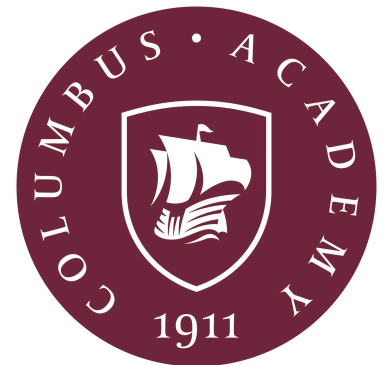
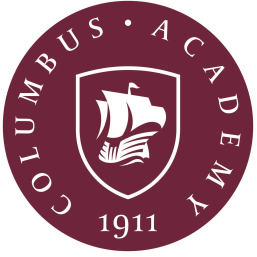


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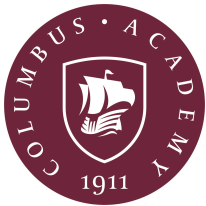
**Standardized Testing
January 2019**





What are some things that
standardized test **CANNOT** measure?





SAT/ACT – How important are these tests?

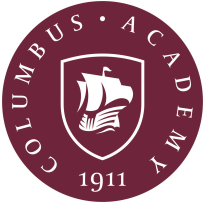
TABLE 7. PERCENTAGE OF COLLEGES ATTRIBUTING DIFFERENT LEVELS OF IMPORTANCE TO FACTORS IN ADMISSION DECISIONS: FIRST-TIME FRESHMEN, FALL 2017

Factor	N	Considerable Importance	Moderate Importance	Limited Importance	No Importance
Grades in All Courses	173	80.9	10.4	5.8	2.9
Grades in College Prep Courses	171	70.8	17.5	8.8	2.9
Admission Test Scores (SAT, ACT)	172	52.3	30.8	14.5	2.3
Strength of Curriculum	170	51.2	29.4	12.9	6.5
Essay or Writing Sample	168	16.7	36.9	20.8	25.6
Counselor Recommendation	167	10.8	46.1	28.7	14.4
Student's Demonstrated Interest	168	15.5	21.4	34.5	28.6
Teacher Recommendation	168	7.1	46.4	29.2	17.3
Class Rank	172	9.3	27.9	36.0	26.7
Extracurricular Activities	169	3.6	34.9	40.8	20.7
Subject Test Scores (AP, IB)	166	4.2	28.9	28.3	38.6
Portfolio	167	5.4	7.2	27.5	59.9
Interview	168	3.6	14.3	29.2	53.0
Work	169	1.8	17.8	41.4	39.1
SAT II Scores	166	6.6	3.0	19.9	70.5
State Graduation Exam Scores	168	1.8	8.3	17.9	72.0

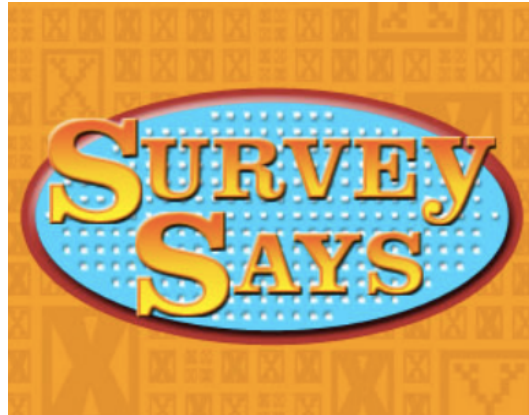
SOURCE: NACAC Admission Trends Survey, 2017–18.



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How important is test prep?



From the CA College Counseling survey to seniors, students voted for *these* factors as “highly important” in their college process:

- ◆ Individual Meetings with Ms. Heywood or Ms. FitzPatrick.....99%
- ◆ Common Application Workshops for Seniors in August.....95%
- ◆ **Test Prep: SAT/ACT Class or Tutor.....88%**
- ◆ College Counseling Class.....85%



When to prep? When to test?

Grade 10 students will receive individualized advice about this during their Academic Planning Conference in April



2018-2019 Test Dates

When registering for ACT/SAT, Columbus Academy's CEEB Code is 361525
Note: registration will take 30-45 minutes.

SAT Register at <https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat/register>

<u>SAT Date</u>	<u>Registration Deadline</u>
August 25, 2018	July 27, 2018
October 6, 2018	September 7, 2018
November 3, 2018	October 5, 2018
December 1, 2018	November 2, 2018
March 9, 2019	February 8, 2019
May 4, 2018	April 5, 2019
June 1, 2019	May 3, 2019

ACT Register at <http://www.actstudent.org>

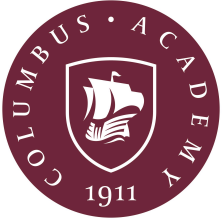
TEST DATE	REGISTRATION DEADLINES		
	Regular Deadline	Late Fee Required**	Photo Upload/ Standby Deadline
September 8, 2018	August 10	August 11-26	August 31
October 27, 2018	September 28	Sept. 29-Oct. 14	October 19
December 8, 2018	November 2	November 3-19	November 30
February 9, 2019*	January 11	January 12-18	February 1
April 13, 2019	March 8	March 9-25	April 5
June 8, 2019	May 3	May 4-20	May 31
July 13, 2019*	June 14	June 15-24	July 5

In-school Test Dates 2018-2019 registration managed within Columbus Academy

- PSAT/NMSQT (Gr 10 and 11) Wednesday, Oct 10, 2018
- SAT School Day (Gr 11) Tuesday, April 9, 2019
- AP Exams 2019 (Gr 9-12) Monday, May 6 - Friday, May 17, 2019

Handout on tables

In general, no prep before the summer that precedes Grade 11 and no SAT/ACT necessary before fall of junior year



Terminology

- PSAT
- SAT
- ACT
- SAT Subject Tests
- AP Exams
- TOEFL
- Test Optional
- Score Choice



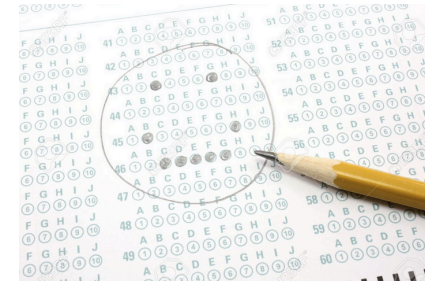


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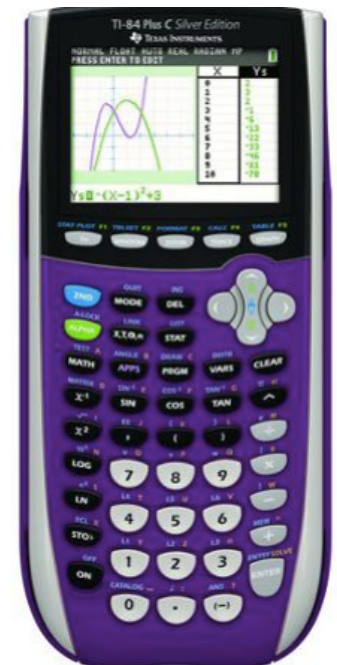


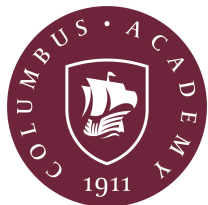
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PSAT/NMSQT



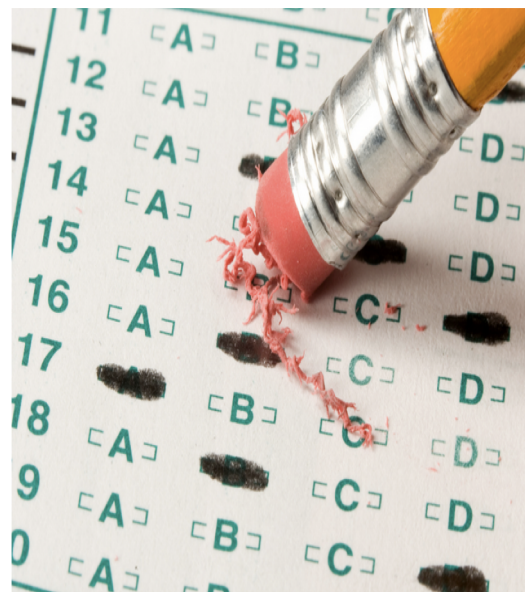
- Understanding your PSAT scores (video on [Collegeboard.org](https://collegeboard.org))
- Given to grades 10 & 11 at Columbus Academy in October as practice for the SAT
- Avg. PSAT for juniors at CA (Fall '18) = 1245
- Highest Selection Index score is now a 228
- Grade 11 score can qualify a student for
- National Merit Recognition (announced in Sept.)
 - Different states have different cutoffs
 - Selection Index *last year* for OH was 219





SAT v. ACT

- Colleges will take *either* the SAT or ACT for admission
- Some (not most) colleges/universities require the writing section
 - Ex: California state universities such as UCLA, UC, San Diego, etc.
- On average, CA students take one exam 2-3 times, beginning in 11th grade
- Register on-line
 - www.collegeboard.org
 - www.actstudent.org
- Counselors can provide fee waivers
- **Average ACT Composite at CA = 30**
- **Average SAT Total at CA = 1350**
- Test Prep – consider options
 - BWS class at CA (see handout)
 - Revolution Prep
 - Private Tutoring (Princeton Review Premier Tutors, Kaplan, etc.)
 - **FREE** On-line SAT prep via **Khan Academy** - link to student's PSAT





College Board + Khan Academy

A screenshot of the Khan Academy SAT Practice page. The browser address bar shows 'https://www.khanacademy.org/sat'. The page header includes 'Courses', a search bar, the 'Khan Academy' logo, and links for 'Donate', 'Login', and 'Sign up'. The main banner features the text 'A COLLEGE READINESS PARTNERSHIP' above the 'CollegeBoard' and 'Khan Academy' logos, followed by 'Official SAT® Practice' and a 'Start practicing' button. Below the banner, the text 'FREE practice that is...' is centered. Four features are listed in a grid: 'Personalized to you' (with a checklist icon), 'Official' (with a document icon), 'Interactive' (with a browser window icon), and 'Instant' (with a speech bubble icon).

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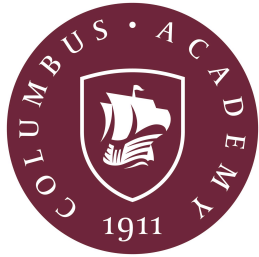
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How do I know which score is better?

SAT/ACT Concordance Chart

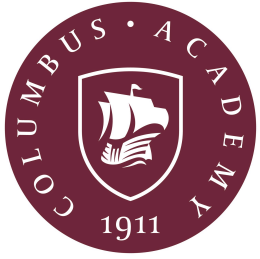
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1600	2390	36	1200	1670	25	800	1060	14
1590	2370	35	1190	1650	24	790	1040	14
1580	2350	35	1180	1640	24	780	1030	14
1570	2330	35	1170	1620	24	770	1010	14
1560	2300	35	1160	1610	24	760	990	14
1550	2280	34	1150	1590	23	750	980	13
1540	2260	34	1140	1570	23	740	960	13
1530	2230	34	1130	1560	23	730	950	13
1520	2210	34	1120	1540	22	720	930	13
1510	2190	33	1110	1530	22	710	910	12
1500	2170	33	1100	1510	22	700	900	12
1490	2150	33	1090	1490	21	690	880	12
1480	2130	32	1080	1480	21	680	870	12
1470	2110	32	1070	1460	21	670	860	12
1460	2090	32	1060	1450	21	660	850	12
1450	2080	32	1050	1430	20	650	840	12
1440	2060	31	1040	1420	20	640	830	12
1430	2040	31	1030	1400	20	630	820	12
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1410	2000	30	1010	1370	19	610	800	11
1400	1990	30	1000	1360	19	600	790	11
1390	1970	30	990	1340	19	590	780	11
1380	1950	29	980	1330	19	580	770	11
1370	1930	29	970	1310	18	570	760	11
1360	1920	29	960	1300	18	560	750	11
1350	1900	29	950	1280	18	550	740	-
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1330	1870	28	930	1250	17	530	730	-
1320	1850	28	920	1240	17	520	720	-
1310	1840	28	910	1220	17	510	710	-
1300	1820	27	900	1210	17	500	700	-
1290	1810	27	890	1200	16	490	690	-
1280	1790	27	880	1180	16	480	680	-
1270	1780	26	870	1170	16	470	670	-
1260	1760	26	860	1150	16	460	660	-
1250	1750	26	850	1140	15	450	650	-
1240	1730	26	840	1120	15	440	640	-
1230	1710	25	830	1110	15	430	630	-
1220	1700	25	820	1090	15	420	620	-
1210	1680	25	810	1070	15	410	610	-
						400	600	-



SAT Subject Tests



- Formerly called SAT 2's
- Each exam is one hour
- Student **may** take up to 3 on a test day
- Available in many subject areas
- Required by *very* few colleges
 - Declining market share
 - Check www.compassprep.com/compass-guide
 - Check individual college websites
 - Ask during campus visit



How many schools **REQUIRE** Subject Tests?

Cal Tech

Cornell

Harvey Mudd

MIT

McGill (Canada)

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Preparing for SAT Subject Tests

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Example

Mathematics Level 2 Subject Test

Subjects

Mathematics

- Math Level 1
- Math Level 2

Science

English

History

Languages

Introduction

The Mathematics Level 2 Subject Test covers the same material as the Mathematics Level 1 test — with the addition of trigonometry and elementary functions (precalculus). If you performed well in these courses, taking this test gives you the opportunity to highlight your abilities and showcase your interest in higher-level mathematics.

[→ Start practicing](#)

Important Notes

- Offered in Oct., Nov., Dec., Jan., May and June
- Calculator use permitted. See [calculator policy](#), including what calculators are acceptable.

Test Basics

www.collegeboard.org



Score Choice

- Used by some, but not all colleges and universities
- Some selective schools will require you to send **all** SATs
- “all” does not mean SAT *and* ACT
 - These are two separate companies

SAT	Date	Grade	Evidence Based Reading & Writing	Reading Test	Writing Test	Mathematics	Math Test	Total
	05/2016	11	690	32	37	710	35.5	1400
	06/2016	11	730	36	37	650	32.5	1380

ACT	Math	Reading	Science	Writing	ELA <i>i</i>	STEM <i>i</i>	Composite	Date	Grade
English									
24	23	26	20	24	25	22	23	Dec 2015	11
30	25	22	24	23	25	25	25	Apr 2016	11
29	25	32	24	24	28	25	28	Apr 2016	11



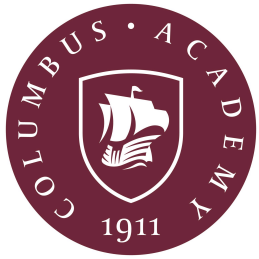
What is super scoring?

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To “superscore” SAT, simply add two highest sections

To “superscore” ACT, add four subsections (not Writing) and divide by 4



High Scores in Context

Score	Number of Students
36	2,760
35	12,386
34	20,499
33	26,920

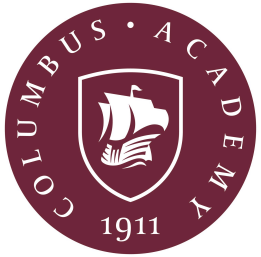
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**In Columbus Academy's Class of 2017,
15 students scored at 35 or 36 on the ACT.**



Test Optional Colleges

- Over 1000 schools do not require an SAT or ACT score from applicants
- **Examples:** Bowdoin, Wake Forest, Hamilton, Holy Cross, Denison, Bates, Mount Holyoke
- More emphasis on academic performance
- Complete list at **www.fairtest.org**



TOEFL and AP Exams

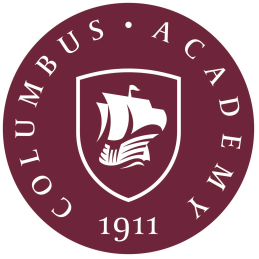


Test of English as Foreign Language

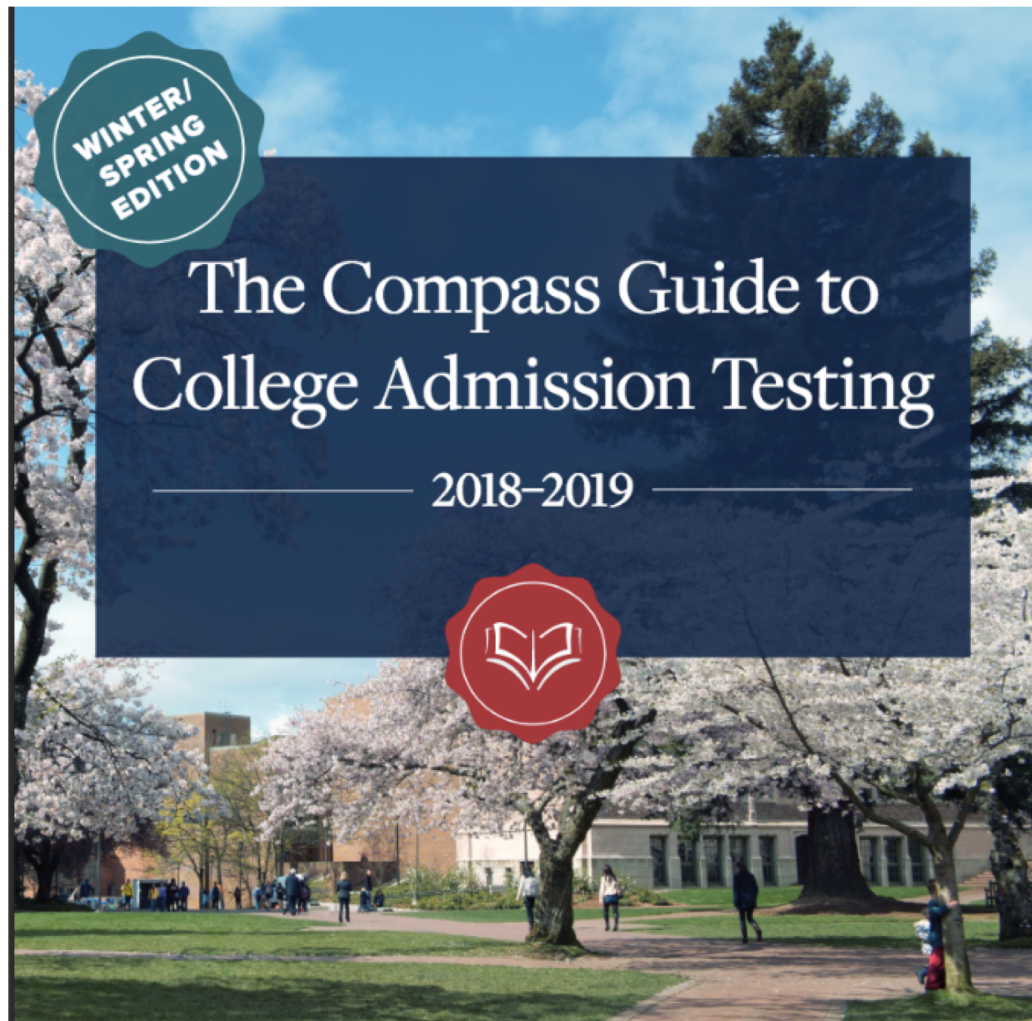
Required by some colleges if English is not the student's primary language

Advanced Placement Exams

Student may choose to self-report these scores to colleges on the school's application, but it is not required



RESOURCES



http://downloads.compassprep.com/compass_guide_to_admission_testing_2018-2019.pdf



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