# College Testing (PSAT/SAT/ACT) Information and Recommendations

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# PSAT Score Report Information: Slides from College Board

Using Your
PSAT/NMSQT® Scores
to Increase College
Readiness



# The <u>College Board</u> Has Provided A Video To Understanding the PSAT Result:

Copy and paste the following link to the College Board website for more PSAT information:

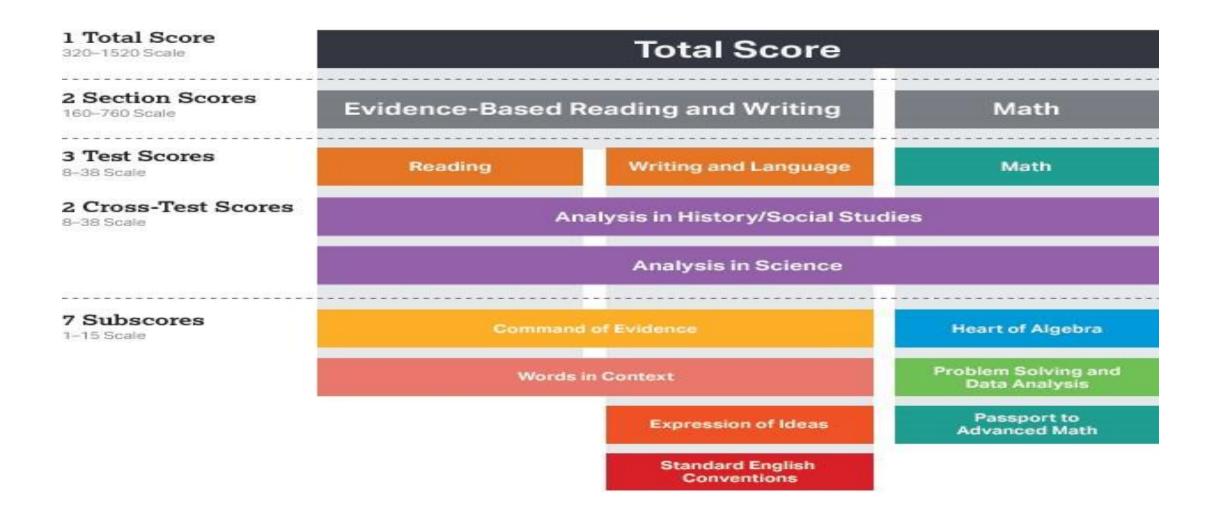
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ie6WBDzjtGA&t=36s

## How Do I Access My PSAT/NMSQT® Scores and Reports?

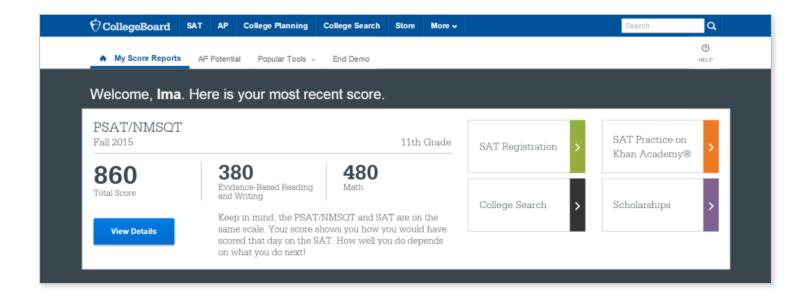
- 1. Review your online reports.
- 2. Review your paper score report.



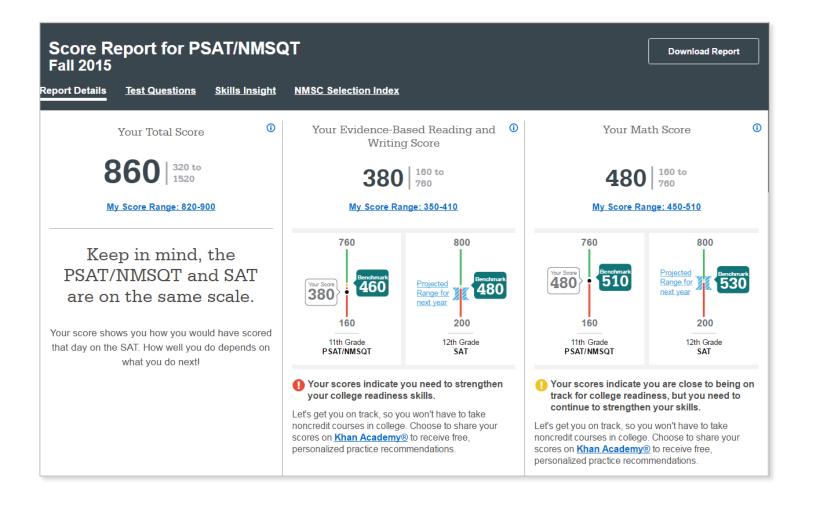
## **PSAT Scores and Subscores**



## What Will I Learn About My Scores?

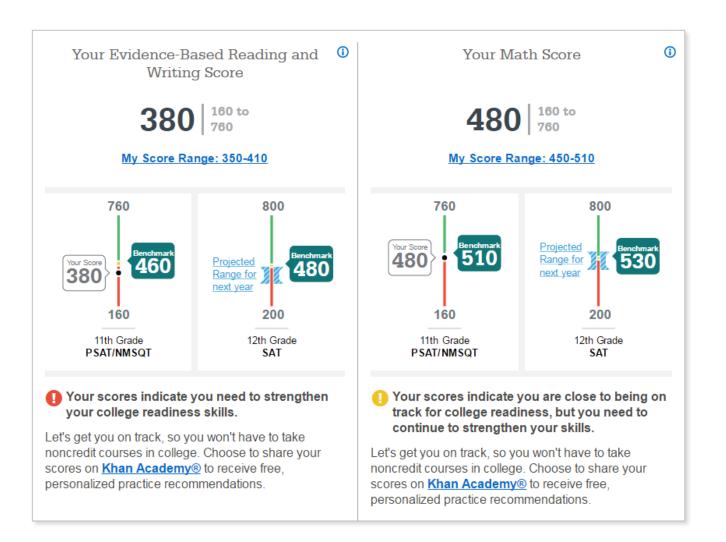


# How Do I See My Detailed Scores?



## How Will I Do on the SAT®?

The predicted SAT score is an initial projection based on current SAT data and concordance.



### How Did My Score Measure Against the Benchmarks?

Section, test, and subscores all report scores in performance zones that indicate whether you are on track for meeting the college readiness benchmarks on the SAT<sup>®</sup>.

#### **Section scores**

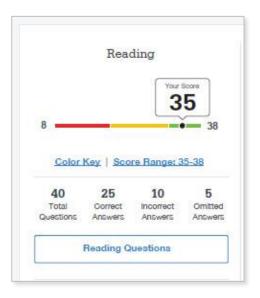
**Need to Strengthen Skills** = below grade-level benchmark by more than one year

Approaching Benchmark = below grade-level benchmark by one year or less

**Meets or Exceeds Benchmark** = at or above grade-level benchmark

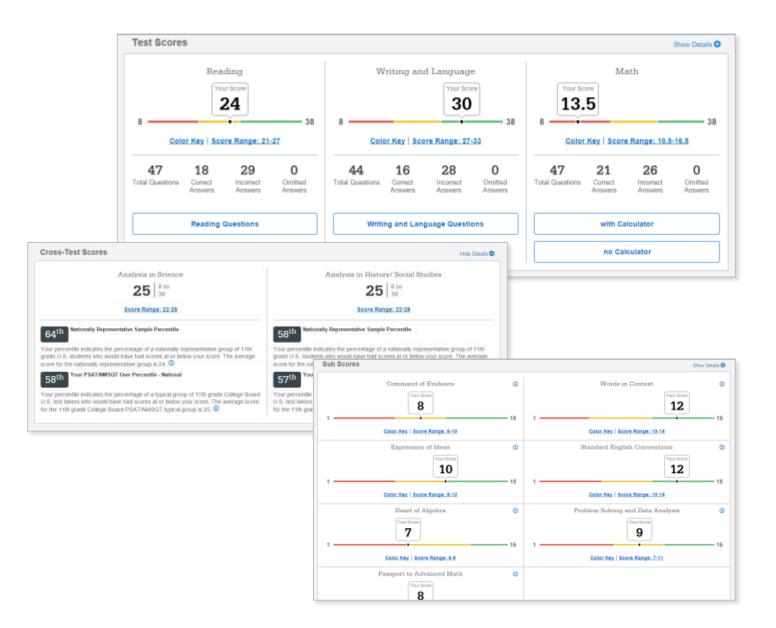
#### Test scores and subscores

Red, yellow, and green ranges reflect areas of strengths and weaknesses compared to the typical performance of students



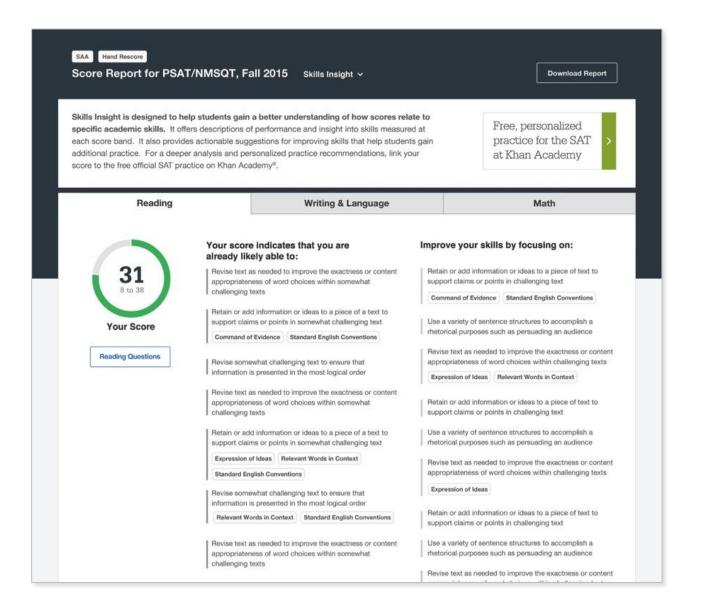
#### What Do My Scores Tell Me?

Test scores, cross-test scores, and subscores give students insightful information about their strengths and areas for improvement.



### How Can I Improve My Academic Skills?

Skills Insight<sup>™</sup> informs you about what you are already likely able to do, and how you can improve your skills.

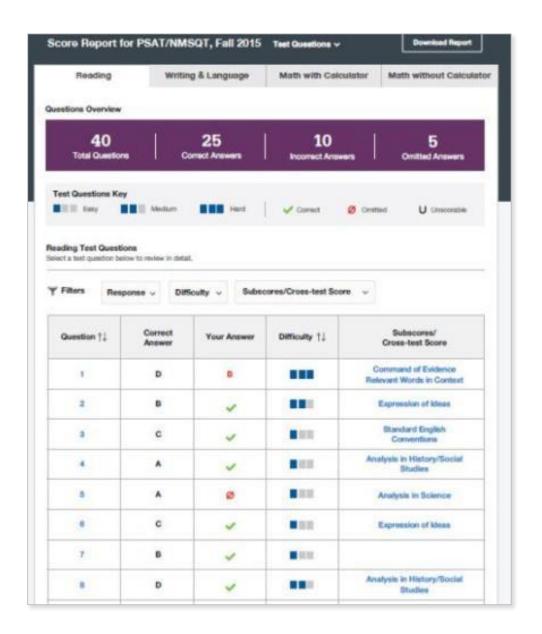


## What Can I Learn from My Answers?

Check the level of difficulty of each question and the related subscores and cross-test scores.

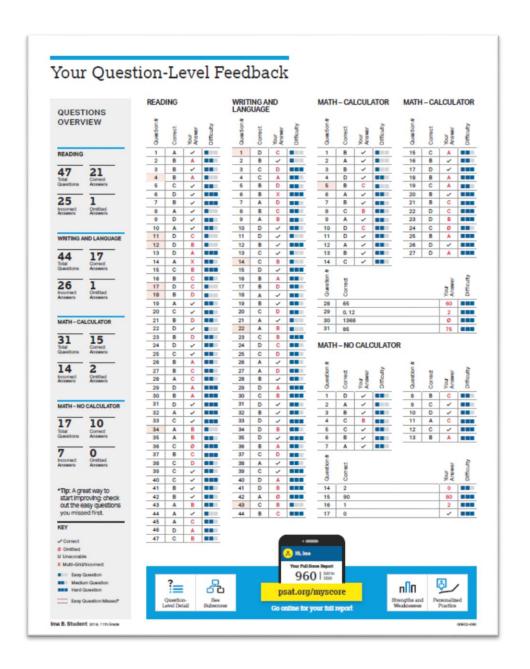
Look at the types of questions answered incorrectly and skipped and consider the following:

- Identify the level of difficulty. How many questions did I miss at each level?
- Was I more likely to skip questions associated with any subscore or cross-test score?
- What inferences can I make about areas for improvement based on the types of questions I missed and skipped?



### How Can I Improve My Scores?

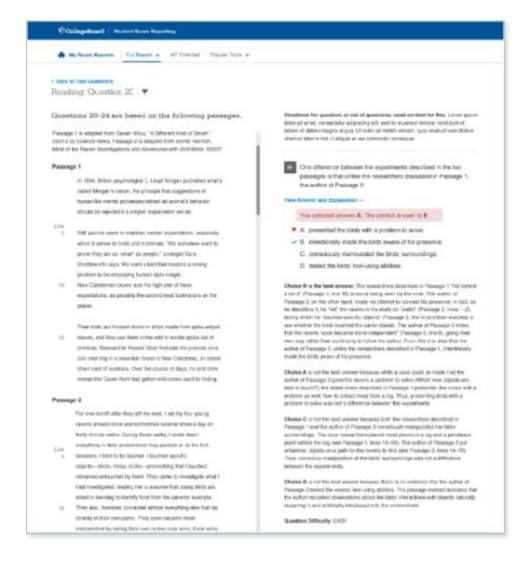
Your Question-Level Feedback from your paper copy



## How Can I Improve My Scores/Skills?

## Using both online and paper score reports

- Have your paper report out
- Open your online report and click on Test Questions on the top of the report
- Click on a question you want to do over without looking at the correct answer
- Once you completed the question, check your answer.
- Read the explanation if needed.
- Take notes on your paper report to keep track of your improvement
- Ask questions about answer explanations that are not clear



# What Is the National Merit® Scholarship Program?

#### YOUR PATH TOMORROW

#### Here's what else is waiting for you online:



A link to free personalized practice on Khan Academy

Share your scores with Khan Academy to get your personalized practice.



A list of the challenging courses you're ready for

Congrats! Your scores show you're ready to succeed in AP® courses.



Your customized starter college list

Check out the tools at BigFuture™ to kick-start your college plans.



#### Don't forget!

Register to take the SAT ahead of college application deadlines in spring of junior year and fall of senior year.



#### Your NMSC Selection Index

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NMSC uses a Selection index score based on PSATINMSQT scores as an initial screen of students who enter its scholarship programs. The Selection index score is double the sum of your Reading, Writing and Language, and Math Test scores.

#### **Eligibility Information**

You meet entry requirements for the 2020 National Merit Scholarship Program and your Selection Index score will be considered among 1.6 million program entrants.

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 when qualifying Selection index scores will be made available.

#### **Entry Requirements**

Information you provided on your answer sheet:

High school student: YES

Year to complete high school and enroll full time in college: 2020

Total years to be spent in grades 9-12:4

#### 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 2020 competition, NMSC will consider the 2018 PSATNMSQT\* Selection index scores of some 1.6 million test takers (usually high echod) juniors) who meet program entry requirements. For more information, please visit www.nattonalmerit.or.

If any of your responses to NIVISC's "Entry Requirements" questions 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, Sulte 200 Evanston, IL 60201-4897

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

Ima B. Student 2018, 11th Grade

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- Continue to take challenging courses in high school
- Link scores with Khan Academy<sup>®</sup>
- Set up a practice plan and stick to it
- Register for the SAT<sup>®</sup>
- Utilize other resources to research and prepare for college

## Official SAT® Practice with Khan Academy®— It's FREE!

- Go to and create a free accountsatpractice.org.
- Get personalized recommendations. Link your Khan Academy account to your College Board account to import past SAT Suite results, or take diagnostic quizzes to get personalized recommendations.
- Create a study plan. Select a test date and set up a practice schedule.



### Khan Academy

Research From College Board and Khan Academy

- Studying for the SAT for 20 hours on Khan Academy's free Official SAT Practice is associated with an average score gain of 115 points. That's nearly double the average score gain compared to students who don't use our free test prep.
- Nearly 40% of all test takers report using our free Official SAT Practice, making it the number one tool for SAT prep.

# What Steps Will I Follow to Link My College Board Account to Khan Academy®?



#### Step 1

Log in or create a Khan Academy account.

#### Step 2

When prompted, agree to link your Khan Academy and College Board accounts. You will then be directed to collegeboard.org.

#### Step 3

Sign in or create a College Board account.

#### Step 4

When prompted, hit "Send" to authorize the account linking.

#### Step 5

Start practicing on Official SAT® Practice on Khan Academy!

## Which exam ACT or SAT?

## ACT v SAT

#### Some Students Do A Lot Better on One over the Other

#### **SAT Reasoning Exam**

- 4 sections: Evidence-based reading, Evidencebased writing, and mathematics (1 section with calculator allowed, 1 section with calculator not allowed)
- Optional writing section: Must take for most colleges except CSUs.
- Score out of 1600 (Essay scored separately.)
- May use a fee waiver
- No penalty for wrong answer
- Register online at: www.collegeboard.com

#### **ACT**

- 4 sections: science, math, reading & English
- Optional writing section: Must take for most colleges except CSUs.
- Score out of 36
- May use a fee waiver
- No penalty for wrong answer
- Register online at: www.actstudent.org

# How many times should I take the SAT/ACT?

# The <u>College Board</u> reports the following concerning retaking the SAT:

- 55 percent of juniors taking the test improved their scores as seniors.
- 35 percent had score drops.
- 10 percent had no change.
- The higher a student's scores as a junior, the more likely that student's subsequent scores will drop.
- The lower the initial scores, the more likely the scores will go up.
- On average, juniors repeating the SAT as seniors improved their combined critical reading, mathematics, and writing scores by approximately 40 points.
- About 1 in 25 gained 100 or more points on critical reading or mathematics, and about 1 in 90 lost 100 or more points.

The <u>ACT</u> provides similar information. Its research shows that:

- 57% increased their Composite score on the retest
- 21% had no change in their Composite score on the retest
- 22% decreased their Composite score on the retest

## Changes for ACT – September 2020

#### **Section Retesting (only ONLINE TESTING for retake)**

After students takes a full exam, they have option to retake from 1 to 3 sections on a National Test Date (MOST LIKELY do not need to take Writing Section and the Writing Section can be one of the retakes)

#### **Super Scoring**

Updated research shows super score as the best predictor of 1<sup>st</sup> year college GPA. Students have option to send full or super score

#### **Online Testing**

Option at some test centers. Will get results back in 2 business days

For more information: act.org/MoreChoices

## Grade Testing Timeline Recommendations

	How to Sign Up	9 <sup>th</sup>	10 <sup>th</sup>	11 <sup>th</sup>	12 <sup>th</sup>
PSAT	No registration Taken during school day		Oct	Oct 16 2019	
SAT Reasoning w/writing	Register on own www.sat.org Pay fee			Spring March, May	Fall If needed
ACT w/writing	Register on own www.act.org Pay fee			Spring Feb, April	Fall If needed
SAT Subject Exams	Register on own www.sat.org Study guides in Room 115 Pay fee	June after course completed <b>Science</b>	June after course completed History Science	June Math II Various Subjects	Fall If needed

<sup>■</sup>NOTE: Some schools do not take Senior December scores

<sup>■</sup>You need to RESEARCH what schools you might be applying to require EARLY!!

# Most of the questions about testing are answered "it depends"

**EARLY Research is IMPORTANT!** 

Look at individual college websites for the answers

## What are my Target scores?

 Students can go to any individual college website and look at Freshmen Class Profiles to see average test scores for attending students

• Students should also research how important standardized test scores are to an institution. You can do this by attending information sessions and reading their websites.

• Students should also think about test optional institutions. Check out Fair Test website for list of test optional colleges; http://www.fairtest.org/university/optional

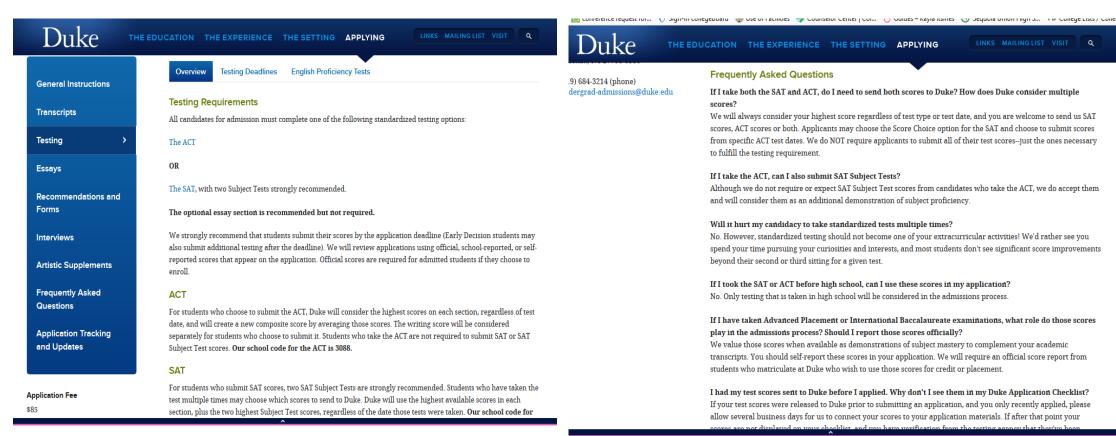
## Which Exams do I Need to take?

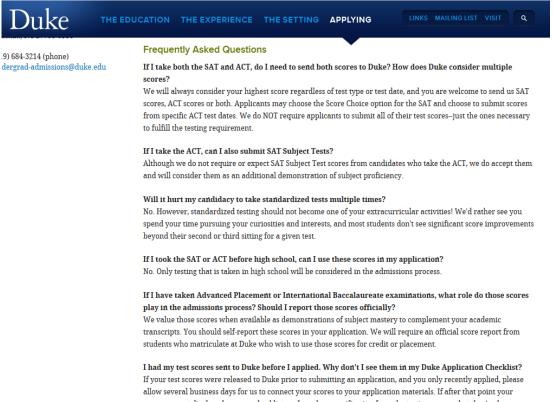
Students need to research the schools they are interested in at all to figure out what exams are required by each institution.

#### For example:

- While the UC system does not require subject exams, some of the departments like to see scores, copy/paste the following link; <a href="http://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/freshman/requirements/examinat-ion-requirement/SAT-subject-tests/index.html">http://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/freshman/requirements/examinat-ion-requirement/SAT-subject-tests/index.html</a>
- Georgetown requires two subject exams but prefers students who take three
- CSU does not require the writing portion of the SAT but the UC does

## Questions about testing? Look at all the Detailed Info on College Websites





## Your Personalized Testing Timeline

Look at schools you are interested in applying and see what testing is required and what are their deadlines

#### Stanford Undergraduate Admission

Discover -

Apply

Afford

Visit

### Application & Testing Deadlines

The Coalition Application or Common Application must be submitted online by 11:59 p.m. on the applicable deadline.

#### Freshman Applicants

**Application Deadline, Notification and Reply Dates** 

	Restrictive Early Action	Regular Decision
Application with Arts Portfolio Deadline	October 15	December 1
Standard Application Deadline	November 1	January 2
Last Acceptable SAT Test Date	October	December
Last Acceptable ACT Test Date	September 7	December
Notification of Missing Documents	Mid-November	Mid-February

## **Testing Vocabulary**

#### Super Score

Use highest scores on each section from different exam sittings for your total score

Used to be only SAT but now some schools Super Score ACT

#### Score Choice

Direct College Board to only send selected scores

Not recommendation or not allowed by some colleges

#### Self Report

More and more private colleges are allowing students to self report without actually having to send their scores until admitted

# Schools allow Score Choice, Send what you want or Required to Send All Scores

#### **Additional Information**

- Score Choice: Although we permit Score Choice, we encourage students to submit their entire testing history for both ACT and SAT exams.
- SAT vs. ACT: No preference is given to the SAT or the ACT. If an applicant submits both tests, we will pay attention to the higher score from either test.
- Superscoring: For the SAT (pre-March 2015) SAT scores will only be superscored with
  other pre-March 2015 SAT results. Current SAT scores (March 2015 onwards) will only be
  superscored with current SAT test results. For the ACT, we consider the highest
  individual English, Math, Reading, and Science scores across test sittings. In other words,
  we superscore the ACT and we superscore within old and current SATs but not between
  old and current SAT tests.

## Yale

WH**Y**Learning at Yale
Living at Yale
Student Pursuits
Virtual Tour & Blogs

APPLY
Application Process
Advice to Candidates
Visit & Connect
Financial Aid

- Reporting: First-year applicants attending secondary school in the United States will satisfy Yale's
  standardized testing requirement by self-reporting ACT and/or SAT scores in the application.
  Applicants who are offered admission and choose to matriculate at Yale will be required to provide
  official results prior to enrolling. First-year applicants attending secondary schools outside the
  United States must submit official results from the testing agency for evaluation by the
  Admissions Committee.
- Multiple Tests & Test Dates: Applicants who have taken the SAT or ACT exam multiple times
  should report all scores from whichever test they choose to report. Applicants who choose to
  report scores from both the SAT and ACT should report all scores received on both tests. If space in
  the testing section of the application is insufficient to self-report all SAT or ACT scores, applicants
  should use the "Update Application" form available via the Yale Admissions Status Portal to selfreport additional scores after submitting an application. Applicants may also send all official
  scores directly to Yale via the testing agency. Yale's CEEB code for the SAT is 3987; the ACT code is
  one
- Superscoring: When assessing SAT results, admissions officers will focus on the highest individual
  section scores from all test dates. For example, if an applicant took the SAT twice, the highest
  Evidence-Based Reading and Writing and Math scores will be considered individually. When
  assessing ACT results, admissions officers focus on the highest ACT Composite from all test dates
  while also considering individual ACT subscores.
- Applicants are not required to report results from exams completed prior to high school.

## Fee Waivers

### Fee Waiver Instructions for SAT

If a student took the PSAT this past October and was Free or Reduced lunch, he/she will automatically get one while registering for SAT (need to allow pop-ups)

For specifics on how to get a fee waiver go to the College Board website https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat/register/fees/fee-waivers?SFMC\_cid=EM246118-&rid=47248023

All Free or Reduced students receive fee waivers

Instructions on how to get a fee waiver are also on school website under College and Career or come into the College Career Center

## Sign Up and Fee Waiver for ACT

- Same as process for SAT except on the <u>www.act.org</u> website
- •If you need a fee waiver, you need to bring in your Free or Reduced letter from the district or have a parent of guardian sign a waiver to bring to the College and Career Center (waivers are in Counseling Office and College and Career Center)
- Remember to complete survey on your Naviance account to store your ACT account information

## **Sending Scores**

## Sending SAT/ACT Scores

## SAT

Students can send four free score reports when they register to take SAT.

You can still send **four** free score reports to colleges up to nine days after the test—after that there's a fee for sending score reports, unless you're eligible for an SAT fee waiver.

### ACT

Students may send their scores to up to four colleges for free when they register to take the ACT.

Students who wait until later to send scores must pay an additional fee for each report they send.

## Sending SAT/ACT Scores as Juniors To UC and CSU

	SAT	ACT
UC	Send to one school all 9 will receive	Send to one school all 9 will receive
CSU	Use code 3594 on CollegeBoard website and all 23 schools will receive	Send to one school and can send to others for free on CSU – ACT Score Manager
*UC/CSU hold scores for 5yrs		

## Prep Options at Sequoia High School

Revolution Prep – Mock Exams

January 25<sup>th</sup>: Mock SAT

Feb 29<sup>th</sup>: Mock SAT or ACT

Details on how to register are in the Weekly Email

## Requesting Testing Accommodations

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- Either ACT or CollegeBoard will be approving your accommodations NOT SEQUOIA HIGH SCHOOL
- Start at Sequoia's website under College & Career Dept look at Testing Tab and read how to get accommodations
- Go to ACT/SAT websites and research deadlines and required steps (takes about six weeks)
- Next go to SUHSD website and complete the forms
  - Need to provide documentation of need for accommodation (Examples: IEP,504 Plan, MD report)
- Students must be USING the accommodations in a classroom setting
- Once all the forms are completed and the documents are collected, email Ms Ignaitis <u>tignaitis@seq.org</u> for an appointment a month in advance of either the ACT or SAT due dates.

# Thank You.