

College Entrance Exams

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All exams listed below are used to **determine** a high school graduate's **preparation for college-level course work**. These test are **based on courses studied**, and are not an IQ (intelligence) test.

Most US colleges and universities accept ACT and/or SAT test results.

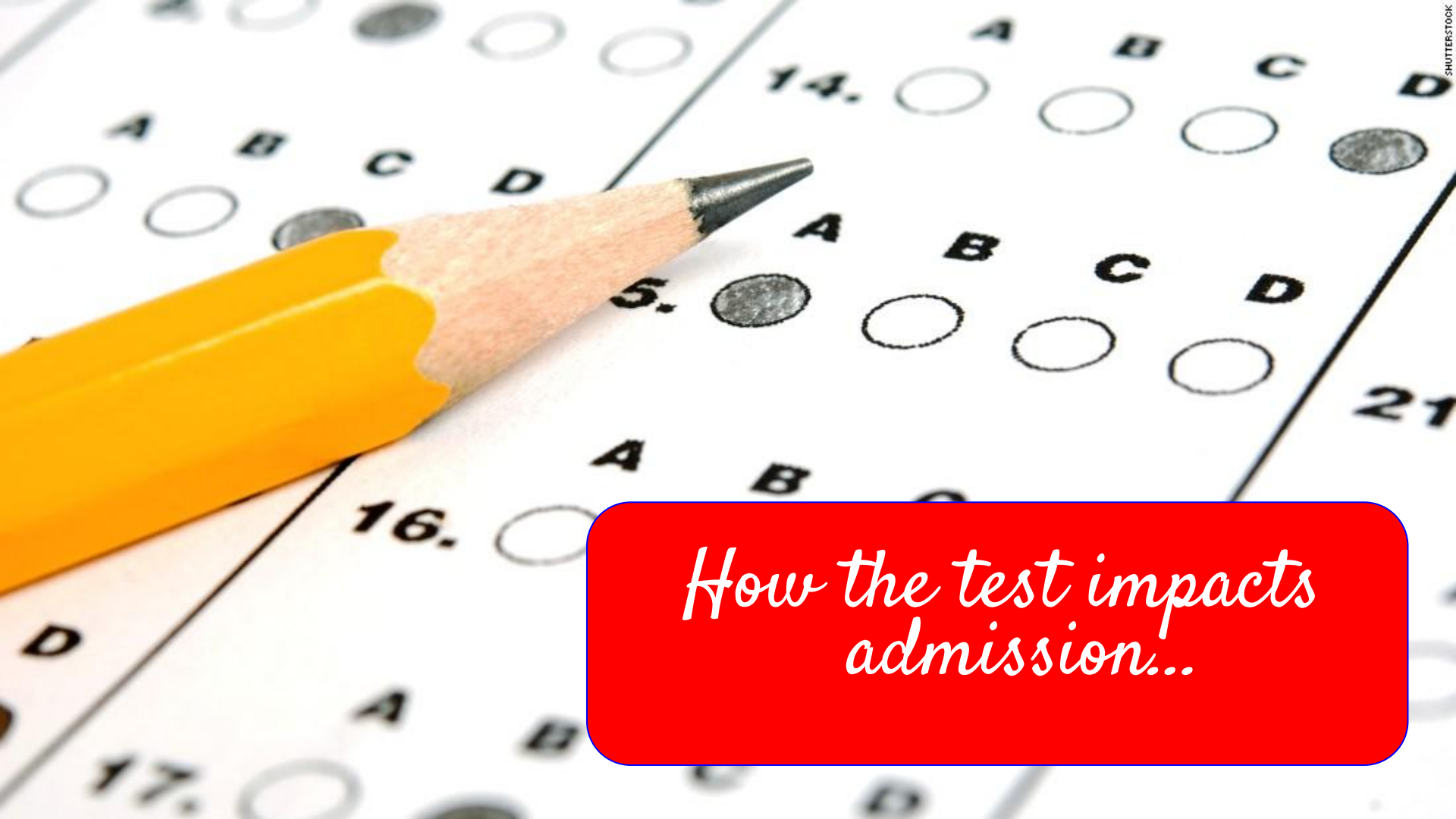
ACT

SAT

TSI

Why take the test?

- Provide colleges with **one common criteria** that can be used to compare all applicants
- One **major factor** in the admissions
- The weight placed on test scores varies from school to school
- Many schools provide **academic scholarships** based on test scores.
- Test scores are good for up to 5 years



*How the test impacts
admission...*

College Admission

- MOST universities/colleges require students to provide ACT or SAT test scores as part of their admission application. Students will NOT be considered for admission without test scores (if required).
- Junior Colleges (2 year college) generally do not require test scores for admission, but do take them in consideration for scholarships and/or eligibility for courses.

College Admission

Most universities/colleges require:

- Application
- Fee
- Essay(s)
- Official Transcript
- **Test Scores**
- Letters of Recommendation (sometimes)

Colleges will NOT review your application until ALL required information is provided.

School Admission Example: *Texas Tech University*

Assured Admission

You are assured admission if you are graduating from an accredited high school and present the required combination of high school class rank and college entrance test scores indicated below.

| Class Rank | Test Scores* | |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------|------|
| | ACT | SAT |
| Top 10% | No Minimum | |
| First Quarter (excluding top 10%) | 24 | 1180 |
| Second Quarter | 26 | 1260 |
| Third Quarter | 27 | 1290 |
| Fourth Quarter | Application Review | |



School Admission Example: Tarleton State University

Regular Admission

To be granted regular admission status, first-time freshmen must provide SAT and/or ACT scores, and either rank in the top 10% of the high school graduating class or meet one of the combinations of high school quarter rank and entrance scores listed below:

| Percentile in Class | Test Score Requirement |
|----------------------|---|
| 75-99% (1st quarter) | No minimum but must provide SAT or ACT scores |
| 50-74% (2nd quarter) | SAT = 880 or ACT = 16 |
| 25-49% (3rd quarter) | Individual Review*** |

* See State of Texas Uniform Admission Policy (UAP) below.

** SAT total consists of Evidence Based Reading and Writing + Math. The writing component can be submitted but it is not required.

*** Applicants not meeting requirements for guaranteed admission may be reviewed on an individual basis.



School Admission Example: *Midwestern State University*

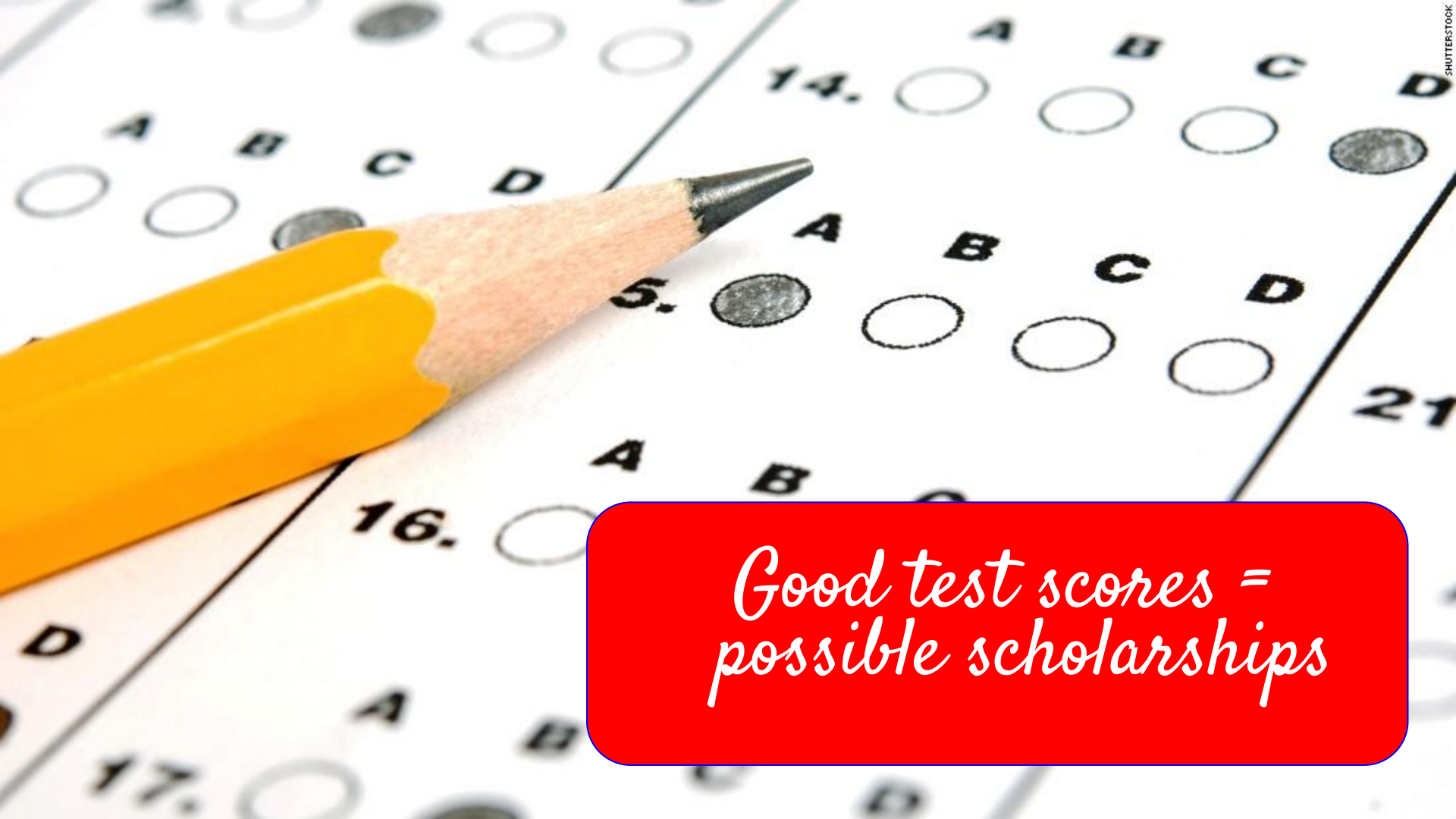


| Class Rank | Old SAT Minimum Scores (Taken Prior to March 2016) | New SAT Minimum Scores (Taken March 2016 or Later) | ACT Minimum Composite Scores |
|-------------------------|---|---|------------------------------|
| Top 25% | Automatic Admission | Automatic Admission | Automatic Admission |
| Second Quarter | 990 | 1070 | 21 |
| Third Quarter | 1070 | 1140 | 23 |
| Fourth Quarter | 1110 | 1180 | 24 |
| Home School/Non-Ranking | By Review | By Review | By Review |

*The old SAT scores above are comprised of Critical Reading and Math components only. The new SAT scores are comprised of Evidence-Based Reading and Writing, and Math components. Entrance exam scores must be received from the College Board and/or ACT or be on official high school transcripts in order to be reviewed. MSU will super score test results but super scoring will occur only within the same version of the SAT, not across old and new versions.

Previous KHS Student Data

| Student Rank (from various classes) | Highest Composite ACT Score | Quartile |
|--|--------------------------------|----------|
| 2 | 30 (24 on an attempt) | 1st |
| 2 | 25 | 1st |
| 11 | 32 | 1st |
| 11 | 33 | 1st |
| 40 | 23 | 2nd |
| 53 | 31 | 2nd |
| 55 | 27 | 2nd |
| 68 | 26 | 3rd |
| 89 | 28 | 3rd |
| 103 | 13 | 3rd |



*Good test scores =
possible scholarships*

Academic Scholarships

- Many universities/colleges award academic scholarship based on test scores as a key factor.
- Some automatically award academic scholarships when a student applies and meets eligibility requirements
- Other schools require students to apply for scholarships through the school

Academic Scholarship Example: *Texas State University*

Texas State Achievement Scholarship

Award Amount

- Ranges from \$10,000 to \$22,000 Total Award
- Ranges from \$2,500 to \$5,500 Annual Award

Eligibility Criteria (must meet all)

Minimum SAT (Evidence-Based Reading and Writing + Math) score of 1270 - 1440 *

OR

Minimum ACT score of 27 - 31

AND

- Top 25% of graduating class

Renewal Criteria (must meet all)

- 3.25 Cumulative Texas State GPA
- Complete 28 passing Texas State hours/year (fall/spring)
- Undergraduate status

Academic Scholarship Example: *University of North Texas*

UNT Excellence Scholarship

Eligibility

- Incoming freshmen who are in the top 50 percent of their high school graduating class and score at least 1100 on the SAT (Math/Reading Sections) or 24 on the ACT.
- International students admitted as incoming freshmen based on the required high school rank and test scores noted.





ACT / SAT
What's the difference?

What is Tested



- English
- Math
- Reading
- Science
- Writing (optional)
 - Some schools do and some do not require the writing. This may also change from year to year.
 - If you do not take the writing portion and later apply to a school that requires it, you will have to re-take the entire test.

Scoring

- **1-36** point scale for the ACT whether or not you take the writing test.
- *Writing* portion is on a **1-12** scale but on the same score report form
- There is **No** deduction for wrong answers



What is Tested

- Critical reading
- Writing
- Mathematics
- Essay (optional)
 - Some schools do and some do not require the writing. This may also change from year to year.



Scoring

Score Structure

- Total score: 400-1600
- Evidence-Based Reading and Writing Section: 200-800
- Math Section: 200-800
- SAT Essay: Three scores ranging from 2-8



Test Fees

ACT

- The ACT (no writing) = \$50.50
- The ACT with writing = \$67.00
 - Includes reports for you, your high school, and up to four colleges (if codes are provided when you register).

SAT

- The SAT (no essay) = \$47.50
- The SAT with essay = \$64.50
 - Includes reports for you, your high school, and up to four colleges (if codes are provided when you register).

Fee waivers available for qualifying students. See your counselor for details.

ACT and SAT Comparison Chart

| SAT Composite | ACT Composite |
|---------------|---------------|
| 1570-1600 | 36 |
| 1530-1560 | 35 |
| 1490-1520 | 34 |
| 1450-1480 | 33 |
| 1420-1440 | 32 |
| 1390-1410 | 31 |
| 1360-1380 | 30 |
| 1330-1350 | 29 |
| 1300-1320 | 28 |

| SAT Composite | ACT Composite |
|---------------|---------------|
| 1260-1290 | 27 |
| 1230-1250 | 26 |
| 1200-1220 | 25 |
| 1160-1190 | 24 |
| 1130-1150 | 23 |
| 1100-1120 | 22 |
| 1060-1090 | 21 |
| 1030-1050 | 20 |
| 990-1020 | 19 |

| SAT Composite | ACT Composite |
|---------------|---------------|
| 960-980 | 18 |
| 920-950 | 17 |
| 880-910 | 16 |
| 830-870 | 15 |
| 780-820 | 14 |
| 730-770 | 13 |
| 690-720 | 12 |
| 650-680 | 11 |

****Information found at studypoint.com**



Checklist ✓

How To Sign Up

you must register for either the ACT or SAT online ONLY. KHS does not register you for this test.

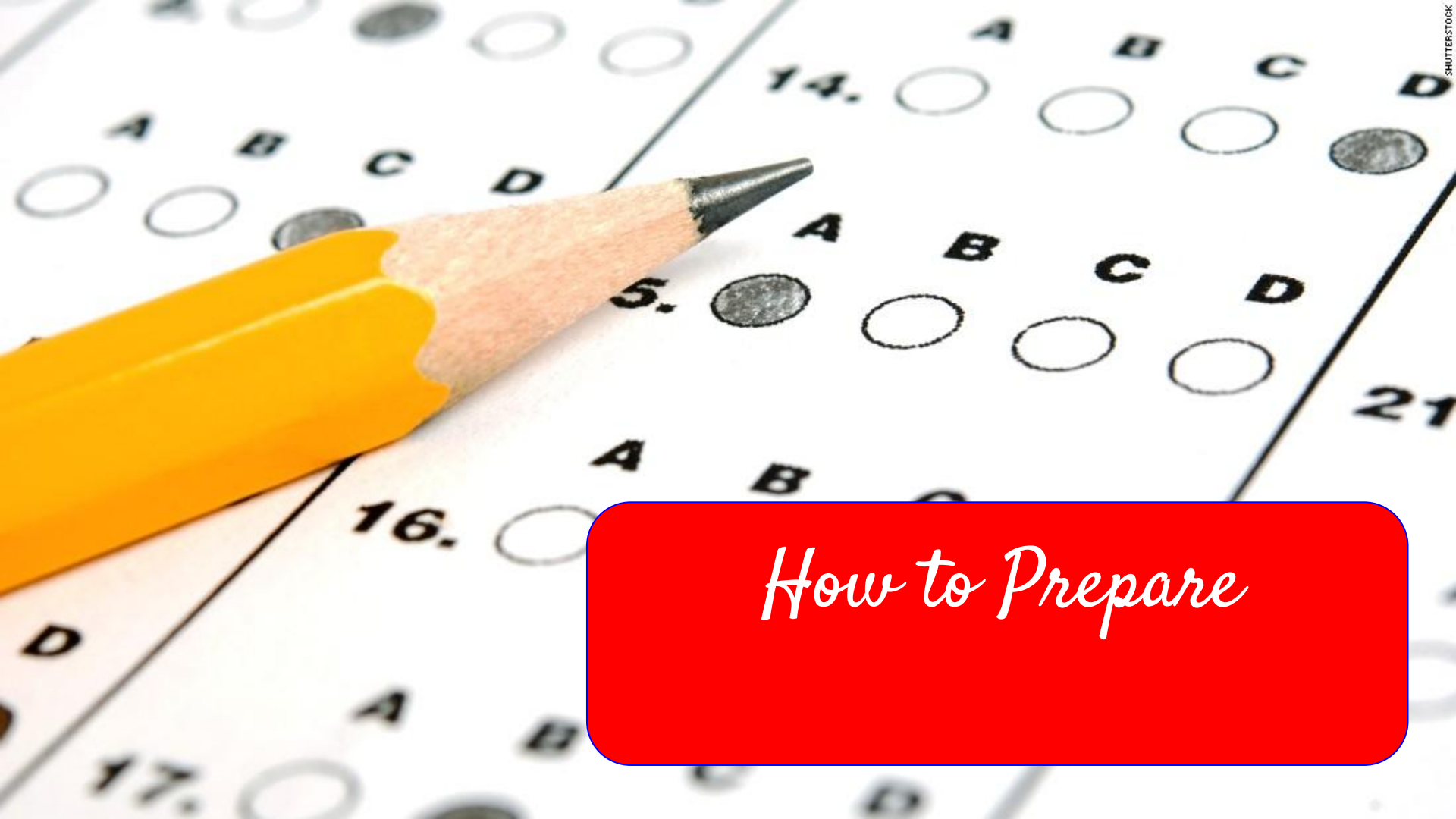
ACT - <http://www.act.org/>

SAT - <http://www.collegeboard.org/>

Google "ACT" or "SAT" if you can't remember the site address

On Testing Day

- Report to assigned test center **1 hour - 30 minutes before the start time**. You will NOT be admitted to test if you are late.
- Admission ticket
- Acceptable photo identification - *check requirements*
- Permitted calculator - you are responsible for knowing if your calculator is permitted and bringing it to the test center. - **check the website for information**
- Testing staff will check your photo ID and ticket, admit you to your test room, direct you to a seat, and provide test materials.



How to Prepare

Test Preparation

Practice, Practice, Practice!!!

- ACT - ACT Academy
- SAT - Khan Academy
- Purchase study guides or check one out from the library
- FREE practice books in the Counseling Department at KHS
- Hire a tutor/Attending test prep classes
- Download **Free** Apps: simply search ACT and/or SAT



TSl: Texas Success Initiative

What is the TSI?

The **TSI Assessment (TSIA)** is part of the Texas Success Initiative program

- designed to help your college or university determine if you are ready for college-level course work in the areas:
 - Reading
 - Writing
 - Mathematics
- Incoming college student in Texas are **required** to take the TSI Assessment - **unless you are already exempt**
- Based on how you perform, you may either be enrolled in a college-level course and/or be placed in the appropriate developmental course or intervention to improve your skills and prepare you for success in college-level courses.

T&J Exemptions

Scored a 23 or higher on the **ACT** composite and a minimum of 19 on both the English and math tests;

SAT administered prior to March 2016: Earned a combined (verbal critical reading + math) SAT score of 1070, with a minimum score of 500 on both sections;

SAT administered March 2016 and later: Evidence-Based Reading and Writing (EBRW) minimum score of 480, Mathematics minimum score of 530 (no combined score needed);

STAAR End-of-Course (EOC) Assessment: Algebra II - a minimum score of Level 2 (4000 for the 2016-17 academic year) for an exemption in mathematics; English III - a minimum score of Level 2 (4000 for the 2016-17 academic year) for an exemption in integrated reading and writing;

Transfer from another institution having satisfactorily completed college-level coursework

Upcoming Test Dates

ACT

October 27 - registration deadline September 28

December 8 - registration deadline November 2

February 9 - registration deadline January 11

April 13 - registration deadline March 8

June 8 - registration deadline May 3

July 13 - registration deadline June 14

SAT

November 3 - registration deadline October 5

December 1 - registration deadline November 2

March 9 - registration deadline February 8

May 4 - registration deadline April 5

June 1 - registration deadline May 3