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# PSAT Results & Early College Planning

Informational Session  
BHS Counseling Department

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# How BHS Prepares Students for College & Career

- **Curriculum**

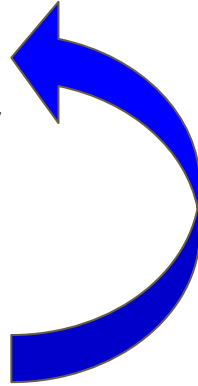
- Connecticut Common Core Standards (CCCS)
- Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS)
- State Social Studies frameworks

- **Instruction**

- Gradual Release of Responsibility

- **Assessment**

- Common across courses
- STAR Math and Reading
- PSAT
- SAT



# Comprehensive School Counseling Program

- **9th Grade**

- Transition to High School
- Learning Styles/Study Skills
- Club Fair
- PSAT

- **10th Grade**

- Transcript Review and Goal Setting
- Resume Development
- Career Exploration
- Career Fair
- PSAT

- **11th Grade**

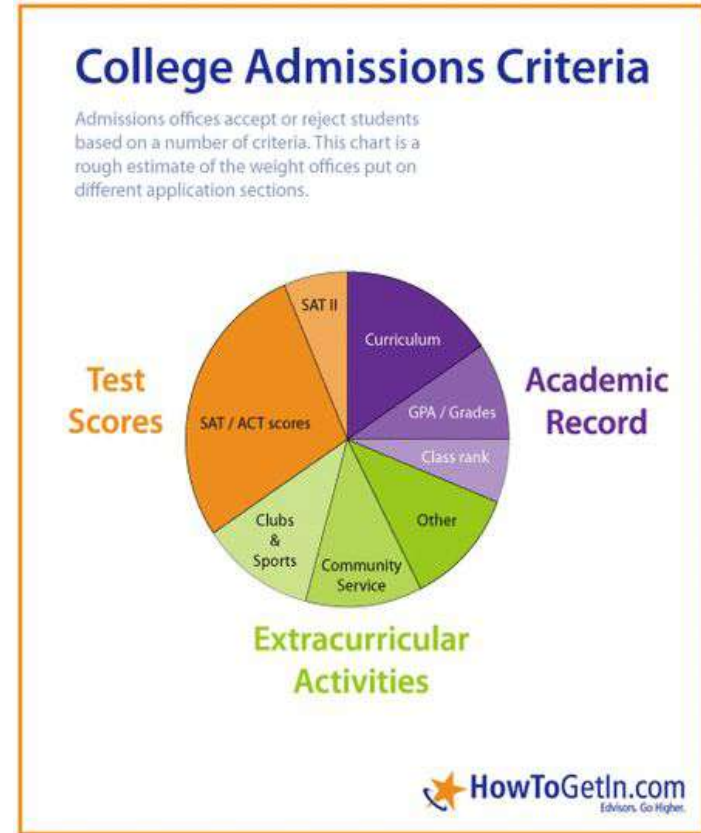
- Post High School Planning
- College & Career Exploration
- Individual Junior Advisement Meetings
- Resume Development
- College Essay Development
- PSAT & SAT

- **12th Grade**

- Post High School Planning
- College Application Process
- Funding College
- Transition to Post High School Path

# College Admissions Overview

- Rigor of Curriculum
- Grades
- Admissions Test Scores
- College Essay
- Letters of Recommendation
- Extracurricular Activities & Community Service
- Supplemental Materials (e.g., auditions, portfolios)
- Interview



# Overview of College Admissions Testing

- Most colleges/universities require college admissions testing (SAT or ACT)
- Some of the most selective colleges/universities require SAT Subject Tests (SAT II Tests)
- Some colleges/universities are test optional (**[fairtest.org](https://www.fairtest.org)**)



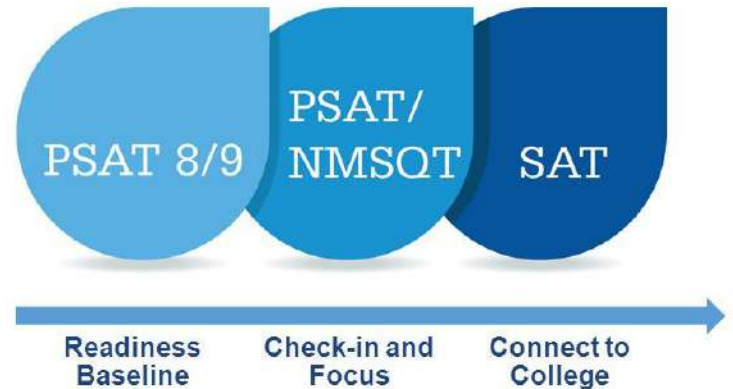
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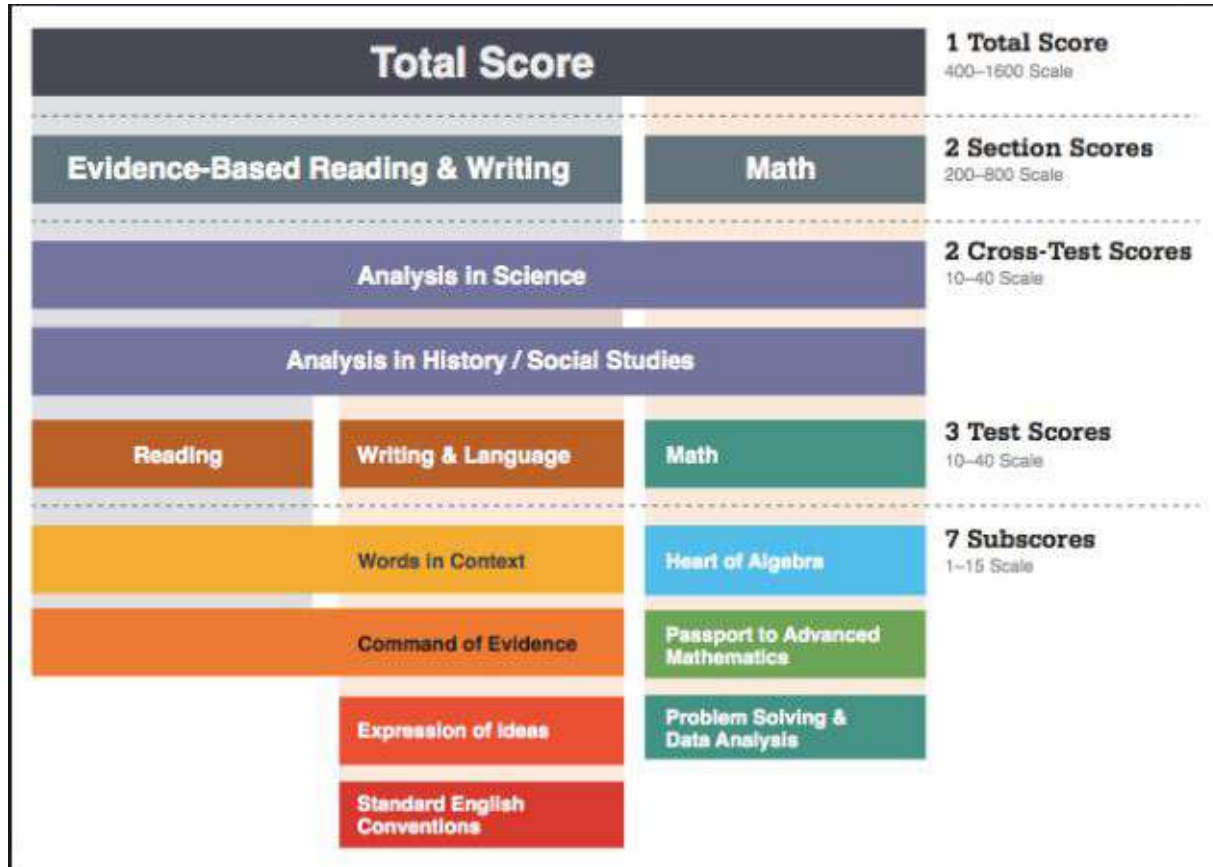
# Introduction to PSAT

- All 9th, 10th, and 11th grade students take in the fall at BHS
- Exposes students to the SAT
- Provides results which can be used as a resource to prepare for the SAT
- Used to determine National Merit Scholarship eligibility for 11th graders

## The SAT® Suite of Assessments

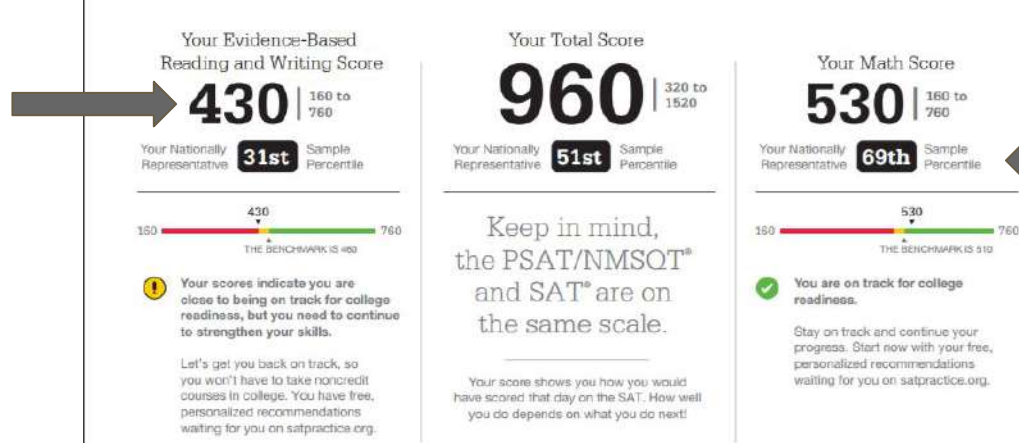


# SAT & PSAT Scores



# PSAT - Scores & What They Mean

Section Scores & Total Score



Score Percentiles

Test Scores & Subscores



- Need to strengthen skills
- Approaching Benchmark
- Meet or exceed Benchmark



# PSAT - Scores & What They Mean

**National Merit Scholarship Corporation**

National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC) conducts the National Merit® Scholarship Program, an academic competition for high-achieving and college-bound students. To designate students who qualify for recognition in its 25th competition, NMSC will consider the 2019 PSAT/NMSQT® Selection Index scores of some 1.6 million test-takers (usually high-achieving students) against entry requirements. For more information, please visit: [www.nmsc.org](http://www.nmsc.org).

If any of your responses to NMSC's "Entry Requirements" questions (see right-hand column) are inaccurate or there has been a change in plans that may affect program entry, write immediately to:

**National Merit Scholarship Corporation**  
Attn: Scholarship Administration  
1200 Sherman Avenue, Suite 200  
Princeton, NJ 08542-8807

Include your name and home address along with your high school name, address, and six-digit code number.

**Your NMSC Selection Index**  
**139**

NMSC uses a Selection Index based on PSAT/NMSQT scores as an indication of students who enter the scholarship programs. To calculate your Selection Index, divide the sum of your Reading, Writing and Language, and Math Test scores.

**Eligibility Information**  
If your Selection Index places you among the 50,000 high scorers who qualify for National Merit Scholarship Program recognition, you will be notified next September.

**Entry Requirements**  
(Information you provided on your answer sheet)

High school status:  
**YES**

Year to complete high school and enroll full-time in college:  
**2018**

Years to be spent in grades 9-12:  
**4**

U.S. Citizenship:  
**YES**

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

**23**  
8 to 38

**Writing and Language Test**

- Draw reasonable conclusions from somewhat challenging texts
- Describe the overall structure of a somewhat challenging text
- Identify claims and counterclaims explicitly stated in a somewhat challenging passage

**20**  
8 to 35

**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

**26.5**  
8 to 38

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 predictions 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

**Get more next steps online**  
[studentscores.collegeboard.org](http://studentscores.collegeboard.org)

**SAT Practice**  
Connect to Khan Academy for FREE, world-class SAT practice on [satpractice.org](http://satpractice.org).

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See which AP courses may be good matches for you.

**Register for the SAT**  
Select an SAT test date and register for it now.

National Merit Scholarship ([nationalmerit.org](http://nationalmerit.org))

Areas of Strength



Areas Needing Improvement



More Resources



# PSAT - Scores & What They Mean

Question #	Correct	Your Answer	Difficulty	Subscore	Cross-Test Score
4	B	A	Easy	WIC	
5	C	✓	Easy		
6	D	✓	Easy		
7	B	✓	Easy	COE	
8	A	✓	Easy	WIC	
9	D	✓	Easy	WIC	
10	A	✓	Easy	HSA	
11	D	C	Easy	WIC	HSA
12	D	B	Easy	WIC	HSA
13	D	A	Easy	COE	HSA
14	A	C	Easy	HSA	
15	C	B	Easy	COE	HSA
16	B	C	Easy	HSA	
17	D	C	Easy	HSA	
18	B	D	Easy	HSA	
19	A	✓	Easy	SCI	
20	C	✓	Easy	SCI	
21	B	D	Easy	COE	SCI
22	D	✓	Easy	SCI	
23	B	D	Easy	SCI	
24	D	✓	Easy	WIC	SCI
25	C	✓	Easy	WIC	SCI
26	B	A	Easy	SCI	
27	B	C	Easy	SCI	
28	A	C	Easy	COE	SCI
29	D	A	Easy	WIC	HSA
30	B	A	Easy	HSA	
31	D	✓	Easy	COE	HSA
32	A	✓	Easy	HSA	
33	C	✓	Easy	COE	HSA
34	A	B	Easy	WIC	HSA
35	A	B	Easy	HSA	
36	C	D	Easy	HSA	
37	C	D	Easy	HSA	
38	C	✓	Easy	SCI	
39	C	✓	Easy	SCI	
40	C	✓	Easy	WIC	SCI
41	B	✓	Easy	SCI	
42	B	✓	Easy	COE	SCI
43	A	B	Easy	SCI	
44	A	✓	Easy	WIC	SCI
45	A	C	Easy	SCI	
46	D	A	Easy	COE	SCI
47	C	B	Easy	SCI	

Question-Level Feedback



View Questions & Answer Explanations



Access Code **A02870146P**  
 See the questions, and the answer explanations, online [studentscores.collegeboard.org](https://studentscores.collegeboard.org)

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Ima B. Student 2016, Grade: 11th Grade

Question #	Correct	Your Answer	Difficulty	Subscore	Cross-Test Score
4	D	✓	Easy	HCA	
5	B	✓	Easy	PSD	
6	A	✓	Easy	PSD	
7	B	✓	Easy	PSD	
8	C	✓	Easy	PSD	
9	A	✓	Easy	PAM	
10	D	✓	Easy	HCA	
11	D	✓	Easy	PSD	HSA
12	A	✓	Easy	PSD	
13	B	✓	Easy	PSD	
14	C	✓	Easy	PSD	SCI

Question #	Correct	Your Answer	Difficulty	Subscore	Cross-Test Score
16	B	A	Easy	PSD	HSA
19	C	A	Easy	HCA	
20	B	✓	Easy	PAM	
21	B	✓	Easy	HCA	
22	D	C	Easy	PAM	
23	D	C	Easy	HCA	SCI
24	C	D	Easy	PAM	SCI
25	R	A	Easy	PSD	SCI
26	D	✓	Easy	PAM	
27	D	A	Easy	HCA	

Question #	Correct	Your Answer	Difficulty	Subscore	Cross-Test Score	
26	65		60	Easy	HCA	
28	65		70	Easy	PAM	
30	130B		80	Easy	PSD	HSA
31	85		75	Easy	PSD	HSA

## Math Test—No Calculator

Question #	Correct	Your Answer	Difficulty	Subscore	Cross-Test Score
1	D	✓	Easy	PAM	
2	A	✓	Easy	PAM	SCI
3	B	✓	Easy	PAM	
4	C	B	Easy	PAM	
5	C	✓	Easy	HCA	
6	B	✓	Easy	HCA	SCI
7	A	✓	Easy	HCA	

Question #	Correct	Your Answer	Difficulty	Subscore	Cross-Test Score
8	B	C	Easy	HCA	
9	C	C	Easy	HCA	
10	D	✓	Easy	HCA	HSA
11	A	C	Easy	PAM	
12	C	✓	Easy	PAM	
13	B	A	Easy	PAM	

Question #	Correct	Your Answer	Difficulty	Subscore	Cross-Test Score
14	2		80	Easy	HCA
16	80		80	Easy	HCA
18	1		70	Easy	PAM
17	D	✓	Easy	PAM	

### Subscore

- COE Command of Evidence
- WIC Words in Context
- EOI Expression of Ideas
- SEC Standard English Conventions
- HCA Heart of Algebra
- PSD Problem Solving and Data Analysis
- PAM Passport to Advanced Math

### Key

- ✓ Correct
- Omitted
- U Unscorable

### Cross-Test Score

- HSA Analysis in History/Social Studies
- SCI Analysis in Science

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# PSAT - What now? Khan Academy

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Welcome, Ima. Here is your most recent score.

SAT with Essay  
March 6, 2016 11th Grade

<b>1010</b> Total Score	<b>490</b> Evidence-Based Reading and Writing	<b>520</b> Math
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# SAT vs ACT

(adapted from collegeboard.org)

Structure and Timing	SAT	ACT
Testing time	3 hours + 50 minute essay (optional)	2 hours 55 minutes + 40 minute essay (optional)
Structure	3 test + optional essay  <b>Reading Test</b> 65 minutes, 52 questions <b>Writing and Language</b> 35 minutes, 44 questions <b>Math Test</b> 80 minutes, 58 questions	4 tests + optional essay  <b>Reading Test</b> 35 minutes, 40 questions <b>English Test</b> 45 minutes, 75 questions <b>Math Test</b> 60 minutes, 60 questions <b>Science Test</b> 35 minutes, 40 questions
Number of questions	154	215
Time per question	1 minute, 10 seconds	49 seconds
Score range	Composite: 400-1600	Composite 1-36

# SAT vs ACT

(adapted from collegeboard.org)




<b>Features</b>	<b>SAT</b>	<b>ACT</b>
<b>Tests the vocabulary you'll use</b>	Yes	Yes
<b>Everyday math formulas provided</b>	Yes	No
<b>Essay is optional</b>	Yes	Yes
<b>Penalty for guessing</b>	No	No

# SAT Subject Tests (SAT II)

- College admission exams on specific subjects
- You choose which tests best showcase your strengths
- 1 hour long (up to 3 tests can be taken on a given date)
- Multiple choice
- **List of colleges that use subject tests**



# Comparing Scores Among CT Schools

COLLEGES	 <p><b>Western Connecticut State University</b> Danbury, CT</p>	 <p><b>Central Connecticut State University</b> New Britain, CT</p>	 <p><b>University of Connecticut</b> Storrs, CT</p>
ADMISSIONS	<p><b>Somewhat selective</b> 57% of applicants admitted</p> <p><b>Requirements</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SAT Reasoning Test or ACT: Recommended</li> <li>• SAT Subject Tests: Consider If Submitted</li> </ul> <p><b>New SAT Scores</b> ?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Math: 490-570</li> <li>• Evidence Based Reading &amp; Writing: 500-610</li> <li>• Reading Test: 25-30</li> </ul> <p><b>Old SAT Scores</b> ?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Critical Reading: 450-550</li> <li>• Math: 450-540</li> <li>• Writing: 450-560</li> </ul> <p><b>ACT Composite Scores</b></p> <p>--</p>	<p><b>Somewhat selective</b> 59% of applicants admitted</p> <p><b>Requirements</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Essay(s): Required</li> <li>• SAT Reasoning Test or ACT: Required</li> </ul> <p><b>New SAT Scores</b> ?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Math: 500-570</li> <li>• Evidence Based Reading &amp; Writing: 510-610</li> <li>• Reading Test: 25-30</li> </ul> <p><b>Old SAT Scores</b> ?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Critical Reading: 460-550</li> <li>• Math: 460-550</li> <li>• Writing: 460-550</li> </ul> <p><b>ACT Composite Scores</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 20-24</li> </ul>	<p><b>Somewhat selective</b> 53% of applicants admitted</p> <p><b>Requirements</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Essay(s): Required</li> <li>• SAT Reasoning Test or ACT: Required</li> </ul> <p><b>New SAT Scores</b> ?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Math: 600-720</li> <li>• Evidence Based Reading &amp; Writing: 610-700</li> <li>• Reading Test: 30-35</li> </ul> <p><b>Old SAT Scores</b> ?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Critical Reading: 550-650</li> <li>• Math: 580-690</li> <li>• Writing: 550-650</li> </ul> <p><b>ACT Composite Scores</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 26-31</li> </ul>

\*Chart generated using Big Future section of CollegeBoard

# Frequently Asked Questions

- **Should I take the SAT, ACT, or both?**
  - Colleges will accept either the SAT or ACT.
  - We recommend students take one SAT and ACT and then focus on the test on which they performed better and retest as needed.
- **How many times should I take them?**
  - Simply retesting will not necessarily improve scores.
  - We recommend that students complete some type of targeted test preparation/intervention in order to see score improvement.
- **Should I take a test with an essay?**
  - Some of the more selective colleges require the SAT/ACT with essay.
  - Some students like to have that score just in case a school requires it.



# Frequently Asked Questions

- **What will colleges see?**
  - Most colleges utilize *Score Choice* and will only see the scores you choose to send them.
- **What is superscoring?**
  - Combining section scores from different test dates to create a new “superscore”
  - Most colleges will superscore the SAT; some will superscore the ACT.
- **How can I compare an SAT score with an ACT score?**
  - Collegeboard.org → Concordance tables & score converter
- **What can I do as a parent to help my student?**
  - Help ease students’ anxiety about the tests
  - Help students determine if test prep is needed and the best option

# Suggested Testing Timeline

<b>Freshman &amp; Sophomore Year</b>	Fall - PSAT Test
<b>Junior Year</b>	Fall - PSAT Test
	Winter/Spring - Use PSAT results to prepare for SAT
	March 21 - SAT in School (No registration required)
	December-June - Take ACT
	Spring/Summer - Take SAT/ACT with Writing and SAT Subject Tests (if needed)
<b>Senior Year</b>	Fall - Retest if needed

# Connecticut SAT School Day

- March 21, 2018
- Given in school
- No cost
- School will register students
- Evidence-Based Reading & Writing & Math Sections
- No essay
- Scores can be sent to colleges just like any other SAT test

# How to Register

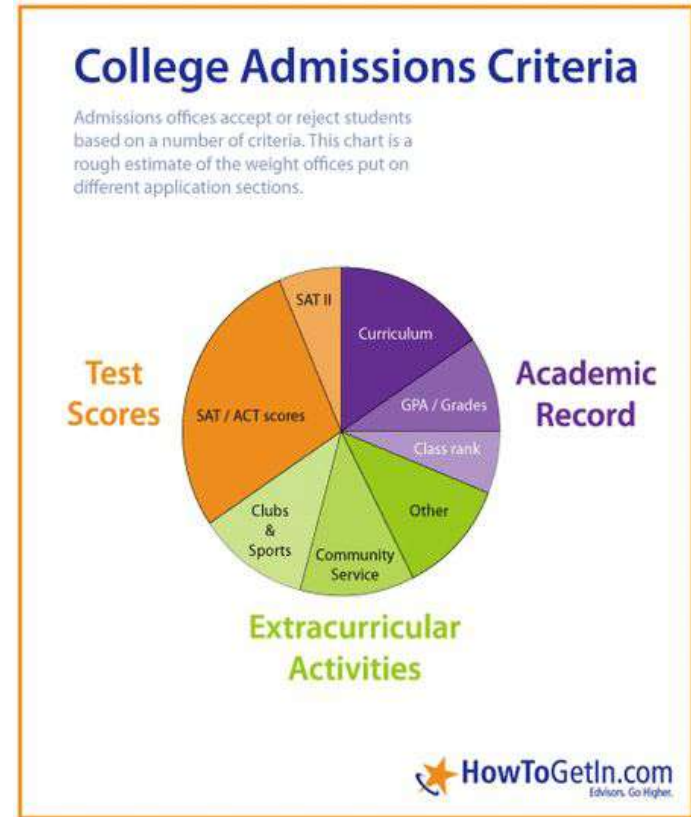
- Register for **SAT and SAT Subject Tests** at **CollegeBoard.org**
- Register for **ACT** at **ACT.org**
- Fee waivers are available to those participating in the free/reduced lunch program - **Talk with your school counselor if you are enrolled.** (Counselors don't have access to this information and therefore don't contact families.)

# Test Prep Options

- Khan Academy
- CollegeBoard.org and ACT.org
- More test prep resources on BHS School Counseling website
- Local test prep companies
  - Group/classroom settings
  - Weekend bootcamps
  - Individual tutoring
- **Use PSAT Results & knowledge of yourself as a learner to choose which test prep method is best for you!**

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# *College is a match to be made, not a prize to be won.*

*“For many of these young people, the biggest single stressor is that they never get to the point where they can say, “I’ve done enough, and now I can stop.” There’s always one more activity, one more thing to do in order to get into a top college. Kids have a sense that they’re not measuring up. The pressure is relentless and getting worse.”*

*“Why Are More American Teenagers Than Ever Suffering from Severe Anxiety?” Benoit Denizet-Lewis*

# Transcript & Grades

- Seniors applying to college will send transcripts that show:
  - 9th, 10th, and 11th grade courses and final grades
  - 9th, 10th, and 11th GPA **AND** Cumulative GPA (weighted)
  - Senior Year Courses
- Colleges don't just look at the GPA; they also consider the rigor or a student's curriculum.
  - Students should challenge themselves appropriately and consider courses related to an anticipated field of study.
  - Senior year courses are also taken into consideration.



# Transcript & Grades

- Senior year matters!
  - Some colleges will want to see first quarter and/or first semester grades.
- The school will also report decile ranking when sending transcripts.
  - Based on cumulative GPA
  - Shows where you rank in class (i.e., top 10%, top 20%, top 30%, etc.)

# Extracurricular Involvement

- Colleges want students who will be active, engaged members of the campus community.
- It's about quality, not quantity.
- Students should seek out opportunities for extracurricular involvement and community service that align with their interests. **Check the School Counseling website for updated opportunities.**
- Keep resume updated in Naviance.

The screenshot shows a student's profile page with a navigation bar at the top containing 'colleges', 'careers', 'about me', and 'my planner'. Below the navigation bar, there are three main sections:

- Success Plan:** Includes a link for 'goals'.
- my assessments:** Lists four assessments: 'StrengthsExplorer<sup>SM</sup>', 'Do What You Are<sup>®</sup>', 'Learning Style Inventory<sup>™</sup>', and 'MI Advantage<sup>™</sup>'. Each assessment has a right-pointing arrow and a small icon.
- interesting things about me:** Lists four items: 'portfolio', 'favorite colleges', 'favorite careers and clusters', and 'resume'. Each item has a right-pointing arrow and a small icon. The 'resume' link is circled in orange.

On the left side of the page, there is a small section titled 'days to take:' with links for 'exam nomination' and 'history'.

# Starting the College Search

Location

Major

Size of School

Athletics

Other factors that are important to you

● Identify the MOST important, key aspects you are looking for in a college.

- If you don't have a major in mind, that's OKAY! Your search will focus more on college environment and other factors.

# “Goldilocks Search”

- Visit a small, medium, and large size school.
- Visit both a private and public school.
- Go on tours with your friends ... check out schools you might not have considered!
- Start a broad search with an open mind. Look at a wide range of schools.
- *What are you looking for?* You don't know until you start to look!

# College Visits

- April vacation is a great time to start looking at schools! Make your list of all the schools you want to see, and visit their websites for information about tour options and dates.
- In addition to taking a tour, consider scheduling an appointment with an admissions counselor if possible.
- Make a list of possible questions and **DO YOUR RESEARCH** in advance!

# College Fairs & College Rep Visits

- Local college fairs are great opportunities to speak with representatives from a wide variety of schools. The Danbury Mall usually hosts one in October.
- In the fall many college representatives will visit BHS. Sign up on Naviance to speak with the people who will most likely be reviewing your application.



The screenshot shows the Naviance user interface. At the top, there are navigation tabs for 'colleges', 'careers', 'about me', and 'my planner'. Below this is a search bar with the text 'Search for colleges:' and a 'Go' button. To the right of the search bar is a 'my colleges' section. This section contains several links: 'colleges I'm thinking about', 'colleges I'm applying to', and 'letters of recommendation'. On the right side of the 'my colleges' section, there is a link for 'Upcoming college events'. Below this link, there is a section titled 'Upcoming college visits' which lists two events: '09/11/17 Keene State College details' and '09/12/17 Merrimack College details'. A link 'view all upcoming college visits' is also present. The 'Upcoming college visits' section is circled in orange.

# Naviance

- Using the **Colleges tab** you can:
  - Conduct a College Search
  - Examine scattergrams to help determine chances of admissions
  - Add schools of interest to the “Colleges I’m Thinking About” list
  - Search for scholarships and summer/enrichment opportunities (also on Counseling Dept website)
  - Explore majors and careers

The screenshot displays the Naviance website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with tabs for 'colleges', 'careers', 'about me', and 'my planner'. Below this, the 'colleges' section is active, showing a search bar and a 'Go' button. The main content area is divided into three sections: 'my colleges', 'college research', and 'scholarships & money'. Each section contains a list of links, with several links circled in orange to highlight key features.

**my colleges**

- colleges I'm thinking about
- colleges I'm applying to
- letters of recommendation
- Upcoming college events
- Upcoming college visits
- No upcoming visits.

**college research**

- SuperMatch™ college search
- college match
- college compare
- college lookup
- college search
- college resources
- college maps
- scattergrams
- acceptance history
- enrichment programs

**scholarships & money**

- scholarship match
- scholarship list
- scholarship applications
- national scholarship search

# Naviance - Scattergrams

## Step 1:

Type in the name of a college, or use the college search tool to generate a list of results.

colleges careers about me

search for colleges:  Go

MORE SEARCH OPTIONS >>

college lookup

Name
<a href="#">Western Connecticut State University</a>

Step 2:  
Select the college

Western Connecticut State University   
Danbury, CT, US | [wcsu.edu](http://wcsu.edu)

Communicate Apply online

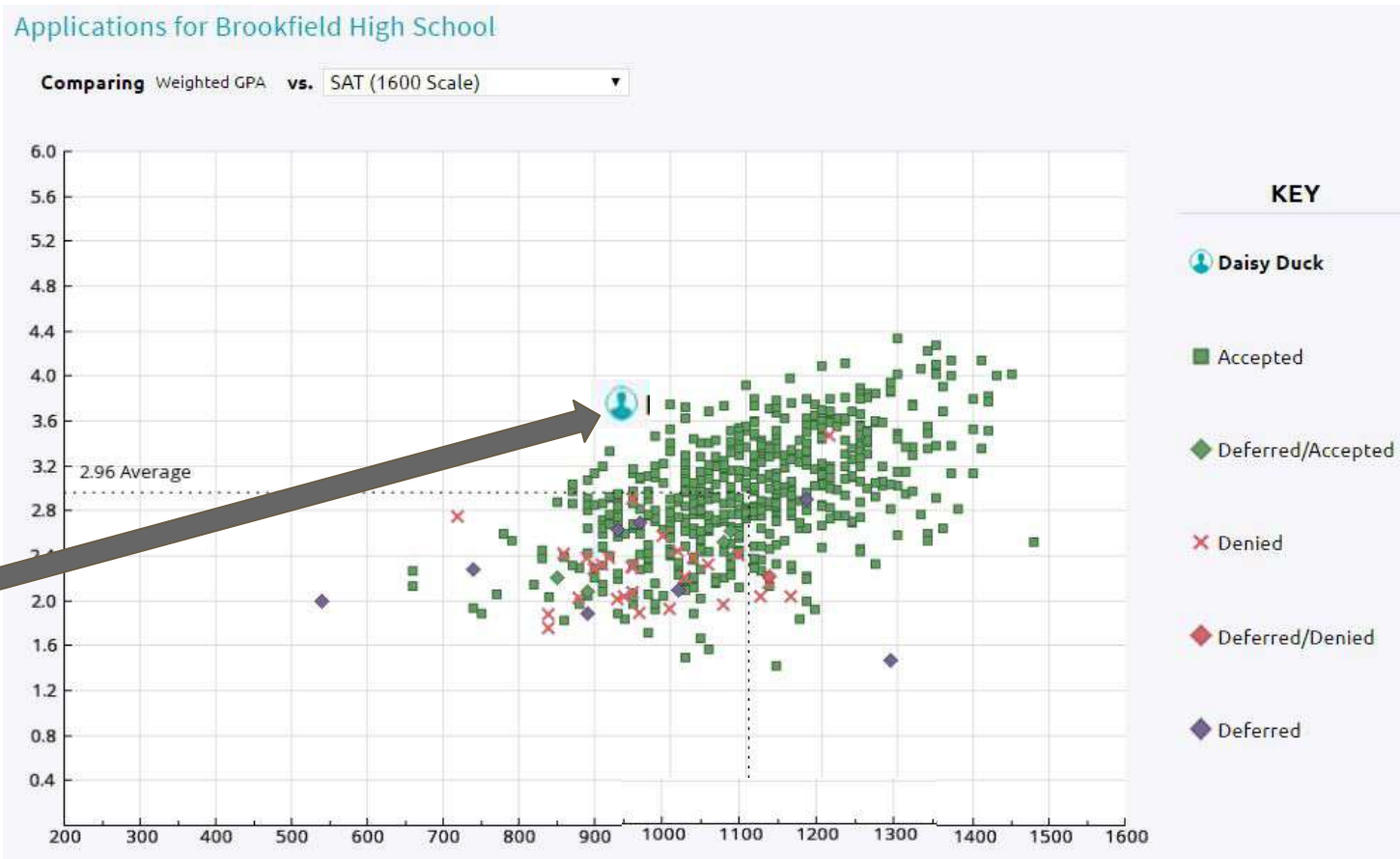
Step 3:  
Click on the Admissions Tab

v Studies Student Life Admissions



# Naviance - Scattergrams

Step 4:  
View BHS  
applicants'  
admission  
status based  
on GPA +  
test scores &  
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# Additional Resources

- CollegeBoard
  - \*Use the **BigFuture** section to access information on planning for college, finding colleges, exploring majors and careers, getting application advice, and paying for college
  - \*Explore AP test options
- Rugg's list: Ask your counselor for a copy of the best schools for a specific major.
- US News
- Fiske Guide
- Princeton Review
- 350 Best Colleges: Princeton Review

# New England Regional Tuition Break Program

- **Get comparable in-state tuition at out-of-state schools.** Some majors that are not offered by a CT State College are eligible for a reduced tuition amount at other New England region state schools.
- **Visit [www.nebhe.org](http://www.nebhe.org)** to see a list of participating schools in the New England region, as well as eligible majors for CT residents.
- ***Some of the majors:*** Architecture (BFA), Business Psychology, Cinema Production, Creative Writing (BFA), Dance, Entrepreneurship, Ethnic and Gender Studies, Fashion Design & Retailing, Film Media/Studies, Game Design, Homeland Security, Meteorology, Music Business, Photography

# Connecticut Transfer Ticket Program

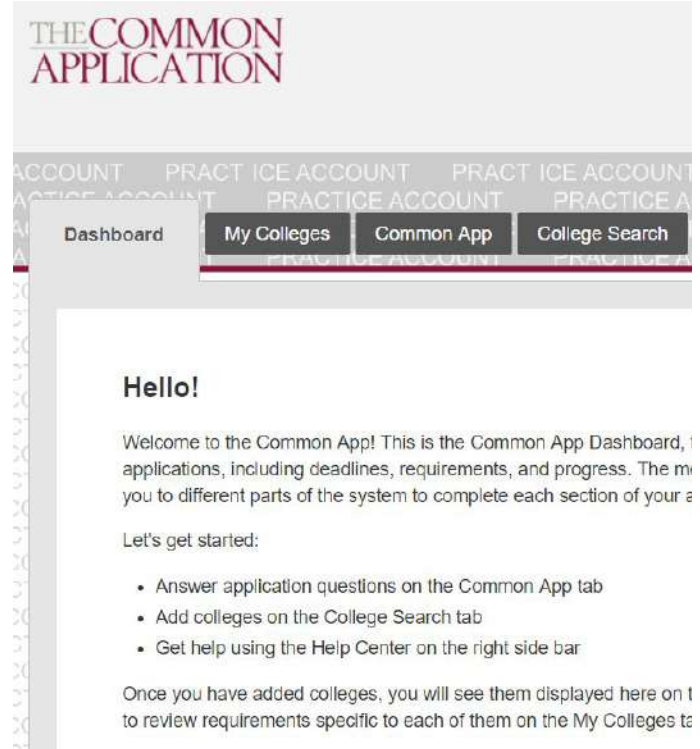
- Begin at CT community college
- Complete 2 years (earn Associate's Degree)
- Maintain 2.0 GPA
- Transfer to CT state school (i.e., Western, Southern, Central, or Eastern)
- Complete 2 more years to earn Bachelor's Degree
- 26 Available Majors
- <http://www.ct.edu/transfer/tickets>

# Financial Aid

- We'll host a **Financial Aid Night** in the fall with more detailed information.
- **FAFSA** - [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)
  - an application required to be considered for grants, loans and work study
- **CSS Profile** - [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org)
  - an application required by some private schools to help them determine eligibility for financial aid
- **Scholarships**
  - Research scholarships using the School Counseling website, websites of the colleges you are considering, and Naviance.

# Common App

- One standardized online application (with supplemental requirements for each school)
- Accepted by over 600 colleges/universities
  - Naviance will note if a school is a Common App school.
- Rising seniors can begin filling out the application in August before senior year.
- Essay component - Students will draft an essay in their junior English class.



# Student Athletes

- In order to be eligible for DI and DII athletics, you must register with the NCAA Eligibility Center - [www.eligibilitycenter.org](http://www.eligibilitycenter.org)
- By the end of Grade 11
  - Register with the NCAA Eligibility Center. Once you've registered, Mrs. Sanchez will be notified to send your transcript.
  - Submit SAT/ACT scores to the NCAA using code 9999.
- High school coaches can be a great resource throughout this process.
- When visiting colleges, consider reaching out to coaches to set up a meeting.

# Other Tips for the College Search Process

- **Create an appropriate personal e-mail address** that can be used to receive and organize information from colleges.
- **Be mindful of social media posts.** Some colleges review applicants' social media accounts as part of the admissions process.
- **Students should take the lead on their college search process.** They should reach out to college representatives, ask questions during their tours, and complete their own applications. Counselors are here to support students through this process.



# Next Steps

## 9th Graders

- \*Link PSAT scores to Khan Academy to prepare for 10th grade PSAT
- \*Get involved in extracurriculars
- \*Develop strong study skills and seek out extra help if needed
- \*Work with teachers & counselor to develop 10th grade schedule
- \*Meet with counselor during second semester to review the year and plan for next year

## 10th Graders

- \*Review PSAT results & use Khan to prepare for 11th grade PSAT
- \*Continue extracurricular involvement and consider new opportunities
- \*Keep resume updated
- \*Work with teachers & counselor to develop 11th grade schedule
- \*Begin career exploration in school and through outside research and experiences

## 11th Graders

- \*Review PSAT results and consider test prep options
- \*Develop testing timeline and consider taking ACT
- \*Meet with Mrs. Lungariello for individual junior advisement
- \*Begin college search process through research and visits
- \*Work with teachers & counselor to develop 12th grade schedule

# Thank you for attending!

Refer to the Counseling Department website for updated information about scholarships and student opportunities.

Follow us on Twitter @CounselorBobcat for info and tips about the college application process and scholarships.

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**Felicia Liebler** @LieblerBHS  
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