

PSAT WHAT



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Fun fact about me: I lost over 100 pounds by juicing!





PSAT NOW WHAT

WHAT WE WILL COVER

- Understanding your PSAT score
- Deciding between the ACT and SAT
- Creating a preparation plan
- Preparation options
- Next steps

PSAT

TRUE OR FALSE

- **T F** Only Juniors are eligible for National Merit Scholarship consideration
- T F The National Merit Semi-Finalist score is different for each state
- T F My PSAT score only matters if I receive a National Merit Scholarship
- T F I will not find out about National Merit consideration until September
- T F PSAT scores are the sole determiners of National Merit Scholarships
- T F PSAT scores are scaled to predict SAT scores
- T F My PSAT score is a measure of my intelligence



WHY DOES YOUR PSAT SCORE MATTER?

- National Merit Scholarships
- Measuring your ACT and SAT readiness
- Insight into core academic skills

TODAY'S SESSION

UNDERSTANDING
YOUR PSAT SCORES

2

DECIDING BETWEEN THE ACT AND SAT 3

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PSAT SCORING SCALE SCORE (OUT OF 1520)



TEST 1



WRITING & LANGUAGE

TEST 2



MATH

TEST 3 & 4

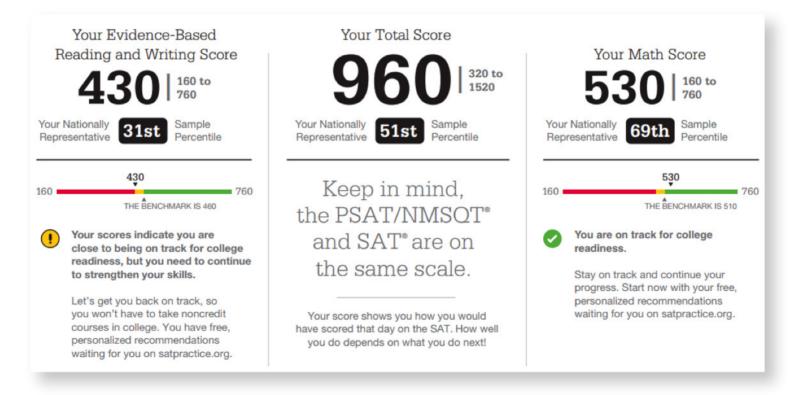




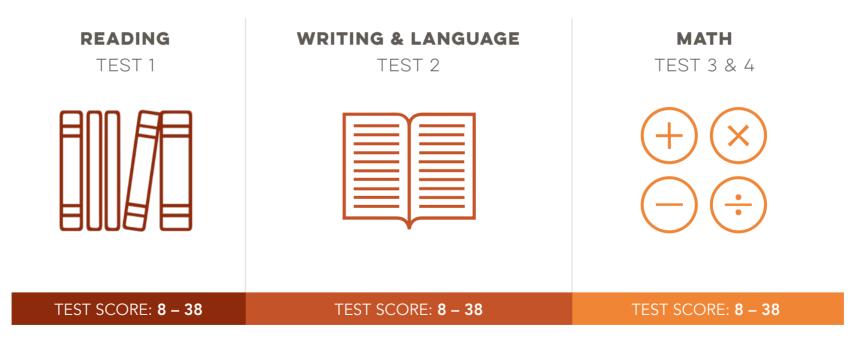
TOTAL POINTS: **160 – 760**

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YOUR PSAT SCORE REPORT SCALE SCORE (OUT OF 1520)



PSAT SCORING SELECTION INDEX (OUT OF 228)



SELECTION INDEX (48 - 228) 2 X (READING + WRITING + MATH)

YOUR PSAT SCORE REPORT SELECTION INDEX (OUT OF 228)

National Merit Scholarship Corporation

National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC) conducts the National Merit® Scholarship Program, an academic competition for recognition and college scholarships. To designate students who qualify for recognition in its 2018 competition, NMSC will consider the 2016 PSAT/NMSQT® Selection Index scores of some 1.6 million test-takers (usually high school juniors) who meet program entry requirements. For more information, please visit: www.nationalmerit.org.

If any of your responses to NMSC's "Entry Requirements" questions (see right-hand column) are inaccurate or there has been a change in plans that may affect program entry, write immediately to:

National Merit Scholarship Corporation Attn: Scholarship Administration 1560 Sherman Avenue, Suite 200 Evanston, IL 60201-4897

Include your name and home address along with your high school name, address, and six-digit code number.

Your NMSC Selection Index

139

NMSC uses a Selection Index based on PSAT/NMSQT scores as an initial screen of students who enter its scholarship programs. To calculate your Selection Index, double the sum of your Reading, Writing and Language, and Math Test scores.

Eligibility Information

If your Selection Index places you among the 50,000 high scorers who qualify for National Merit Scholarship Program recognition, you will be notified next September.

Entry Requirements

(Information you provided on your answer sheet)

High school student:

YES

Year to complete high school and enroll full-time in college:

2018

Years to be spent in grades 9-12:

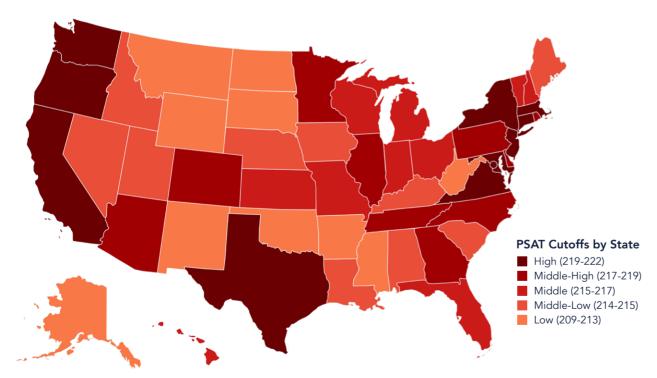
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U.S. Citizenship:

YES

NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIPS

2016 PSAT TEST TAKERS



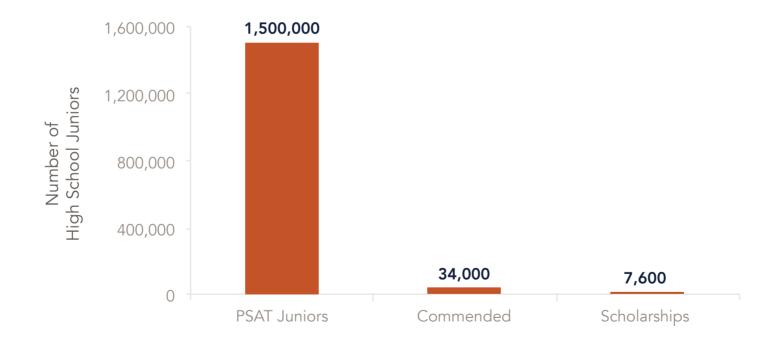
Selection Index: Test Score x 2 (Selection Index range: 48-228)

Commended: Top 4% nationally (96th percentile nationally – 211)

Semi-Finalist: Top 1% in state (99th percentile in the state)

Fun fact: Semi-finalist scores range from 209 (Wyoming) to 222 (Massachusetts)

NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIPS GETTING NATIONAL MERIT IS NOT EASY

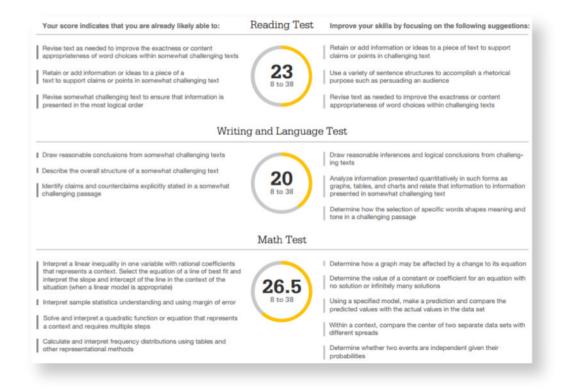




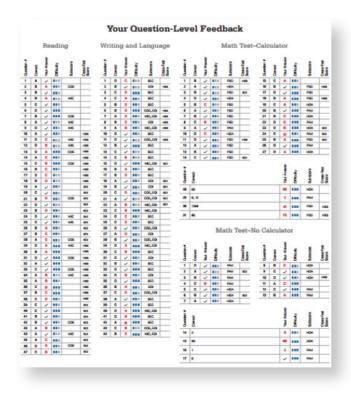
STEPS AFTER NATIONAL MERIT SEMI-FINALIST

- Earn an SAT score of 1400+
- Have a competitive GPA (3.5+)
- Submit recommendations
- Write a personal essay

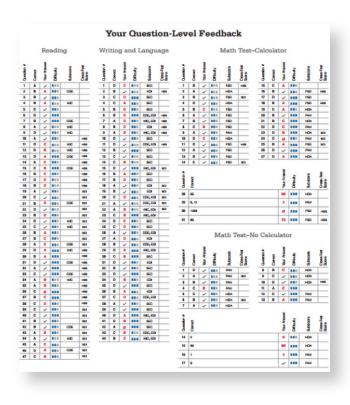
YOUR PSAT SCORE REPORT SECTION TAKEAWAYS



YOUR PSAT SCORE REPORT QUESTION-BY-QUESTION BREAKDOWN



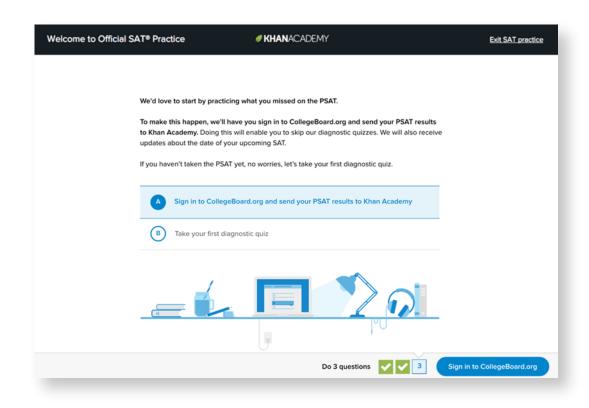
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REVIEW YOUR WRONG ANSWERS

- Complete an error log
- Review areas of opportunity
- Identify which passages and questions you should do first (and last)

UNDERSTANDING YOUR PSAT SCORE REPORT (11 OF 11)



IMPORT YOUR SCORES INTO KHAN ACADEMY

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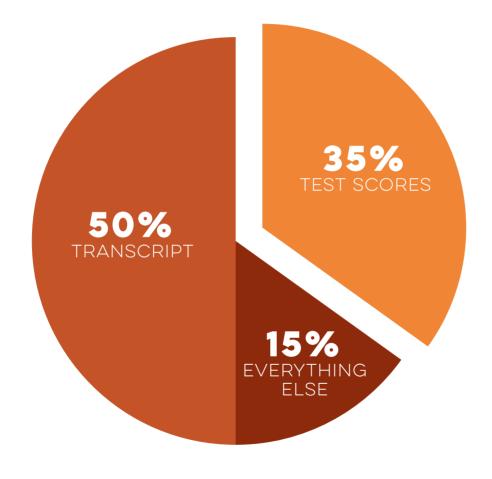
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Admissions Weight

YES,
THE ACT AND
SAT ARE VERY
IMPORTANT
TESTS!

COMPARING THE SAT AND ACT

	SAT	ACT
TIME	3 Hours 50 Minutes	3 Hours 35 Minutes
MAXIMUM SCORE	1600	36
SECTIONS	5	5
ESSAY	Yes	Yes
SCIENCE SECTION	No	Yes
CALCULATOR USAGE	Not Allowed on All Math Questions	Allowed on All Math Questions
TRIGONOMETRY	Yes	Yes
GUESSING PENALTY	No	No
MATH WEIGHT	50% of Total Score	25% of Total Score
ORDER OF DIFFICULTY	Only Math Follows Order of Difficulty	Only Math Follows Order of Difficulty
BIG CHALLENGE	Higher-Order Thinking Skills	Time Crunch

SIMILAR CONTENT PRESENTED IN DIFFERENT WAYS

CONCEPT MASTERY

Essay

Composition

Grammar

Punctuation



Algebra

Equations

Geometry

Word Problems



Increasing Reading Speed

Understanding Main Ideas

Words in Context

Rhetoric



Comparing Experiments

Interpreting Data





Endurance

Mindset

Pacing

Test Day Routines



ONLY PREPARE FOR ONE EXAM AT A TIME

PREDICTING YOUR SAT SCORE PSAT-SAT CONCORDANCE

PSAT SCORE

960

PREDICTED SAT SCORE

960

PSAT SCORE

1520



PREDICTED SAT SCORE

1520

ACT VS. SAT (6 OF 8)

REVOLUTION PREF TEST FORM CODE Fill out the answer sheets completely: + 1 - Last Name — Write and bubble in your last name. 2 - Print your first and last name. 3 - Test Form Code - Fill in the "1" and "J" bubbles. 4 - Print your first and last name in the box at the top of page 3 and page 5. The ACT is made up of 5 "tests": English, Math, Reading, Science, and Witting. Test 1 is the English Test; it has a 45-minute time limit. Test 2 is the Math Test; it has a 60-minute time limit. Test 3 is the Reading Test: It has a 35-minute time limit. Test 4 is the Science Test: It has a 35-minute time limit. Test 5 is the Writing Test; it has a 40-minute time limit. During a given test's time limit, you may work ONLY on that test. You may not go back to earlier tests or skip ahe ad to later tests. Exam Scoring After completing the exam, log on to your student dashboard at revolutionprep.com, dick "Exams," and then select the test form code to enteryour multiple choice responses and your essay. Your score for the English, Math, Reading, and Science sections will be available immediately; your Writing score will be available after review by Revolution Prep's grades. The test booklet is yours to keep. You and your instructor will use the test booklet to review questions 02016 Revolution Prep. All rights reserved.

TAKE AN ACT PRACTICE EXAM

ACT VS. SAT (7 OF 8)

ACT	SAT	PERCENTILE
36	1600	99+
35	1580	99+
34	1530	99
33	1500	99
32	1460	97-99
31	1430	95-99
30	1400	92-96
29	1360	90-94
28	1320	88-92
27	1290	85-89
26	1250	80-84
25	1210	75-79
24	1170	70-74
23	1140	65-69
22	1110	60-64
21	1070	55-59
20	1030	45-54
19	990	40-44
18	950	30-39
17	910	25-29
16	870	20-24
15	830	15-19
14	780	10-14
13	730	5-9
12	670	1-4
11	590	1
10	510	<1

Harvard Yale Princeton Stanford Dartmouth College

NYU USC Ohio State University Miami of Ohio

Chapman University University of Cincinnati John Caroll University Ohio University

University of Akron Bowling Green University Arizona State Boise State Columbus State University

Washington State CSU Northridge Cleveland State University

COMPARE YOUR ACT AND PSAT SCORES

MAKING A DECISION IF THERE IS NO TEST PREFERENCE

#1 PSAT 1200+ SAT (Already at 80+ SAT Percentile)

#2 MATH/READING
PREFERENCE Math = SAT (SAT is 50% Math)
Reading = ACT (ACT is 25% Math)

#3 STILL UNDECIDED? SAT (Easier to increase if no preference)

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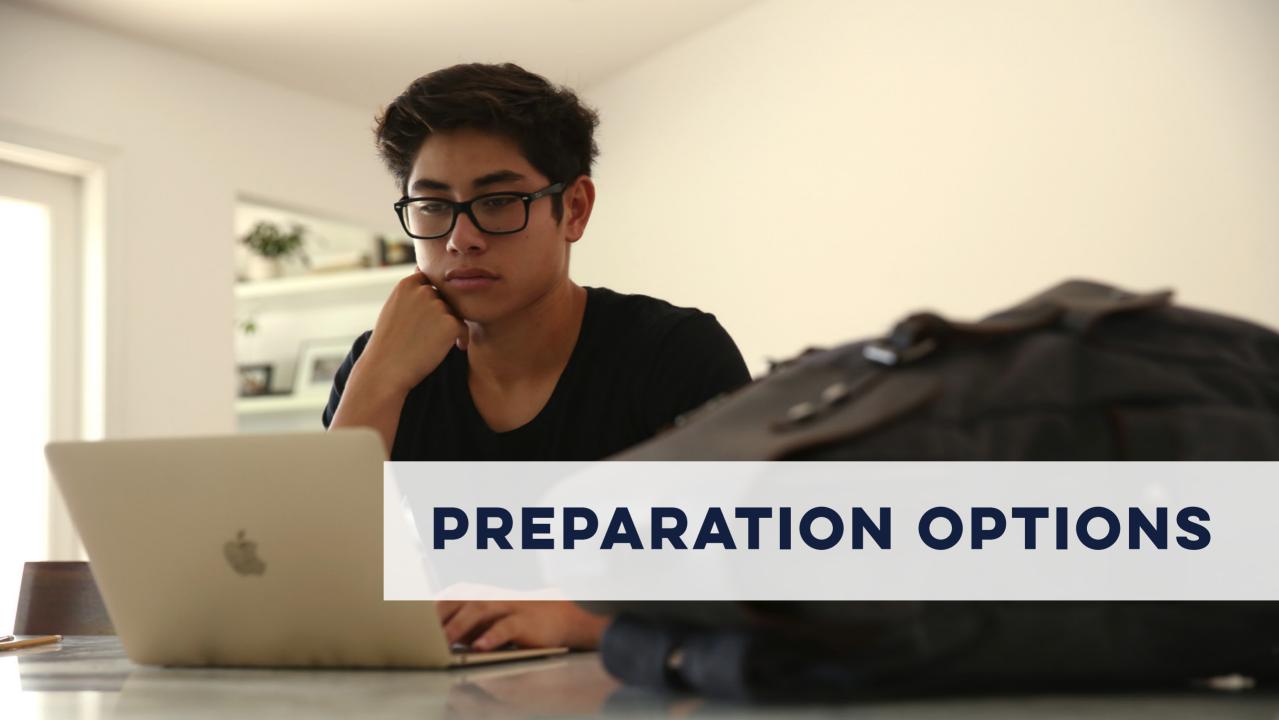
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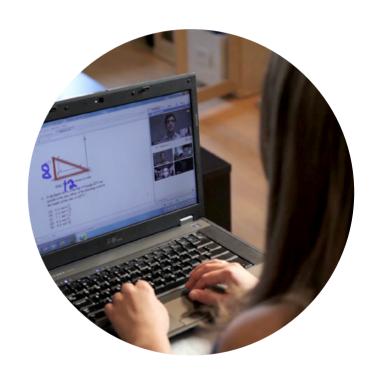
PREPARATION OPTIONS FINDING THE PROGRAM THAT IS RIGHT FOR YOU







TAKE A CLASS



WORK WITH A TUTOR

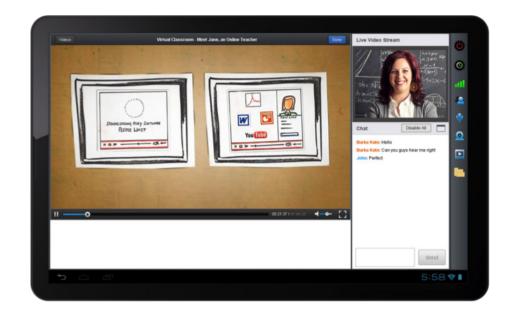


SELF-STUDY

ONLY FOR HIGHLY MOTIVATED STUDENTS

- Least expensive preparation option
- Many test preparation books are available
- Fear of just using the book as a pillow

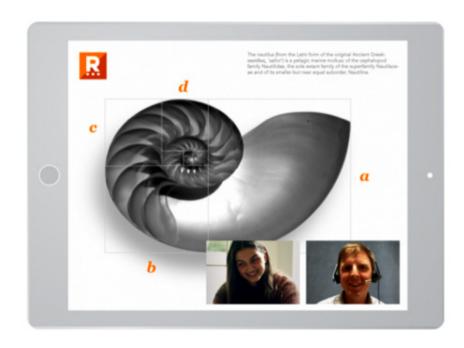
PREPARATION OPTIONS (3 OF 4)



CLASSES FOR A GENERAL CONTENT OVERVIEW

- Student-to-teacher ratio is important
- Look for an experienced instructor
- More time = More results

PREPARATION OPTIONS (4 OF 4)



PRIVATE TUTORING

FOR THE LARGEST SCORE INCREASES

- Look for a professional tutor
- Instruction and curriculum that is tailored to the individual student
- More time = More score improvement

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TESTING TIMELINE

Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug
	SAT	SAT	SAT	SAT			SAT		SAT	SAT		
	ACT		ACT	ACT		ACT (exc. NY)		ACT	r	ACT	ACT	
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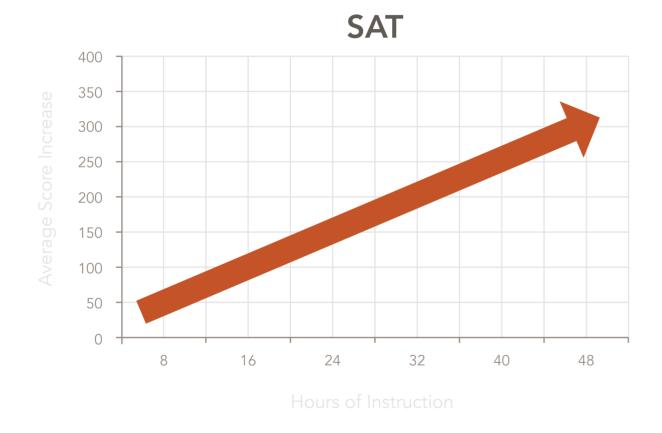
PLANNING AHEAD IS CRITICAL JUNIOR YEAR

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				AC	T / SAT					
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WHAT
THE
ACT AND SAT
WON'T
TELL YOU

Preparation can have a big impact on your score!



MORE TIME = MORE SCORE IMPROVEMENT

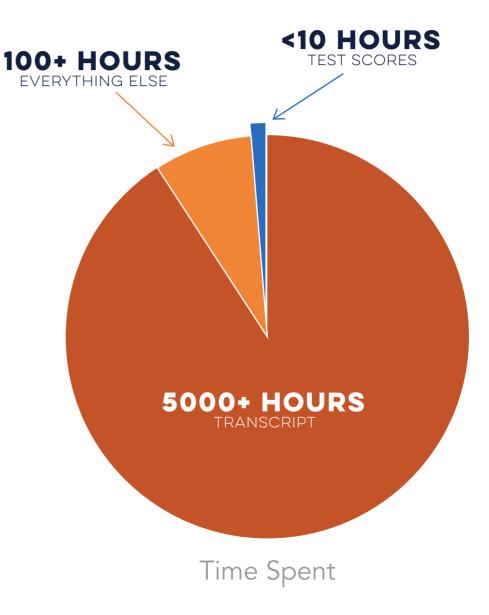
- The ACT and SAT are final opportunities to impress admissions officers
- The ACT and SAT provide amazing returns on investment
- Time + Effort = Results



COMPLETE FULL-LENGTH PRACTICE EXAMS

- Must practice identifying concepts and setting up problems under time constraints
- Review your wrong answers
- Take practice exams just like the real thing

MOST STUDENTS DO NOT PREPARE FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY



NEXT STEPS (7 OF 14)

SCHOOL	25 [™] PERCENTILE (SAT/ACT)	75 [™] PERCENTILE (SAT/ACT)
Columbia	1470/32	1590/35
DePauw	1140/25	1350/29
Duke	1440/32	1570/35
Emory	1360/30	1520/34
Florida State	1210/25	1360/29
Harvard	1470/32	1600/35
Middlebury	1360/29	1540/33
New York University	1340/28	1510/32
Northwestern	1450/31	1570/35
Notre Dame	1410/32	1550/34
Stanford	1450/31	1590/35
St Lawrence	1180/26	1380/30
University of California - Berkeley	1280/30	1530/34
United States Naval Academy	1250/26	1450/32
University of Florida	1250/25	1420/31
University of Miami	1270/28	1450/34
University of Virginia	1330/28	1510/34
Vanderbilt	1480/31	1590/35
Virginia Military Institute	1120/23	1300/27
Virginia Tech	1180/24	1380/29

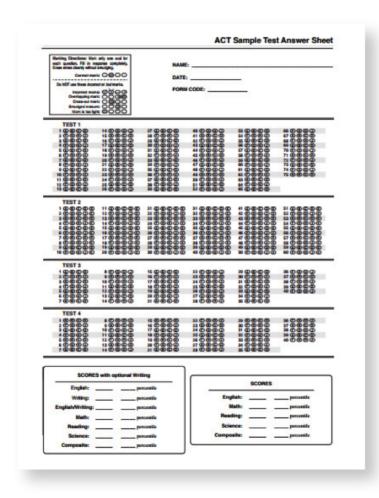
DEFINE YOUR GOAL SCORE

TAKE EXAMS AT AN ADVANTAGEOUS TIME

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC
ACT		√		√		\checkmark	√		√	√		√
SAT			✓		✓	√		√		√	✓	√

As of the 2017-2018 school year, The ACT and SAT are both offered seven times during the year.

= Question and Answer Service



TAKE THE ACT OR SAT AT LEAST TWICE

- A majority of students score higher the second time they take the ACT and SAT
- Superscoring
- Use results from the first exam to inform your preparation

REQUIRED	RECOMMENDED	CONSIDERED		
CalTech	Dartmouth	Boston College		
Cornell (some majors)	Duke	Carleton		
Harvard	Lehigh	Oberlin		
Rice	Princeton	Stanford		
Tufts (or ACT w/ Writing)	Yale	Wesleyan		

FIND OUT IF YOU NEED TO TAKE SAT SUBJECT TESTS

- Required at many competitive colleges
- "Recommended" and "considered" often mean required
- Schools may require particular Subject Tests

SAT SUBJECT TESTS

20 DIFFERENT SUBJECTS







Chinese with Listening French French with Listening

German

German with Listening

Korean with Listening Japanese with Listening

Italian

Latin

Modern Hebrew

Spanish

Spanish with Listening



Literature



Biology E/M Chemistry Physics



US History World History

SAMPLE SAT SUBJECT TEST SCHOOL REQUIREMENTS

COLLEGE	SCHOOLS OR MAJORS	NUMBER OF REQUIRED SUBJECT TESTS	MATH	SCIENCE	OTHER
Cornell	Engineering	Two	\checkmark	✓	
Cornell	Arts and Letters	Two (student's choice)			√
UC Berkeley	Chemistry and Engineering	Zero (recommended)	√	✓	
UC Berkeley	Other	Zero			
Boston College	Sciences and Foreign Languages	Zero (considered for placement)		✓	✓



TURN YOUR TEST ANXIETY INTO INTENSITY

- Getting into The Test Zone can earn you up to 3 (ACT) or 200 (SAT) additional points
- A little nervous energy is not a bad thing
- Breathing and visualization can help you harness your emotions

I can learn anything I want to.

I want to challenge myself.

If you succeed, I'm inspired.

When I fail, I learn.

My effort and attitude

determine everything.

Tell me I try hard.

When I'm frustrated, I persevere.

APPROACH THIS PROCESS WITH A GROWTH MINDSET

GROWTH MINDSET

FIXED MINDSET



I'm either good at it, or I'm not.
When I'm frustrated, I give up.
I don't like to be challenged.
When I fail, I'm no good.
Tell me I'm smart.
If you succeed, I feel threatened.
My abilities determine everything.

ANY QUESTIONS







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AJ Sims

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Ross D Mankuta

Former USC Admissions, Former GWU Admissions, Current Director of College Counseling at Milken Community Schools **Wednesday Jan. 10th** at 6pm PST

Managing Stress of College Admissions

Casey Rowley

College Counselor at Beverly Hills High School **Tuesday Jan. 16th** at 6pm PST

College Athletics Recruitment: 5 Tips for Navigating the Process

Erik Ellefsen

College Counselor at Valley Christian High School Bill Bufton

Athletic Recruiting Director at Valor Christian High School **Steve Bluford**

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Becky Priest

Former Financial Aid Counselor from Washington University in St. Louis

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Evelyn Alexander

Founder of Magellan College Counseling Wednesday Feb. 7th at 6pm PST

My Financial Aid Isn't Enough – Now What?

Stacey MacPhetres

Former Financial Aid Officer at Emerson College and Elms College, and Former Student Loan Specialist at JP Morgan Chase

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Shannon Vasconcelos

Former Tufts University and Boston University Financial Aid Officer

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Andrew Potter

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Beth Heaton

Former University of Pennsylvania Admissions Officer Tuesday Mar. 6th at 4pm PST

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Sean Murphy

Director of Instruction at Revolution Prep

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