



Junior Class Conference Packet

Directory of Online Resources

Career/College Research

Naviance
www.naviance.com

College Board Online
www.collegeboard.org

Long Island Colleges
www.lirache.org

The State University of New York
www.suny.edu

NY Private Colleges and Universities
www.nycolleges.org

The City University of New York
www.cuny.edu

Scholarship Information

Fast Web Scholarship Search
www.fastweb.com

College Board Scholarship Search
www.collegeboard.org

Join PARENT/STUDENT SQUARE groups for more College and Scholarship Information.

Financial Aid Information

Student Guide to Financial Aid
www.finaid.org

FAFSA online Application
www.fafsa.ed.gov

NYS Tuition Assistance Program (TAP)
www.hesc.ny.gov

CSS Profile(required by many private colleges)
www.cssprofile.collegeboard.org

SAT and ACT Registration and Prep Information

SAT Registration
www.collegeboard.org

ACT Registration
www.act.org

FREE Access to Methodize SAT/ACT Test Prep through Castle Learning Accounts.

- Click on CLASSLINK under Links on HS webpage>Castle Learning App

Private Tutoring:

Method Test Prep- Small Group Classes/Private Tutoring
www.methodlearning.com

Online Resources:

www.khanacademy.org – Free SAT practice materials and questions

www.collegeboard.org – Free SAT practice materials and questions

www.act.org – Free ACT practice materials and questions



<https://www.act.org>



Beginning in April 2025, students who choose to take the ACT **online** will see an updated format that includes the changes listed below.

These changes will apply to the **paper-pencil** test starting in September 2025.

Current Paper ACT	Online Enhanced ACT® (April 2025)
Composite score: 1-36 includes four sections	Composite score: 1-36 (will not include the optional Science section)
Four required subjects: English, Math, Reading, Science, plus optional Writing	Three required subjects: English, Math, Reading, plus optional Science and/or Writing
Total Test Time: 2 hours and 55 minutes (with a 10-minute break)	Total Test Time: 2 hours and 5 minutes (without the optional Science section) OR 2 hours + 45 minutes with the Science section, plus another 40 minutes for the optional Writing section.
Test Format: Online or Paper/Pencil	Test Format: Online or Paper/Pencil
English: 75 questions in 45 minutes	English: 50 questions in 35 minutes Shorter passages with fewer questions.
Reading: 40 questions in 35 minutes Page-long passages with 10 questions after each passage	Reading: 36 questions in 40 minutes Shorter passages with fewer questions.
Math: 60 questions in 60 minutes 5 possible answers per question	Math: 45 questions in 50 minutes <i>4 possible answers per question</i>
Science (required): 40 questions in 35 minutes Six passages with 6-7 questions per passage	Science (optional): 40 questions in 40 minutes More questions will require scientific background knowledge.
Experimental Field Test Section: Some students take a fifth 20-minute section of potential field test questions which is not scored.	No Separate Field Test Section: Instead, potential field test questions are unscored within existing sections.



<https://www.collegeboard.org>

SAT



FORMAT



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Digital SAT

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Modules

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Questions

2 hrs 14 min

Duration

1600

Max Score

Reading & Writing



64 minutes & 54 questions
🏃 71 seconds per question

Module 1

32 minutes
27 questions
27 passages

1 Normal

Accuracy
> -70%

Yes

No

Module 2 adaptive

32 minutes
27 questions

2 Hard
800 max score

2 Easy
~590 max score

- Reading Comprehension & Writing Skills
- 54 Short Passages (25-150 words), 1 Question Each
- Multiple Choice

Math



70 minutes & 44 questions
🏃 95 seconds per question

Module 1

35 minutes
22 questions

1 Normal

Accuracy
> -60%

Yes

No

Module 2 adaptive

35 minutes
22 questions

2 Hard
800 max score

2 Easy
~590 max score

- Math Skills through Algebra II
- Calculator Allowed
- 3/4 Multiple Choice & 1/4 Free Response

ACT to SAT Conversion Table

You can see composite SAT/ACT score concordance data below.

SAT	ACT		SAT	ACT		SAT	ACT
1600	36		1250	26		900	17
1590	35		1240	26		890	16
1580	35		1230	25		880	16
1570	35		1220	25		870	16
1560	35		1210	25		860	16
1550	34		1200	25		850	15
1540	34		1190	24		840	15
1530	34		1180	24		830	15
1520	34		1170	24		820	15
1510	33		1160	24		810	15
1500	33		1150	23		800	14
1490	33		1140	23		790	14
1480	32		1130	23		780	14
1470	32		1120	22		770	14
1460	32		1110	22		760	14
1450	32		1100	22		750	13
1440	31		1090	21		740	13
1430	31		1080	21		730	13
1420	31		1070	21		720	13
1410	30		1060	21		710	12
1400	30		1050	20		700	12
1390	30		1040	20		690	12
1380	29		1030	20		680	12
1370	29		1020	20		670	12
1360	29		1010	19		660	12
1350	29		1000	19		650	12
1340	28		990	19		640	12
1330	28		980	19		630	12
1320	28		970	18		620	11
1310	28		960	18		610	11
1300	27		950	18		600	11
1290	27		940	18		590	11
1280	27		930	17		580	11
1270	26		920	17		570	11
1260	26		910	17		560	11

How to Make the Most of Your College Campus Visit

Visiting a college campus helps you get a sense of what a college — and life at that college — is like. This can help you decide whether the college is right for you.

When planning your campus visits, make sure to allow time to explore each college. While you're there, talk to as many people as possible. These can include college admission staff, professors and students. Below are some other things you can do while visiting. Note that some activities, such as meeting with an admission officer or staying overnight in a dorm, might need to be set up in advance.

Gather Information

Find out what you need to do to apply and see if the college's class and major offerings are what you want:

- Take part in a group information session at the admission office.
- Interview with an admission officer.
- Pick up financial aid forms.
- Sit in on a class that interests you. If classes aren't in session, just see what the classrooms are like.
- Meet a professor who teaches a subject that interests you.
- Talk to students about what they think of their classes and professors.
- Get the names of the people you meet and their business cards so you can contact them later if you have questions.

Explore the Campus

Get a feel for student life and see if this college is a place where you will do well:

- Take a campus tour.
- Talk to current students about life on campus and the college.
- Check out the freshmen dorms and stay overnight with a student, if possible.
- Visit the dining hall, fitness center, library, career center, bookstore and other campus facilities.
- Talk to the coaches of sports that you may want to play.
- Walk or drive around the community surrounding the campus.

Check Out Campus Media

Tune in to learn what's happening on campus and what's on students' minds:

- Listen to the college radio station.
- Read the student newspaper.
- Read other student publications, such as department newsletters, alternative newspapers and literary reviews.
- Scan bulletin boards to see what daily student life is like.
- Go to the career center and learn what services it offers.
- Browse the school's website and any campus blogs.

Questions to Ask During Your Visit

Here are some questions you may want to ask your tour guide or students you meet on campus:

- What are the best reasons to go to this college?
- What's it like to go from high school to college?
- What do you do in your free time? On the weekends?
- What do you love about this college?
- What do you wish you could change about this college?
- Why did you choose this college?

Countdown to College Checklist

Junior Year:

September - January

- Plan family college discussions
- Research and Visit Colleges

February-April

- Register for SAT/ACT for May/June exam dates
- Scheduling for your senior year
- Compare college admission requirements to your current courses and your schedule for senior year
- Plan College Visits
- Begin searching for scholarships

May-June

- Take SAT/ACT
- Take Advanced Placement (AP) exams, if applicable
- Begin requesting your letters of recommendation
- Add activities to your resume in Naviance
- Visit Colleges
- Consider post-graduate options if you are not planning to attend college

Summer

- Practice for SAT/ACT
- Start working on your college application essays
- Begin narrowing down your college list

Senior Year:

September

- Discuss your senior classes and college plans with your school counselor
- Verify that your transcript is accurate
- Plan college visits
- Register to take SAT/ACT, if applicable
- Request your letters of recommendation through Naviance
- Guidance Department begins hosting College Visits—Pay attention to announcements
- Senior college application process meeting for parents—Date to be announced
- Register with NCAA if you plan on playing college sports: www.eligibilitycenter.org

Senior Year Continued

October

- Financial Aid night for parents—Date to be announced
- Continue visiting colleges
- Early Decision candidates should complete their college applications
- Begin filing FAFSA

November

- Continue working on college applications
- Pay attention to Early Application Deadlines**

December-January

- Complete school applications ideally by December 1
- Start filling out Local Scholarships on HS Website
- Pay attention to Early Application Deadlines**

February-March

- College decisions begin rolling in
- Respond quickly to requests for additional documentation

April-May

- Carefully analyze your financial aid award letters
- Make a decision- Most colleges request your reply and deposit by May 1st
- Notify other colleges that you won't be attending with a thank you letter/email
- Take AP exams, if applicable

Summer

- Attend college orientation
- Finalize your budget
- Send thank you notes to individuals who helped you in the application process
- Get ready for an amazing experience!
- Send AP Scores and Dual Enrollment College Credit Courses to your future college