

SAT Subject Test in Chinese and AP Chinese

Chinese SAT is a test designed to measure student knowledge and skill in the Chinese language. Many colleges use the Subject Tests for admission, for course placement, and to advise students about course selection. Used in combination with other background information (high school record, scores from other tests like the SAT Reasoning Test, teacher recommendations, etc.), they provide a dependable measure of a student academic achievement and are a good predictor of future performance. Some colleges specify the Subject Tests they require for admission or placement; others allow applicants to choose which tests to take.

The main difference between Chinese SAT and AP Chinese is that the latter is associated with the AP Chinese language and culture courses offered in high schools. Taking AP Chinese Language and Culture courses, students get a head start on college-level work and also demonstrate their maturity and readiness for college. Through AP Exams, students have the opportunity to earn credit or advanced standing at most of the nation's colleges and universities. For example, at Rice University, in general, if students scoring a 4 or 5 on accepted Advanced Placement (AP) exams before matriculation will receive course credit from Rice. Where applicable, credit will count toward your major and meet university distribution requirements.

SAT Subject Test Format (only multiple-choices, three parts: listening, usages, reading)
http://www.collegeboard.com/student/testing/sat/lc_two/chinese/format.html?chinese

AP Chinese Language and Culture

(test 4 skills, speaking, reading, writing/typing, listening)

http://apcentral.collegeboard.com/apc/public/courses/teachers_corner/150736.html