

College Admissions Process & Test Info

11th Graders

Agenda

- Admissions Terms & What they Mean
- What Colleges are Looking for
- 3 Types of schools to apply to
- SAT/ACT
- Questions & Answers



Admission Terms

- **Early Decision (Binding):** a student who is accepted as an **ED** applicant must attend the college
- **Early Action (Non Binding):** students receive an **early** response to their application but do not have to commit to the college until the normal reply date of May 1
- **Restrictive Early Action:** you may not apply to any other schools in the **early** rounds
- **Regular Decision:** the normal process by which students apply by published deadlines, with promise of receiving an admissions **decision** no later than April 1 of their senior year
- **Rolling Admission:** candidates are invited to submit their applications to the university anytime within a large window
- **Waitlisted:** the **college has** finished reviewing **your** file and made a decision to **put you on a waiting list** for admission
- **Deferred:** an institution has not yet completed reviewing an application file and will make a final decision on **admission** status at a later date



What Colleges Are Looking For:

What Colleges are Looking For in a Successful Applicant

- **High School** GPA and Class Rank.
- AP and Honors Classes. Being able to show prospective **colleges** that you challenged yourself academically is important. ...
- Challenging Extracurricular Activities. ...
- Volunteer and Work Experience. ...
- Test Scores. ...
- Quality Recommendation Letters. ...
- A Well-Written Essay. ...
- Talents and Passions.



3 Types of Schools to Apply to:

1. **Reach Schools:** colleges you have to “reach” for --- means that they have academic profiles whose average scores are higher than yours. (Don't sell yourself short—Apply anyway!-it is good to push yourself and see what your options are.)
2. **Target Schools:** your realistic schools---colleges whose academic profiles match your personal academic profile
3. **Safety Schools:** back up options---academic profiles whose averages are lower than yours and have higher acceptance rates (schools you know you will get in)

Graduation Testing Requirements

All Junior will have to demonstrate proficiency on the New Jersey Graduation Performance Assessment(NJGPA) in LA and Math to Graduate in June 2023.

Secondary Pathways

- SAT LA(450) Math (440)
- ACT (16)
- ASVAB (31)
- ACCUPLACER LA (6) Math (76)

Students who do not demonstrate proficiency on NJGPA will have a 0 and or 9th period class added to their Senior year schedule.

SAT vs. ACT

- SATs- Scholastic Aptitude Test
 - Reading, Math, & Writing- Essay (optional)
 - Strong Math Skills
- ACT- formerly known as, “American College Testing”
 - English, Math, Reading, Science, & Writing (optional)
 - Strong English Skills
- SAT vs ACT: It is recommended to take both Junior year, then retake the one you prefer, Senior year
 - Register Junior Year: Spring
 - Register Senior Year: Fall
- Free/Reduced Lunch- Ask about a “Fee Waiver”



Register for the SATs and/or ACTs

Some schools are TEST OPTIONAL, but you can still take the SAT or ACT if you choose to do so.

Register for the SATs:

<https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat/register>

Register for the ACTs:

<https://www.act.org/content/act/en/register.html>

It takes about 30 minutes to register for the SATs, give yourself time.

****If you have free or reduced lunch,
please email your counselor for your fee
waiver for the SATs or ACTs.**

SAT Testing Dates and Deadlines

Testing Dates	Registration Deadlines
March 12, 2023	February 10, 2023
May 6, 2023	April 7, 2023
June 3, 2023	May 4, 2023

ACT Testing Dates and Deadlines

Testing Dates	Registration Deadlines
February 11, 2023	January 6, 2023
April 15, 2023	March 10, 2023
June 10 , 2023	May 5, 2023
July 15, 2023	June 16, 2023

Athletes

All students who wish to participate in College Sports must register and be cleared by the NCAA Clearinghouse. Create an account and then register at:

ncaaclearinghouse.org

Fee waivers are available for eligible students; see Mrs. Randle once you complete your registration.

We are here to help!

- There is a college for every student.
- Be realistic and stay positive.
- Stay organized.
- Seek out the help – If you are not sure, ASK.

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College Board Accounts

All Junior should create a College Board Account

www.collegeboard.org

- College search/information
- Scholarship search/information
- Career search/information
- SAT prep work
- Khan Academy