

IMPORTANT SAT AND ACT INFORMATION

Did you take the SAT or ACT towards the end of your junior year and wonder if your scores are competitive enough or if you need to retake exams?

- Check out each college's website to see the latest freshman class average score on the SAT and ACT.
- A 1060 or higher on the SAT is considered above average and competitive for colleges.
- The SAT percentile you receive means you scored higher than that amount of students (i.e. if you scored in the 55th percentile, then you scored higher than 55% of students).
- A 20 or higher on the ACT is considered above average and competitive for colleges.
- The ACT percentile you receive means you scored higher than that amount of students (i.e. if you scored in the 55th percentile, then you scored higher than 55% of students).

HAVE YOU NOT TAKEN THE SAT OR ACT? OR DID YOU NOT RECEIVE THE SCORE YOU NEED? WELL, IT'S NOT TOO LATE!

SAT Test Dates

March 13, 2021

May 8, 2021

June 5, 2021

ACT Test Dates

April 17, 2021

June 12, 2021

July 17, 2021

TIPS FOR THE SAT AND ACT

- When practicing for the SAT or ACT do not flip back and forth after each question to the answer section; complete a section or a page before checking your answers.
- Eliminate incorrect answers to get to the correct answer.
- Complete easier questions first, then return to the more difficult questions or questions you marked.
- If you are unsure of an answer, then guess! There is no penalty for guessing.
- TRUST YOURSELF!

RESOURCES FOR THE SAT AND ACT

- www.collegeboard.org
 - Review this website to see if you are eligible for a SAT fee waiver.
- www.act.org
 - Review this website to see if you are eligible for an ACT fee waiver.
- www.khanacademy.org
- Find a SAT or ACT prep book that fits your learning style and needs.
- Check out eBay or Amazon for cheap prep books.

Tips for Your Senior Year and Preparing for College!

- Don't let Senior-itis tempt you into skipping class or stop you from completing assignments.
 - If you miss a certain number of days of class, then your school may prohibit you from graduating.
 - Colleges still require your final transcript, so if they see you barely passed classes your senior year they may take your scholarship away or deny your acceptance to that school.
- Get involved or continue to be involved in extracurricular activities and organizations at school.
 - Not only does this look good on college applications, but it will allow you to meet new friends and participate in an activity you enjoy.
- Participate in Senior Activities and raise your school spirit.
- Complete college applications early, so you can enjoy your senior year!
- Don't compare yourself to others.
- Celebrate accomplishments throughout the year.
 - Graduating high school is a big deal! Celebrate that you have made it this far!
- Reinvent yourself.
 - Be open to new experiences and don't be afraid to step outside your comfort zone.
 - Become the person you've always wanted to be and don't let anyone stop you.
- Realize that you may not have all of life's questions figured out quite yet.
 - In college, you are able to change your major and courses. Don't feel like you have to stick to one path.
- Make useful connections.
 - Reach out to individuals for mentoring and for internships.
- Plan ahead as best as you can.
 - This will help alleviate stress and help you feel more in control.
 - You don't have to worry about what will happen tomorrow or next week.
 - Stay true to your word and be accountable to your promises.
- Be productive.
 - Find where you need to be more productive.

Tips for Your Junior Year and Preparing for College!

- Take Advanced Placement (AP) classes.
 - Not only does taking rigorous courses look good on your college application, but you can receive college credits if you score well on your end-of-the-year AP exams.
- Even if you have a good GPA, that doesn't mean you shouldn't prepare to take standardized tests like the SAT and ACT.
 - Use the SAT and ACT official test websites to develop study methods, to register for tests, and to access and send score reports to colleges.
- Begin creating a college list.
 - Review majors and programs in your areas of interest at different colleges.
 - Consider the size and location of the school.
 - Take into account the colleges' campus life such as dining halls, dorms, student life, or Greek Life.
 - How you will pay for college should also be considered when applying.
 - Plan a college tour to view the campus first hand.
 - Attend college fairs to gain information on various schools and what they each have to offer.
- Learn how to effectively balance your time.
 - Don't let your grades suffer because of extracurricular activities and don't be afraid to get involved in organizations just to earn a high GPA.
- Get organized.
 - You will become overwhelmed with test prep materials, homework, and college brochures; create a system to keep your room clutter free.
- Meet with your Guidance Counselor!
 - They have helped countless students before you get into college.
 - Meet with them to ensure you are on the right track to graduate on time and use them as a resource during the admissions process.
- Start searching for scholarships now.
 - There are several scholarships that juniors can apply for.
 - Check out and prepare for scholarships you can apply for during your senior year.
- Get involved in extracurricular activities.
 - By playing sports, becoming a thespian, or getting involved in Student Government you are elevating your college application.
 - Become a part of at least two extracurricular activities.
- Finally, relax!
 - Enjoy your junior year of high school and create lasting memories with your friends.