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COLLEGE PLANNING EVENING

2.5 million students went from high school to college last year. 2 million students took the ACT last year; 1.7 million took the SAT.

COLLEGE PLANNING NIGHT



AGENDA

- 1 Truths and Misconceptions
- 2 SAT vs ACT
- 3 Testing Timeline



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GOAL:

At the end of this presentation, you will know enough about the SAT and ACT to create your own SAT and/or ACT prep plan.

A top-down view of a student sitting at a wooden desk. The student's hands are on a silver laptop. To the right is a stack of books, including one titled 'AP European History'. A smartphone is on the left. The student is wearing blue jeans and white sneakers. A black banner with white text is overlaid on the center of the image.

Truths & Misconceptions

WHAT DO THESE TESTS MEASURE?

Admission tests..	True	False
... measure intelligence?		✓
... can be used to award aid?	✓	
... reflect your GPA in high school?		✓
... predict your college GPA?		✓
... can be prepared for?	✓	
... should be prepared for?	✓	
... test what you've learned in HS?	?	?

STUDENTS OFTEN STRUGGLE WITH STANDARDIZED TESTS

	STANDARDIZED TESTS	HIGH SCHOOL EXAMS
TIMING/NUMBER OF QUESTIONS	Race against the clock	Done in plenty of time!
CONTENT	Covers years	Covers chapters
TESTS	Stress test alert!	What have you learned recently
ESSAY	Limited time	Hours & Weeks
READING	OMG! 1 minute left already!	Take your time
WRITING/ENGLISH	Grammar rules	Grammar has much less emphasis
MATH	Tricky and comprised of 4+ years; all or nothing	Straight forward and generally focused on 1 year; do your best
GRADING	Machine	Human



TESTS AT-A GLANCE

BOTH THE ACT AND SAT HAVE:

- Over 3 hours of testing time
- Limited time per question
- Answer choices (mostly)
- Math, Reading, and Grammar questions

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ACT SECTION-BY-SECTION

English	45 minutes	75 questions
Math	60 minutes	60 questions
Reading	35 minutes	40 questions
Science	35 minutes	40 questions
Writing <i>(optional essay)</i>	40 minutes	1 essay
Total with Writing	3:35	215 questions

SAT SECTION-BY-SECTION

Reading	65 minutes	52 questions
W&L	35 minutes	44 questions
Math <i>(No calculator)</i>	25 minutes	20 questions
Math <i>(calculator)</i>	55 minutes	38 questions
Essay <i>(optional)</i>	50 minutes	1 essay
Total with Essay	3:50	154 questions



SAT SCORING

MATH	200 – 800
EVIDENCE-BASED READING AND WRITING	200 – 800
TOTAL	400 – 1600

ESSAY (OPTIONAL)

Reading	2-8
Analysis	2-8
Writing	2-8

ACT SCORING

ENGLISH	1-36
MATH	1-36
READING	1-36
SCIENCE	1-36
COMPOSITE	1-36

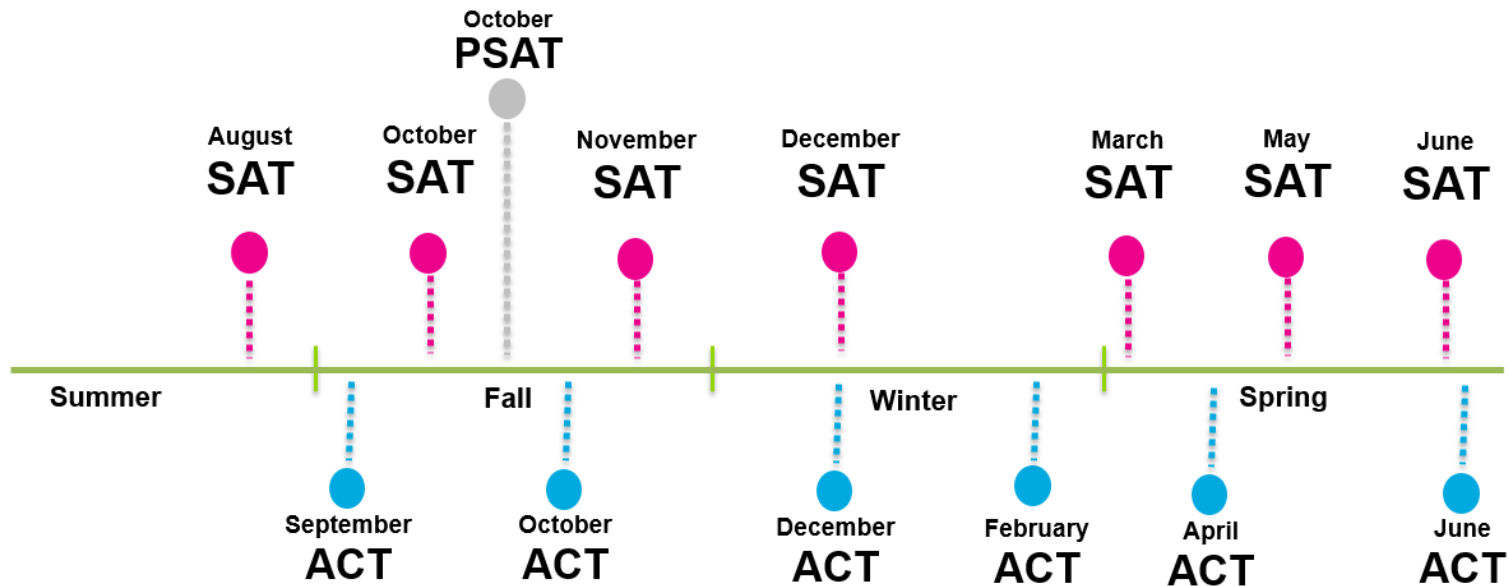
ESSAY (OPTIONAL)	2-12
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WHAT ABOUT THE ESSAY?

- Fewer than 20 schools require the essay
- The University of California system contains nine of those schools.
- We recommend you take the essay, *but don't sweat it!*

WHEN SHOULD I TAKE THE TEST?



CREATING YOUR PREP PLAN

1. Take a Practice Test

Learn What You Need to Do, Took the PSAT? Take an ACT Practice Test or a full length SAT Practice Test

2. Prep For Your First Test

Buy a Book , Self-Prep Online, Take a Class, Work With a Tutor

3. Take Your First Test

Get an Official Score

4. Prep For Your Second Test

Take a Different Test or the Same Test, Readjust Your Study Plan

5. Take Your Second Test

Get a score that will get you into your school of choice

KEY TAKE AWAYS



1. You need to score well on either the SAT or the ACT. But doing well on both could help.
2. All of these tests are not that different, but they're all definitely trying to trick you.
3. Now that you have a base score, choose your target test date and create **YOUR** prep plan!

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