

WHAT'S NEXT AFTER HIGH SCHOOL?





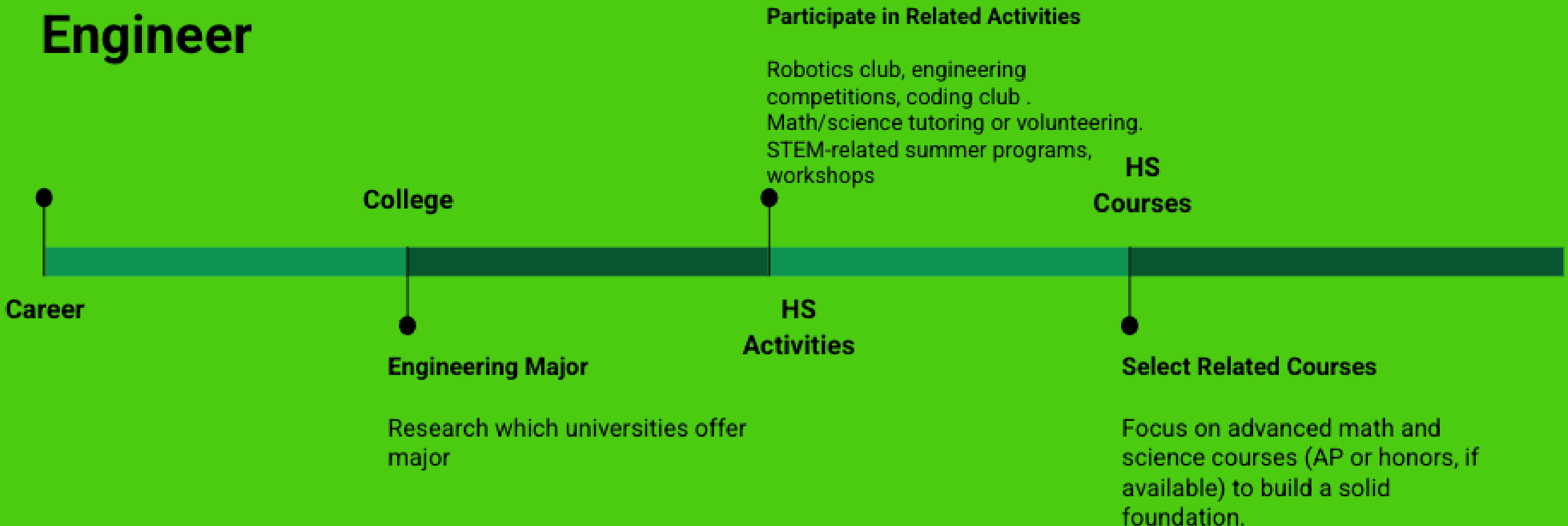
AGENDA

1. Backwards Planning
2. Exploring Interests
3. Colleges that are the Right Fit
4. Using SCOIR as a Tool
5. Admission Application Elements
6. Test Optional
7. College Scattergram
8. Junior Action Plan
9. Ottawa Hills Supports



Begin with END GOAL

Engineer



WHAT ARE YOUR CHILD'S INTERESTS?

- Career Longevity: A career without INTEREST can lead to burnout and a higher likelihood of job changes, making it harder to build a stable career path.
- Skill Development: Interest often fosters a desire to learn and grow. Without it, you may miss opportunities to develop valuable skills.
- Challenge your child to shadow or explore activities that he/she may be currently interested



WHAT TYPE OF COLLEGE WOULD BE A GOOD FIT?

Build a list of prospective colleges of interest:



- Likely: Profile is stronger than middle 50% of admitted students.
- Target: Profile is similar to middle 50% of admitted students.
- Reach: Profile of middle 50% of admitted students is highly competitive and/or stronger than your profile.



Consider rate of admission as indicator of selectivity.
Select a number that will be manageable.



Suggested (0)

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Following (5)

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Appalachian State Univers...

Boone, NC


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Louisiana State University

Baton Rouge, LA


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The University of Tenness...

Knoxville, TN


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University of Mississippi

University, MS


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University of South Carolina



Applying (1)



East Tennessee State Univ...

Johnson City, TN



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Checklist **0/3**

Docs Sent **3/3**



College Website



ADMISSION APPLICATION

- General application questions
- Personal essay / supplemental questions
- High school transcript / senior year schedule
- ACT / SAT Scores
- High school profile
- Counselor recommendation
- Teacher recommendations
- Audition / portfolio / interview



WHAT DO COLLEGES WANT?

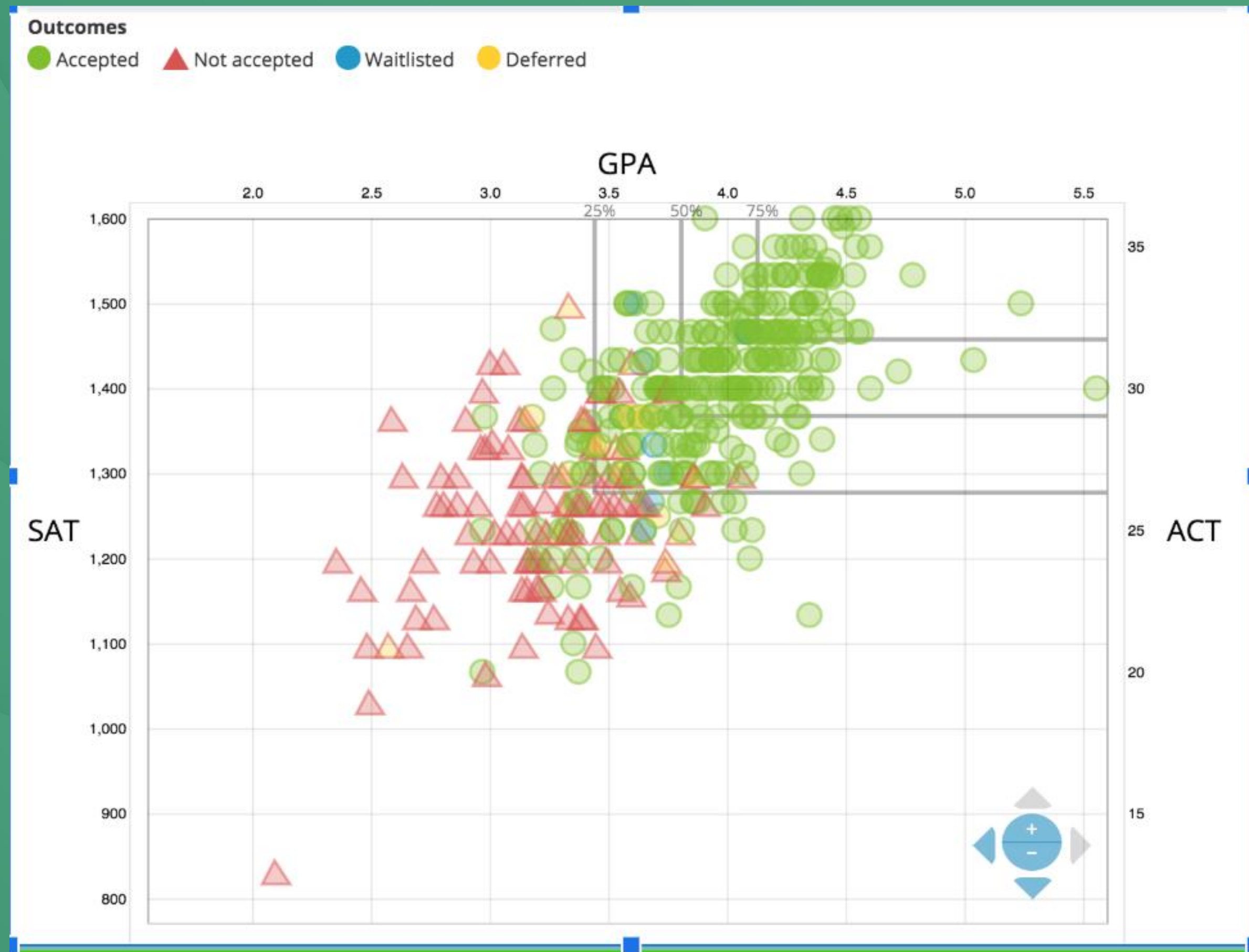
- Grades in college prep courses
- Grades in all high school courses
- Strength of high school curriculum
- Positive character attributes
- Essay or writing sample
- Student's interest in attending
- Counselor recommendation
- Teacher recommendation
- Extracurricular activities (involvement in their community)

TEST OPTIONAL?

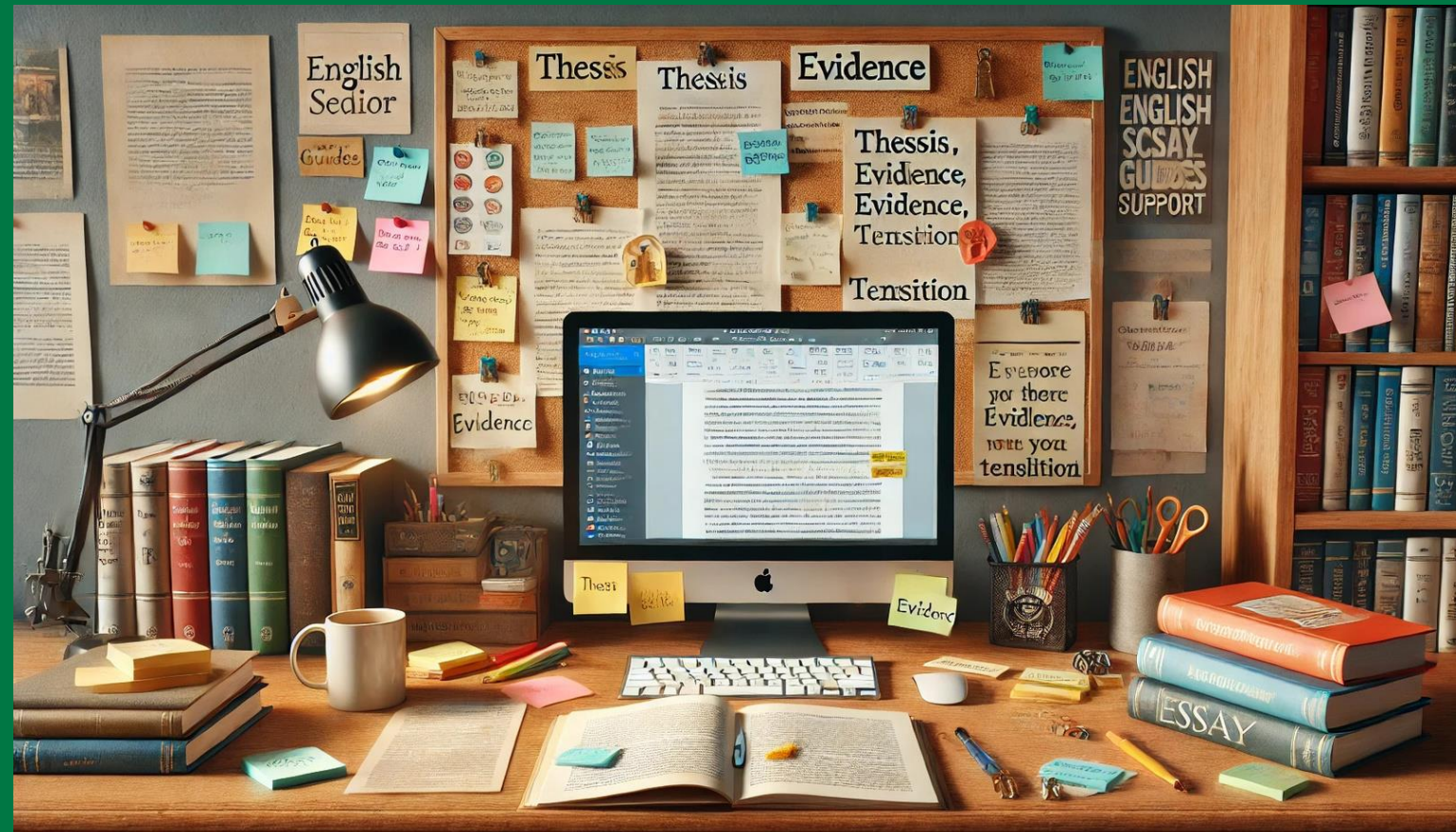
- Class of 2026: several universities are changing their Test Optional Requirements: ACT/SAT test scores for admission decisions
- You will need to do the research on how this impacts:
 - Application Process
 - Admissions
 - Scholarship Applications (many scholarships require ACT/SAT scores)



COLLEGE SCATTERGRAM



COLLEGE ENTRANCE TESTS (ACT/SAT)



2024/2025 Digital SAT/ACT Test Dates

SAT

AUGUST 24, 2024
OCTOBER 5, 2024
NOVEMBER 2, 2024
DECEMBER 7, 2024
MARCH 8, 2025
MAY 3, 2025
JUNE 7, 2025

ACT

September 14, 2024
October 26, 2024
December 14, 2024
February 8, 2025
April 5, 2025
June 14, 2025
July 12, 2025

JUNIOR ACTION PLAN

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The following tasks should be completed from now until your individual senior interview session.	
FALL	☐ Take PSAT/NMSQT ☐ Keep involved & begin to take lead: sports, student clubs ☐ Community Service Options ☐ College Athletics: Division I or II curriculum requirements
JANUARY/ FEBRUARY	☐ Prepare for School administered ACT Test in February ☐ Complete Career Assessment in SCOIR ☐ Update Activities/Awards Section in SCOIR--Draft a resume ☐ Make a plan for summer: Enrichment? Courses? Job?
MARCH	☐ ACT Results: Does it meets target score? ☐ Attend College Fair: UT Student Union March 04- 6:30 p.m. ☐ Create a file of important documents, college information ☐ Create a target college list - 10-20 schools to research
APRIL	☐ Narrow college list: senior courses to match career path. ☐ Stay active in your community ☐ Be mindful of social media post that you share/post ☐ College Visits- during spring break
MAY/JUNE	☐ Finish Junior Year strong - this transcript is sent to colleges ☐ Retake ACT or SAT if target score has not been attained ☐ Make plan for the summer ☐ Identify teachers for letters of recommendation
SUMMER	☐ Create a college application spreadsheet with deadlines ☐ Parent Brag Sheet & Student Brag Sheet ☐ Update: Activity Section, Community Service, Awards ☐ Sign up for College Bootcamp & Senior Interview

Pro TIP:

When creating accounts during this process, save information on your notes app of phone



SENIOR YEAR!

OH Supports Their Seniors

1. Senior Launch
2. Senior Personal Statement & Supplemental(s) Essay Support
3. Career Mapping
4. Portfolio Development



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