

SENIOR TIMELINE

NOW

- Complete ETS Application and return to Karen Robinson
- Free and reduced lunch-fee waiver for ACT-SAT and college application fee.
 - **Send scores to colleges to which you are applying.**
- Complete resume'.
- Request high school and dual credit transcripts.
- Write "Your Story"
- **APPLY!!!!** Submit your admissions applications.
 - Check all deadlines and mark on calendar: admissions, scholarships, etc.
- Go to www.fafsa.ed.gov (Free Application for Federal Student Aid).
 - **Submit a FAFSA www.fafsa.ed.gov as early as OCT 1.**

SEPTEMBER-NOVEMBER

- Apply for **university** scholarships.
- VISIT! VISIT! VISIT!
- Request letters of recommendation.
 - Always send a thank you note!!!
- Apply for housing.
- Apply by November 1 to 1 college as a Senior

DECEMBER

- Scholarship deadline for many universities

JANUARY

- **YOU NEED TO HAVE IT DONE AT THE LATEST—BY JANUARY—FAFSA**
Go to www.fafsa.ed.gov
 - Using the IRS Data Retrieval Tool makes the process faster and later have to submit a tax transcript
 - Have your SAR (Student Aid Report) sent to all the colleges to which you applied. (You can send 10 when filling out the FAFSA)

FEBRUARY -APRIL

- Confirm with the college financial aid office that SAR has been received and confirm your awards.
 - Appeal if necessary
- Investigate meal plans
- Get required immunizations—MENINGITIS
- **Make your decision**
 - Send a letter to the college of your choice: "Thank you, I accept and will attend..."
 - Send letters to other colleges who accepted you: "Thank you, but I decided on _____ and will not be attending..."
- Schedule orientation and meeting with academic advisor

MAY

- Local Scholarships
 - CHECK THE WEBSITE for the announcement that you may now submit application for local scholarships
 - Turn in all applications with required letters by the deadline
ALWAYS SEND A THANK YOU NOTE!

SUMMER

- Attend orientation and register for fall classes

HELPFUL WEBSITES

COLLEGE PLANNING

www.edudaris.com
www.applytexas.org
<http://gentx.org>
<http://collegeforalltexas.com>
www.fafsa.ed.gov
<http://hhloans.com>
www.tuitionfundingsources.com
www.collegeexpress.com
www.mycollegecalendar.org
www.scholarships.com
www.fastweb.com
www.collegecost.ed.gov
<https://ilvcollegecounseling.com/scholarships/>

CAREER PLANNING

www.bls.gov/ooh
www.mynextmove.org
www.myplan.com
<http://educationplanner.org/>
<http://www.careerplanner.com/Career--Test--Career--Search/Career--Test--for--High school--Students.cfm>
<http://www.texasrealitycheck.com/>

WHAT TEST DO I TAKE???

SAT? ACT? TSI?

Technical School or Junior College

- *TSI--most standard test used*

4-year University

- *ACT or SAT*
 - See college's website for score requirements and writing test requirements.

- See ACT vs. SAT document for a comparison of the two tests.

CAN I PRACTICE???

YES!!!

- Google free test practice for your test. There are many free opportunities for practice.
- Go to the test source, the main test web page and see what they offer. For example, at sat.collegeboard.org, you can sign up for free SAT practice questions that will be emailed to you daily.
- I have study guides in my office for some tests.
- Go to a school or public library. They will have study guides and practice tests you can see.

GO CHECK IT OUT!!!

Plan a visit. You can schedule an individual visit or attend a group preview day at most colleges. Look on their website as they may have an online registration for tours or a phone number. Many universities offer preview days where you tour as a group. You may be allowed to sit in on a class, tour the campus (including dorms and dining halls), meet with an admissions representative and a financial aid representative, etc.

- ❖ Check with your preferred school's website for tour dates.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION LOG

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VOLUNTEER AND COMMUNITY SERVICE LOG

NAME _____

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ACT® vs SAT®: Which Test Should You Take?

Side-by-Side Comparison of Format, Scoring, and Content

Both the ACT and the SAT are nationally administered standardized tests that help colleges evaluate candidates. All schools accept either test interchangeably. So as you begin to think about college and creating the best application package possible, your admissions plan should begin with the question, "Which test should I take?" Here's how to compare them.

Length	3 hours, 35 min (with optional Writing Test)	3 hours, 50 minutes (with optional Essay)
Structure	4 sections (English, Math, Reading, Science) plus an Optional Essay (or Writing Test)	4 sections (Evidence-Based Reading, Writing, Math without a calculator, Math with a calculator) plus an Optional Essay
Scoring	ACT	New SAT
Score	Composite of 1-36 based on average scores from the 4 test sections 4 scores of 1- 36 for each test Optional Writing Test score of 1-36 (not included in the overall)	Score is out of 1600: 800 for Math, 800 for Evidence- Based Reading and Writing Optional Essay receives a separate score Subscores and insight scores available
Wrong Answer Penalty	No penalty for wrong answers	No penalty for wrong answers
Sending Score History	You decide which score is sent	Not yet known
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Math	Arithmetic	Algebra
	Algebra	Data Analysis
	Geometry	Geometry
	Algebra II	Trigonometry
	Trigonometry	Algebra II
Science	Analysis	Science Insight Score
	Interpretation	
	Evaluation	
	Basic Content	Provided
	Problem Solving	
Writing and Language	The Essay: Writing Test	
	English Test: Writing & Language multiple-choice questions	Tests grammatical and rhetorical skills
Essay	Optional final section	Optional final section
	40 minutes	50 minutes
	Not included in composite score	Separate score
	Topic presents conversations around contemporary issues	Tests Reading, Analysis, and Writing Skills
		Topic comes from a 750-word passage to be read on Test Day

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The best way to determine which test best fits your test-taking style, test the tests themselves! See which exam fits you, take a sample ACT and SAT [here](#).

Or, take the quick diagnostic test to the right and see which exam is right for you.

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