# TESTing 1-2-3 College & Career Readiness

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# College & Career Readiness Tests

- PreACT
- PSAT/NMSQT
- ACT
- SAT
- Community College Placement







## PreACT College Readiness Indicators

SUBJECT	IN NEED	ON CUSP	ON TARGET
English	1-11	12-14	15-35
Mathematics	1-16	17-18	19-35
Reading	1-16	17-19	20-35
Science	1-17	18-20	21-35
STEM	1-21	22-23	24-35

## ACT COLLEGE READINESS BENCHMARKS

SUBJECT	The ACT	1ST YEAR COLLEGE COURSE
English	18	English Composition
Mathematics	22	College Algebra
Reading	22	Social Sciences
Science	23	Biology
ELA	20	English Comp and Social Sciences
STEM	26	Calculus, Biology, Chemistry, Physics and Engineering

## **ACT BENCHMARKS**

- Represent the level of achievement required for students to have a 50% chance of obtaining a B or higher and 75% chance of obtaining a C or higher in corresponding credit-bearing first year college courses.
- Community College course placement standards

## **PSAT & SAT BENCHMARKS**

	Evidence-Based Reading and Writing	Math
SAT	480	530
PSAT Grade 11	460	510
PSAT Grade 10	430	480
PSAT Grade 9	410	450

## SAT BENCHMARKS

- For each section the benchmark is associated with a 75% chance of earning at least a C in first semester, credit-bearing, college level courses in:
  - Math-algebra, statistics, precalculus or calculus
  - EBWR-history, literature, social science or writing

## **PreACT**

- Juniors-October of sophomore year
  - Practice for the ACT through a realistic testing experience
- Score Reports
  - Benchmarks indicate readiness
  - Predicts ACT performance
- Multiple Choice Test
  - English, Math, Reading, Science
- ACT Interest Inventory (actprofile.org)
  - Career and College Major Suggestions

# PSAT/NMSQT Score Report

Score Report

Access Code

• PSAT = Better SAT Scores

Online Resources

# Understanding your PSAT Scores





psat.org/scorereport

#### Hi, Ima B. Student

School Name: John F. Kennedy High School, School Code: 123456 2016, Grade: 11th Grade

2016, Grade: 11th Grade Student ID: 24068907

#### **Contact Info**

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School Name: John F. Kennedy High School, School Code: 123456

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Get your full report online studentscores.collegeboard.org

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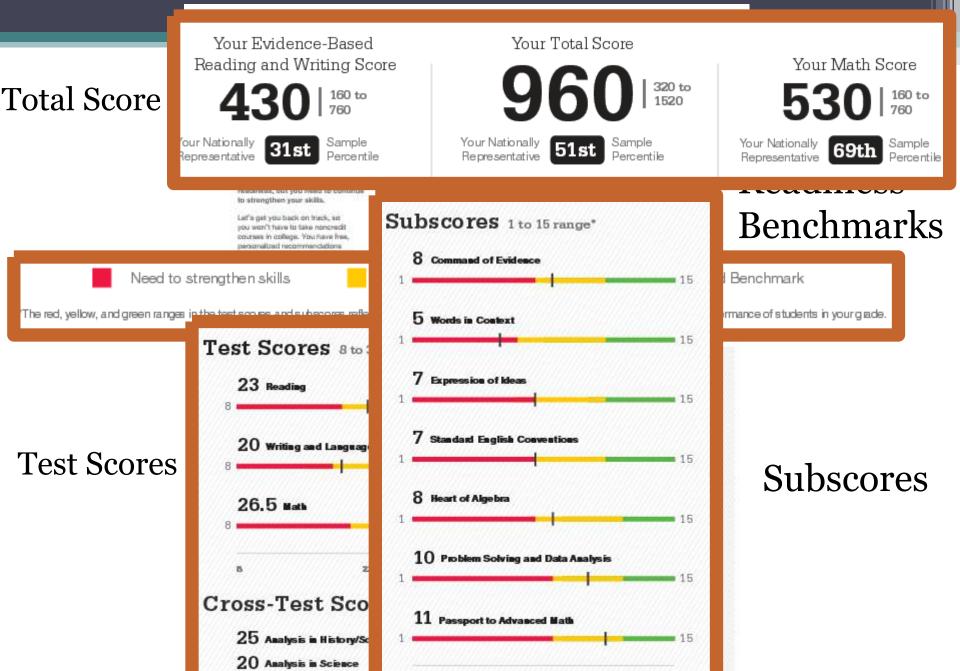


and Course Work

See which AP courses may be good matches for you. Register for the SAT

Select an SAT test date, and register for it now.

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#### Your Scores: Next Steps

Additional skills and improvement suggestions can be found in your online score report.

Your score indicates that you are already likely able to:

#### Reading Test

Improve your skills by focusing on the following suggestions:

Revise text as needed to improve the exactness or content appropriateness of word choices within somewhat challenging texts

Retain or add information or ideas to a piece of a text to support claims or points in somewhat challenging text

Revise somewhat challenging text to ensure that information is presented in the most logical order



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Retain or add information or ideas to a piece of text to support claims or points in challenging text

Use a variety of sentence structures to accomplish a rhetorical purpose such as persuading an audience

Revise text as needed to improve the exactness or content appropriateness of word choices within challenging texts

#### Writing and Language Test

■ Draw reasonable conclusions from somewhat challenging texts

■ Describe the overall structure of a somewhat challenging text

lidentify claims and counterclaims explicitly stated in a somewhat challenging passage



Draw reasonable inferences and logical conclusions from challenging texts

Analyze information presented quantitatively in such forms as graphs, tables, and charts and relate that information to information presented in somewhat challenging text

Determine how the selection of specific words shapes meaning and tone in a challenging passage

#### Math Test

Interpret a linear inequality in one variable with rational coefficients that represents a context. Select the equation of a line of best fit and interpret the slope and intercept of the line in the context of the situation (when a linear model is appropriate)

Interpret sample statistics understanding and using margin of error

Solve and interpret a quadratic function or equation that represents a context and requires multiple steps

Calculate and interpret frequency distributions using tables and other representational methods



Determine how a graph may be affected by a change to its equation

Determine the value of a constant or coefficient for an equation with no solution or infinitely many solutions

Using a specified model, make a prediction and compare the predicted values with the actual values in the data set

Within a context, compare the center of two separate data sets with different spreads

Determine whether two events are independent given their probabilities

#### Reading Your Answer Cross-Test Score Subscore Question Difficulty 1 Α В COE 2 Α 3 В 4 В Α WIC 5 С 6 D 7 В COE 8 Α WIC 9 D 10 Α Access Code 11 D A02670146P 12 D В 13 D Α 14 Α С Tioo COE HSS grouther decision where its risk

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# PSAT Resources on Collegeboard.org

- Everything on your paper report AND...
  - Your AP Potential/Readiness
  - Ability to link to Khan Academy for personalized practice recommendations
- Free SAT Practice w/ Khan Academy
  - (even if you didn't take the PSAT)
- Register for the SAT
- Start on your scholarship & college financial aid plan

## Student Score Reports

# SAT/ACT

- Test Dates
- Fees
- ACT for FREE!
- Disability Services
- Test Security
- Test Prep

- ACT Prep for FREE!
- Test Day
- Scoring
- Score Reports
- SAT Subject Tests

# **Upcoming Test Dates**

#### **SAT**

- March 9
- May 4
- •June 1

Fall 2019: August, September, October, November & December

#### **ACT**

- February 20 (school test)
- April 13
- June 8
- July 13

Fall 2019: September, October & December

#### **Registration Deadlines**

- **□** Approximately one month before each test date
- ☐ Late Registration available with increased cost
- □Scores available online two weeks after the test date

# Registration Fees

	SAT	ACT
Website	www.sat.org/register	www.actstudent.org
Test	\$47.50	\$50.50
Test w/ Essay	\$60.50	\$67
Mail in Registration (only in unique situations)	\$54	
<b>Late Registration</b>	+ \$29	+ \$30
Wait List/Stand-by Registration	+ \$51	+ \$53

SAT

## Fee Waivers

# ✓ 2 SAT waivers ✓ 2 waivers ✓ 2 Subject Test Waivers ✓ 4 Additional Score Reports ✓ 4 Application Waivers (available on you collegeboard account) ✓ Waiver covers late fee

**ACT** 

## ACT at Mt. Tabor

FREE



## February 20th!!!

- All WS/FCS juniors will take the test
- Preadministration date in February
- Send scores to four colleges/universities at no cost
- Score Reports mailed to students

# **Disability Services**

\*receiving accommodations on the SAT, ACT, PSAT, or on AP Tests is a separate process from an IEP or 504 and can only be determined by Collegeboard or ACT

#### **SAT**

- Online Request made through your school counselor
- Approval covers all College Board tests (AP, SAT, PSAT)
- Discuss accommodations with your counselor

#### **ACT**

- Request for Accommodations
   Form completed with your school counselor
- Form submitted when you register for the ACT
- Approval covers additional test dates
- Discuss accommodations with your counselor

# **Test Security Measures**

You will have to provide an acceptable photo during registration that will appear on your Admission Ticket

You must present your admission ticket <u>AND</u> acceptable ID to enter the test center

Standby (Wait List)
Testing is only available for
a short period of time
prior to the test date

A student ID Form/Letter is available from Guidance if you have no acceptable picture ID

An approved picture ID is required on the day of the test

## Test Prep

### In School

- Reading, Writing, & Problem Solving
- Rigorous Academic Courses
- WS/FCS Test Prep Course
- BootCamp on February 4
- ACT Prep After School on February 11

#### Online Resources

#### SAT

#### Collegeboard Website

- o Khan Academy
- Daily Practice App
- o SAT Practice Tests
- o Sample Test Questions
- CFNC (Test Module Prep)

ACT

### At Home & Outside of School

- o PSAT/NMSQT & PreACT
- ACT Online Resources
- Take Full Length Practice Tests
- Community test prep programs/courses

#### **ACT Website**

- ACT Kaplan Online Prep (virtual classroom)
- ACT Online Prep
- ACT Academy
- Official ACT Prep Guide
- Sample Test Questions
- Free Study Questions
- CFNC (Test Module

## **ACT Prep & Practice**



## ACT BootCamp w/CapEd

February 4, 2019 4-6 pm at MTHS

Save \$\$\$ and attend this practice session with Mr. Capizzi for free!

## ACT Prep Workshop

Monday, February 11, 2019 4-6pm in the Media Center

Mrs. Ashby, Mrs. Hall, Mr. Howard, Mr. Thomas, Ms. Dillin & more

# On Test Day...

Arrive at the test center early for Saturday administration, by 7:45 AM

Bring a snack

Bring acceptable calculator

W/ fresh batteries

Be well-rested

Believe in yourself!

For ACT at Tabor on 2/20 arrive and be in test room BEFORE 8:55

Eat breakfast

Bring Your admission ticket Bring acceptable



Bring #2 pencils w/erasers

# SAT Scoring & Design

	Score Range	Sections	Time	# of Questions
Evidence Based	200-800	Reading	65 min.	52
Reading & Writing	200-000	Writing & Language	35 min.	44
Math	200-800	Calculator	55 min.	38
		No Calculator	25 min.	20
Essay (optional)	2-8		50 min.	Read and Comprehend a passage and write an essay analyzing the passage
<b>Composite</b>	<u>400-1600</u>			

# ACT Scoring & Design

	Score Range	Time	# of Questions	What it Measures
English	1-36	45 min.	75	understanding of standard written English (punctuation, grammar, usage, sentence structure and rhetorical skills)
Math	1-36	60 min.	60	Alg. 1 & 2, Geom (Math 1-3) *CALCULATOR USE IS RECOMMENDED
Reading	1-36	35 min.	40	reading comprehension skills
Science	1-36	35 min.	40	interpretation, analysis, evaluation, reasoning, & problem-solving skills (covers biology, chemistry, physics, & the earth/space sciences)
Writing	1-36 (subscore 1-12)	40 min	1 essay	defines an issue with two points of view, respond to a question about your position on the issue
<b>Composite</b>	1-36			Average of 4 test scores (English, Math, Reading, Science)

## Score Reports

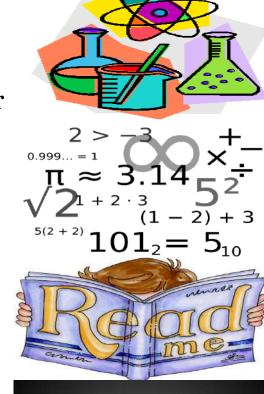
	SAT	ACT
Mailed Home	Only if requested	
Online Access	✓ 2-3 weeks after test date on your Collegeboard account	<ul><li>✓ Available about 2 weeks after test date</li><li>✓ Multiple choice scores available first</li></ul>
Sending to Colleges	<ul> <li>□ select up to 4 schools w/r</li> <li>□ Additional fee for each scl</li> <li>□ Score Choice services (will from different tests</li> <li>□ \$12 to send score report a</li> <li>□ Most colleges/universities sent from SAT/ACT</li> </ul>	hool beyond 4 l allow you to send scores fter the test

Set up ACT Web Account with ACT ID

<sup>\*\*</sup>The February ACT (given at Mt. Tabor) Score Report will be mailed home\*\*

# SAT Subject Tests

- Designed to measure students' knowledge in particular subject areas
- Twenty tests in 5 general areas: English, history, languages, mathematics and science
- Hour-long, content-based tests
- Some colleges use them for admissions, course placement, and advising students about course selection
  - Students should review the admissions requirements of each college/university of interest
- Up to 3 subject tests can be taken on a test date (except March date)
- Fee-\$26 per registration + \$22 per test







# College & Career Ready Graduates

- North Carolina General Assembly
- North Carolina Community College System
- North Carolina State Board of Education

"to make remedial courses mandatory for students who do not meet readiness indicators by their junior year to ensure college readiness prior to high school graduation"

# College & Career Ready Graduates

- ACT College Readiness Benchmarks
  - English18
  - Mathematics22
  - Reading22
- Grade Point Average Requirement
  - 2.7 GPA unweighted

# Planning for College

- Admissions
- Using Your Test Scores
- Admissions #'s
- Requirements

- College Planning Now
- What's Next?
- Paying for College
- Upcoming Events

# Being Admitted to College

- ✓ Grades/GPA
- ✓ Course Rigor
- ✓ Class Rank
- ✓ Activities, Service, Leadership/Accomplishments
- ✓ Recommendations
- ✓ Essays/Personal Statements
- ✓ Test Scores
  - Wake Forest is Testing Optional











# How Do Colleges Use SAT/ACT Scores

### Admissions Decisions

- Measures critical thinking skills necessary for college success
- Measures current levels of educational development
- Compares applicants on a standardized measure
- Indicates College Readiness
- Predicts academic success in college or a particular major (along with high school grades in rigorous academic courses)

## Scholarship Decisions Course Placement

SAT 2 Subject Tests may be required for this also

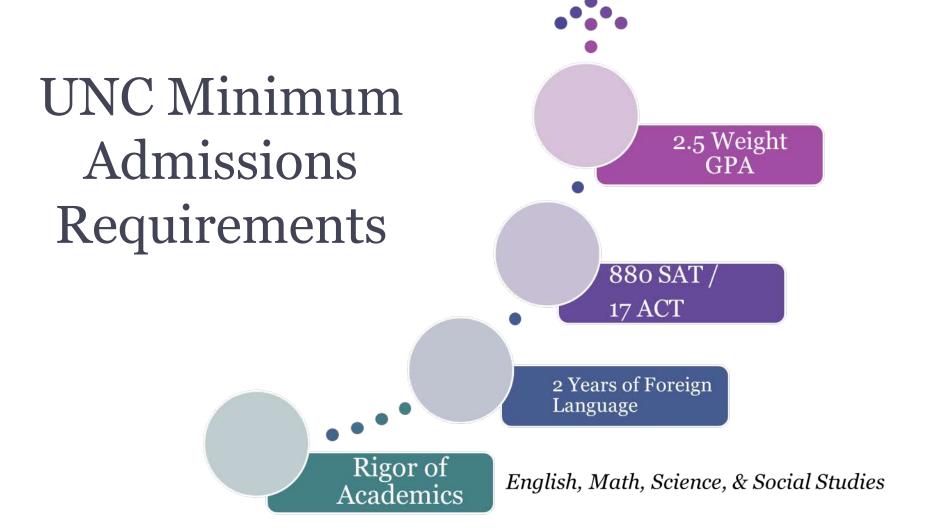
Community college can also use your Community College Placement Test score for this

Program Placement Course Exemption

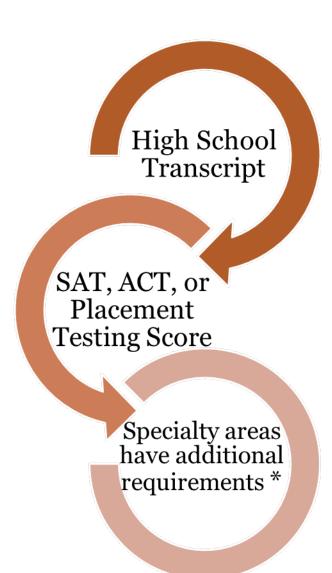


# Admissions Averages Around NC

	Weighted GPA	SA	ACT Composite	
		EBRW	Math	
Appalachian State	4.21	560-660	550-640	23-27
Winston-Salem State	3.01	430-500	450-510	17-19
UNC – Chapel Hill	4.23	640-730	620-740	27-32
UNC – Greensboro	3.81	510-610	470-560	21-25
NC Central	3.2	430-510	450-510	17-19
Wake Forest	4.14	660-740	660-760	28-32
Davidson	4.17	680-750	640-750	28-33
Shaw	2.64	360-440	360-450	13-17
Wingate	3.41	500-610	510-580	20-25
NC State	4.53	610-690	620-720	27-31



Information at collegeboard.org/bigfuture or the college/university website to learn about competitiveness of individual colleges



# Community College Admission Requirements

# College Planning during Junior Year

Take rigorous courses & earn good grades

Register for and take the SAT and/or the ACT Be involved in school & community service activities

Seek opportunities to be a leader Participate in enrichment opportunities now & during the summer

# Explore Colleges & Universities

- www.cfnc.org
- <u>www.collegeboard.org/bi</u> <u>gfuture</u>
- College websites

## What's Next...

## **VISITING**

**Colleges & Universities** 

- ✓ Attend Spring Visit Days or Weekends
- ✓ Schedule Visit with Admissions
- ✓ Prepare with Online Resources
- ✓ Engage
- ✓ Ask Questions

## APPLYING

**To Colleges & Universities** 

- ✓ College/University
  Websites
- ✓ College Foundation of North Carolina (CFNC)
- ✓ Common Application
- ✓ Coalition for Access, Affordability and Success

## Think About.....

- Residency Determination Service
  - www.ncresidency.org
- Early Action vs. Early Decision
- The Common Application
- Coalition for Access, Affordability and Success
- Scholarship Nominations
  - Morehead-Cain (UNC-Chapel Hill)
  - Park (NC State)
  - Levine (UNC-Charlotte)
  - Cheatham-White (NC A&T and NCCU)

# NEW-Opportunity Scholarships

- Build Your College List: \$500
- Practice for the SAT: \$1,000
- Improve Your Score: \$2,000
- Strengthen Your College List: \$500
- Complete the FAFSA: \$1,000
- Apply to College: \$1,000
- Complete the Journey: \$40,000

Opportunity.collegeboard.org

# Paying for College

## Scholarships

#### Merit-Based

- Academically
  - Artistically
  - Athletically

#### Resources

- Mt. Tabor Scholarship Update
- College/University Website
- Online resources

## Grants

**Need-Based** 

#### Resources

- FAFSA
- CSS/Profile
- Applications

## Loans

Need-Based

**FAFSA** 

Online Financial Aid Resources: Net Price Calculators, <u>www.cfnc.org</u>, <u>www.fafsa.ed.gov</u>, www.studentaid.ed.gov, www.fastweb.com

# **Upcoming Events**

## Junior Year (2018-19)

Launch Pad to College April 23 (6:30 pm)



#### Senior Year (2019-20)

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Senior Parent Meeting	August
Senior Meeting w/ Counselor	Sept-Oct.
WS/FCS College Fair	October
Financial Aid Meetings	October
FAFSA open	October 1
College Application Week	Mid

October