



Speech Notes:

How to Ace the SAT

	SAT	ACT
READING	4 answer choices 52 Questions 65 Minutes 75 seconds per question	5 answer choices 40 Questions 35 Minutes 52 seconds per question
WRITING/ ENGLISH	Tests grammar, style and analysis 44 Questions 65 Minutes 75 seconds per question	Tests grammar, style and analysis 75 Questions 45 Minutes 36 seconds per question
MATH	Trigonometry, geometry, algebra, contains geometry formulas 20 Questions (no calculator) 25 Minutes 75 seconds per question 38 Questions (calculator) 55 Minutes 86 seconds per question	Trigonometry, geometry, analysis, no grid-in questions 60 Questions 60 Minutes 60 seconds per question
SCIENCE	No Science section	Science questions similar to SAT Reading section 40 Questions 55 Minutes 52 seconds per question
ESSAY	Analytical response required 50 Minutes	Persuasive writing required 40 Minutes
SCORES	Scores are not averaged	Averaged scores
ANNUAL FREQUENCY	Offered 7 times per year	Offered 6 times per year
PERMITTED ATTEMPTS	Unlimited	Limited to 12 attempts
BEST POSSIBLE SCORE	1600	36
WEBSITE	www.CollegeBoard.org	www.Act.org

Every college takes either the SAT or the ACT. If a college prefers one over the other, they will convert the score. Conversion Chart: www.collegeprepgenius.com/SATACTconversionchart

A NEW TEST:



- Alternative
- Rich Content (Traditional Values)
 - 5 Times
 - Own Device
- Same Day Results
 - Entrance
 - Scholarships
- Patrick Henry, Liberty, Hillsdale, Bryan
 - First to 120
 - CLT and CPG
- www.cltexam.com
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Why most students bomb the SAT or ACT:

1. It is not an IQ test or based on curriculum used.
2. Mart kids, even valedictorians bomb these tests.
3. These are logic and critical thinking tests not about content learned in school.
4. It's about answering questions under pressure in a short amount of time.

Why the GPA is not the main criteria that colleges use for entrance and scholarships:

1. A 4.0 is not the same at every school since all schools weigh and calculate their scores differently.
2. Homeschoolers need the SAT score to validate their transcript.
3. Test scores are the numerical element that are common to all applicants.
4. The SAT and ACT levels the playing field for all students.
5. Colleges use the scores as a yard stick and keep the recorded data for years to compare new applicants with those with similar scores to track their level of performance.

Why can't students finish the test on time:

1. There is only about a minute per question. (See above overview chart.)
2. Most kids work out the problems the long way.
3. This leaves a lot of blank answers.
4. Questions can be answered in 30 seconds or less.

Students often think there are more than one answer.

1. The questions are purposely misguided with tricky answer choices.
2. The test is objective and there is only one correct answer.
3. The SAT/PSAT and ACT tests are learnable and beatable.
4. Students should eliminate wrong answers first.

Why taking the PSAT is so important:

1. It is not a practice test but a preliminary SAT.
2. It is a National Merit Scholarship contest.
3. The College Board creates the PSAT as well as the SAT with similar question types.
4. It is 15 minutes less and has no optional essay.
5. The highest score is 1520.
6. It is a bragging right for colleges to have National Merit Scholars.
7. Predicted PSAT scores for each state at www.collegeprepgenius.com/PredictedPSATscores

When do you take the PSAT:

1. Start eight graders with PSAT 8/9 and continue each year.
2. The October junior PSAT counts for scholarships.
3. Students can get their booklets back in the mail by checking “Box 22”.
4. Go over weaknesses.
5. There are 3 levels of awards: commended, semi-finalist and finalist
6. Sign-up at the school.
7. Start early and put time on your side.

Why colleges won't think you are dumb for taking the SAT many times:

1. There are unlimited tries on the SAT.
2. Colleges don't average the SATs.
3. It is offered seven times a year. (new August test)
4. Most colleges will superscore by taking the highest scores from different sections on different tests. www.collegeprepgenius.com/SATSuperscore
5. There is no age limit on the SAT so younger students can and should take it and older students, even graduates, can take the test for scholarships.
6. Score Choice allows families to only send in scores whenever they are ready which takes the pressure of the students. collegeprepgenius.com/SATScoreChoice
7. You can learn more about SAT scores at: collegeprepgenius.com/SATscores

Where do you start with the SAT:

1. Visit www.collegeboard.org and sign up for a test.
2. Search area schools with your zip code.
3. Students can also sign up via mail.
4. Fee information is online and waivers to cover costs can be obtained from the guidance counselor.
5. Accommodations for students with special needs are available. More info at www.collegeboard.org/students-with-disabilities/documentation-guidelines/other-disabilities

Reading Overview

1. Long Passage
2. Long Passage with a chart/graph
3. Dual Passages

Five Types of Questions

1. Line Citation
2. Vocabulary Use
3. Overall Passage
4. Command of Evidence
5. Chart Analysis

Four hidden patterns on line citation questions that cause second-guessing:

- C**- completely irrelevant information
- O**- obscure information
- A**-additional information
- T**-totally contradictory information

Math

1. Multiple Choice
2. Student-Response

Important Points

1. It is easier math and it is testing critical thinking on a math problem.
2. Students can learn the recurring patterns.
3. Find shortcuts and don't crunch a lot of numbers.
3. Learn to read carefully with a critical eye.

WRITING

1. Three types of questions:
2. No prompt and similar answers tests grammar. (There are 13 recurring grammar problems.)
3. No prompt and varied answers tests style.
4. A prompt on the question with varied answers tests reading analysis.

Two words that are 100% wrong are “having” and “being”.

ESSAY

1. It is optional but should always be written:
 - a. Gives complete profile
 - b. May exempt writing classes
 - c. Can be determining factor for admittance/scholarships
 - d. Entire SAT must be repeated if a college prefers it after you opted out
2. It is an analytical paper written in 50 minutes.
3. Judges spend around 30 seconds grading it.
4. It will be written from a published article.
5. Sounding smart is the key to a perfect score.

The SAT determines:

Where you get to go to college and Who's going to pay!

Proper

Preparation

Prevents

Poor

Performance

Two Key Elements for Standardized Tests:

1. Normalizing and methodical
2. Follow same rules, patterns, profiles and standards

Why are scholarships tied directly to test scores?

1. Colleges receive their national rankings based on test scores.
2. 85% of colleges admit and give scholarship money based on scores.
Higher score = more money!

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