

**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

- o What is the PSAT?
- o Can my child qualify for the National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (NMQT)?
- o Has your child registered?
- o 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
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Get Started

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Scan.



Score.



Practice.

Daily Practice for the New SAT

 CollegeBoard

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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 nation wide
- ❑ 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

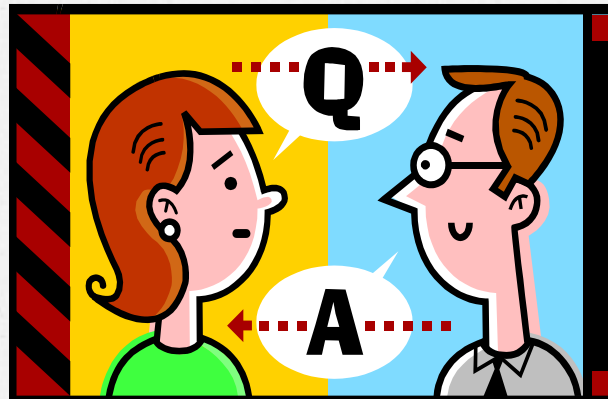
- ❑ **College-sponsored scholarships**
Contact the colleges directly for academic/merit scholarships. Usually available in all disciplines including art, athletics, and music

- ❑ **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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