJECTED
22 May (Sat)	EST II	PROJECTED

THIS MONTH

SAT on 1 May and EST I and II (projected 21–22 May). The July EST window (projected) opens 18 May, and the SAT June deadline falls on the same day as EST I.

June 2027

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
30	31	1	2	3	4 ACT reg	5 SAT
6	7 EST reg ~	8	9	10	11	12 ACT
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	1	2	3

REGISTRATION

- **4 Jun** Fri — ACT
- **7 Jun** Mon — EST I & II — PROJECTED

TEST DAYS

- **5 Jun** Sat — Digital SAT
- **12 Jun** Sat — ACT

THIS MONTH

The final SAT (5 Jun) and ACT (12 Jun) of the year. The July EST window closes Mon 7 Jun (projected), so register before the SAT weekend.

July 2027

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
27	28	29	30	1	2 EST I ~	3 EST II ~
4	5	6	7	8	9	10 ACT
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

REGISTRATION

No deadlines this month

TEST DAYS

2 Jul (Fri)	EST I PROJECTED
3 Jul (Sat)	EST II PROJECTED
10 Jul (Sat)	ACT

THIS MONTH

Summer session: EST I and II (projected 2–3 Jul) and the ACT (10 Jul). This is the last chance to raise a score before university coordination opens.