

# Cramming It All In

## Having a headache? Could it be from testing?

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Every teenager took some type of test during school. Whether it was a class test, the SAT, or the Exit-Exam.

The BSAP Exit-Exam was a test that determined whether students were able to graduate or not. Sophomore Demar Bodison said, “It’s required to see what you learned throughout the years.”

Tests like the SAT, were required for some colleges and scholarships.

“I think it’s important to take the SAT, because the score you make can determine the type of college you can attend,” stated freshman Shannon Bright.

Studying was what most students had to do to prepare them for a test. Taking tests had its good points like “knowing that I spent so much time studying for it, I knew that my hard work was not going to waste when I saw that A plus,” stated junior John Teasdel.

Some people did not have to study for tests if they were alert in class. “If they pay attention

in class or even take notes, they should do well on a test without studying for it,” stated freshman Solomon Jenkins.

Some teens were not the best test takers, but most of them attempted to take them anyway.

“I do not think students should have to take a test to graduate because everyone may not be good at it,” replied freshman Nick Koster.

Reading, writing, and math across the curriculum were other forms of tests that were based on basic skills. Those types of tests prepared some students for the Exit-Exam and possibly some other types of tests.

“I think it helps to have tests across the curriculum, yet it does take up class time,” stated sophomore Crystal Johnson.

Testing led some students to joy and it also led some teens to sadness, but a test was just a four-letter word meaning **Trying Every Student’s Talent** in different forms.

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**1. We think we can.** Freshman Nick Koster and Sophomore Alishia Smith took the math across the curriculum test. Nick was not that interested in the test. Alishia had reading on her mind, so she replied, “Passing a test depends on the person, and I hope that I will pass the reading part of the Exit-Exam.”

**2. Almost through.** This was the dawn of some seniors last high school test. Every test students took should have been important to them. “I believe that taking a test should help a lot of young students show off their potential,” stated senior Aldore McCormick.

**3. Attempting.** “I am a bad test taker. I mean, I barely pass a test,” stated sophomore Thomas Johnson. There were other teens out there who probably felt the same way as he, but just as long as they were giving it their all, it showed that they tried.

**4. Steady thinking.** Sophomore Sylvia Williams was answering questions for her biology test. “When I take a test I always try to do the best that I can do,” stated Sylvia.