Welcome Juniors & Parents of Huntington High School Class of 2018

Part II

The College Process
THE PRACTICE SAT (PSAT)  
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15TH, 2016 AT 7:45AM

- What is the PSAT?

- Can my child qualify for the National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (NMSQT)?

- Has your child registered?

- What is the Interactive Score Report and Khan Academy all about?
SAT AND ACT EXAMS

- What are the SAT and ACT exams?
- Why should students take these exams?
- When should these exams be taken?
- How can my child prepare for these exams?
- How does my child register for these exams?
- What are the admission photo registration requirements?
- How do I file accommodation forms?
- Are there Score Choice options?
SAT REASONING AND SUBJECT TESTS

SAT Reasoning Test
2 components: Evidence Based Reading and Writing (One Reading Section and One Writing and Language section) and a Math component (One that requires a calculator and one that does not). There is also an optional Writing component.
800 points per section
Register online: www.collegeboard.com
2016-2017 Exam Fee: $45.00 w/o writing
2016-2017 Exam Fee: $57.00 with writing

SAT Subject Tests
Literature, US History, World History, Math Level 1, Math Level 2, Biology E/M, Chemistry, Physics, Chinese, French, German, Spanish, Italian, Hebrew, Latin, Japanese, Korean
800 points per exam
Register online: www.collegeboard.com
2016-2017 Exam Fee: $26.00 plus exam fee(s)
ACT EXAM

- ACT Examination
  5 sections: English, Math, Reading, Science Reasoning
  1-36 sub-score for each section
  Writing section optional (score range is 2-12)

- Register Online:  www.actstudent.org

- 2016-2017 Exam Fees:  $42.50 without writing
  $58.50 with writing

- Mock ACT Exam – Saturday, November 19th, 2016
DOWNLOAD SAT APP’S

SAT Score Converter

By using the app, you agree to our Terms & Conditions

Get Started

Scan.
Score.
Practice.

Daily Practice for the New SAT

CollegeBoard v1.0
POST-SECONDARY PLANNING OPTIONS

- Colleges and universities
  - Academic Programs
  - Technical Schools

- Career/work
  - Employment Day (sometime in May)
  - Job Corps

- Military
  - Air Force
  - Army
  - Coast Guard
  - Marines
  - Navy

- Gap-Year
  - Study Abroad
  - Community Service (AmeriCorps)
  - Cultural Awareness/exposure
INVESTIGATE & COMPARE COLLEGES

- Over 4,100 colleges, universities and technical schools nationwide
- Size of school
- Distance from home
- Commute vs. dorm
- Majors available
- Class size

- Activities
- NCAA
- Admission policies & criteria
- Academic, physical and emotional support services
- Financial aid
What Types of Colleges Exist?

- **Liberal Arts Colleges**: Offer a broad base of courses in the humanities, social sciences and sciences.

- **Universities**: Offer more majors and facilities, class sizes are usually larger.

- **Community or Junior Colleges**: Offer a degree after two years of full time study.

- **Agriculture, Technical and Specialized Colleges**: Offer preparation for specific careers.
HOW MANY COLLEGES SHOULD I APPLY TO?

- **Reach**
  - GPA and test score average are above the student’s scores
  - The low admission rate may make the probability of getting in more of a gamble

- **Target**
  - Student’s GPA and test score average match those of the average admitted student
  - Educational approach at the college matches the student’s needs

- **Safety**
  - Student’s GPA and test scores are above those of the average student admitted
  - Admission rate indicates high probability of admission
COLLEGE APPLICATION OPTIONS

- **Regular Decision**: “I am interested and if accepted, I might want to attend.”

- **Early Action**: “I am very interested and if accepted, I will most likely attend.”

- **Early Decision**: “It’s true love, and if accepted, I must attend, because it is contractually binding.”

- **Single Choice Early Action**: “I’m very interested, and you’re the one and only school I may apply to early.” (Non-binding)

- **Rolling Admission**: “I must apply as soon as possible because applications are reviewed and decisions are made on a rolling basis.”
HELPFUL TIPS

- College is an investment!
- Demonstrate interest
  - Information session
  - Campus tour
  - Attend a class
  - Meet with academic department representatives and/or coaches
  - Meet with financial aid representatives
  - Interview (then send a thank you letter!)
  - Long Island and/or NYC admission receptions for out of state colleges
  - Alumni programs
COLLECTING INFORMATION

- College visits
  - Juniors are entitled to 2 college visitation days
  - Seniors are entitled to 5 college visitations days
  - College admission counselors visit with seniors throughout the fall months
- Open houses
- College fairs
- Friday Flyer
SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS

- Student Support Services
- Portfolio requirements
  - Fine Arts, Graphic Design, Architecture, Writing, Music Composition
- Audition deadlines
  - Drama, Music, Voice, Dance
- Athletics
  - Division I, Division II, or Division III
LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

- **2 academic recommendations**
  - Students request letters in June
  - Junior year teachers are preferred
  - 5 core subjects: English, LOTE, math, science, social studies

- **1 counselor recommendation**
  - Mrs. Bernadette Walsh
THE COLLEGE ESSAY

- Distinguish yourself from the other applicants
- Roughly 500 words
- Grasp of grammar, ability to create a lucid, structured prose; and a vivid portrait of the student’s personality and character
- Select a topic or choose your own
  
  www.commonapp.org
  www.collegeboard.com
  www.teenink.com
THE ACTIVITY RÉSUMÉ/SHEET

- Grades 9 – 12
- Extracurricular activities
- Community Service
- Honors/Awards
- Work Experience
- Enrichment Experience
FAMILY CONNECTION/NAVIANCE

To access Family Connection through Naviance, log onto the HUFSD website at www.hufsd.edu and click on the Quick Clicks bar on the top right, and select Naviance/Family Connection.

- About Me
- Colleges
- Careers
- Document Library
Paying for College

- Family Funds
- Scholarships
- Financial Aid
  - FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)
  - Fafsa4caster
  - CSS Profile
  - Net Price Calculator
  - HHS Financial Aid Night – October 18, 2016 at 7:00pm
SCHOLARSHIP RESOURCES

- **College-sponsored scholarships**
  Contact the colleges directly for academic/merit scholarships. Usually available in all disciplines including art, athletics, and music.

- **Scholarship Bulletins**
  Published four times throughout the year; and posted on the district’s website.

- **Websites**
  Refer to the Post-Secondary Planning Guide.
QUESTIONS & ANSWERS?

Thank you for coming!

Please feel free to e-mail us with your feedback at

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