

# Standardized Tests and College Admissions

CBA GUIDANCE NIGHT FALL 2016

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# BT PREP PROGRAMS

## **In-School One-On-One 16 Week Fall Package**

"Convenient, Personalized Training Proven to Maximize Scores"

Juniors  
(Open to Sophomores and Freshmen)  
16 Week Intensive In-School Course  
of Continuous SAT Test Prep

**\$1560**

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## **In-School One-On-One Senior Package**

"Convenient, Personalized Training Proven to Maximize Scores"

Seniors  
8 Week Intensive In-School Course  
of Continuous SAT Test Prep

**\$780**

# BT PREP PROGRAMS

## **In-School One-On-One Refinement Course**

"Designed for the BT Prep Veteran Looking to Take His Skills to the Next Level"

Juniors

(Open to Sophomores and Freshmen)

8 Week Intensive In-School Course

of Continuous SAT Test Prep

**\$780**

# PREPARATION TIMELINE

## **SOPHOMORE YEAR**

- PSAT (OCTOBER)
- BEGIN SAT PREPARATION (COURSE)
- IDENTIFY WEAK AREAS & CREATE A GAME PLAN

## **JUNIOR YEAR**

SEPTEMBER

- START SAT PREP COURSE

OCTOBER

- PSAT

DECEMBER/JANUARY

- TAKE SAT EXAM
- REVIEW RESULTS AND STRATEGIZE

MARCH

- SAT EXAM

APRIL

- ACT SAT EXAM

MAY

- SAT EXAM

JUNE

- SAT EXAM/ACT EXAM

# PREPARATION TIMELINE (CONT.)

## SENIOR YEAR

JULY/AUGUST

-CONTINUE TEST PREP (IF NECESSARY)

SEPTEMBER

-ACT EXAM (IF NECESSARY)

OCTOBER

-SAT EXAM (IF NECESSARY)

NOVEMBER

-SAT EXAM (IF NECESSARY)

-APPLY TO COLLEGE

DECEMBER/JANUARY

-APPLY TO COLLEGE

# COLLEGE ADMISSIONS

Selectivity*	Colleges	Median SAT	Median ACT
<b>Very Selective</b> (Acceptance rate of 40-50%)	Boston University Fordham University Binghamton University Union College Villanova University	Critical Reading/LA: 620 Math: 640	Composite: 28
<b>Most Selective Tier 1</b> (Acceptance rate of 20-40%)	Notre Dame NYU RPI UNC Chapel Hill William & Mary	Critical Reading/LA: 650 Math: 680	Composite: 31
<b>Most Selective Tier 2</b> (Acceptance rate of <20%)	Dartmouth Duke Harvard MIT Princeton Yale	Critical Reading/LA: 700+ Math: 700+	Composite: 33+

\*As ranked by US News & World Report

# SCHOLARSHIPS AND FINANCIAL AID

## SCHOLARSHIPS & GRANTS

**Siena College**

**Presidential Scholarship**

**SAT Critical Reading & Math Required:  
1150+**

**SUNY Albany**

**Presidential Scholarship**

**SAT Critical Reading & Math Required:  
1250+**

## NO LOAN UNIVERSITIES

OVER 50 SCHOOLS COMMITTED TO NOT ISSUING LOANS AS PART OF FINANCIAL AID PACKAGES

**PRINCETON UNIVERSITY**

**DUKE UNIVERSITY**

**HARVARD UNIVERSITY**

**WEST POINT**

**AVERAGE SAT SCORE CRITICAL READING, MATH, WRITING: 1400+**

**THE SAT**



# **AVERAGE SAT SCORES**

**CLASS OF 2015 (NATIONALLY)**

**Critical Reading**

**495**

**Math**

**511**

**Writing**

**493**

# AVERAGE SAT SCORES

## Results for Members of the Class of 2016

	Original	New	Increase
Critical Reading	517	579	62
Math	533	623	90
Cumulative	1050	1202	152
	National	CBA	Difference
Critical Reading	496	579	83
Math	514	623	109
Cumulative	1498	1766	268

# SAT VS. ACT

	SAT	ACT
SCORING	200-800 2 SECTION TOTAL: 1600	1-36 4 SECTIONS AVERAGED
READING	MORE ADVANCED CRITICAL READING SKILLS REQUIRED	MORE STRAIGHTFORWARD BUT MUCH FASTER: 40 QUESTIONS IN 35 MINUTES
MATH	BASIC ALGEBRA AND GEOMETRY, A FEW ADVANCED CONCEPTS	TOPICS COVERED ON THE SAT + MORE ADVANCE TOPICS AND TRIG
ENGLISH	BASIC & ADVANCE GRAMMATICAL SKILLS	BASIC & ADVANCE GRAMMATICAL SKILLS
SCIENCE	N/A	READING COMPREHENSION + CHARTS AND GRAPHS
OVERALL	MORE COMPLEX CRITICAL THINKING SKILLS	MORE STRAIGHTFORWARD BUT MUCH FASTER 40 QUESTIONS IN 35 MINUTES

# SAT VS. ACT SCORE CONVERSION

SAT	ACT
1600	36
1430	32
1260	28
<b>1110</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>960</b>	<b>20</b>
780	16

# THE SAT AND ACT...

**ARE KEY COMPONENTS OF A COLLEGE APPLICATION**

ARE USED BY ADMISSIONS OFFICES TO COMPARE APPLICANTS FROM A WIDE RANGE OF ACADEMIC AND SOCIOECONOMIC BACKGROUNDS

**ARE KEY TO UNLOCKING THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS OF SCHOLARSHIP MONEY AND FINANCIAL AID \$\$\$**

ARE NOT IQ TESTS BUT DO TEST A SPECIFIC TYPE OF INTELLIGENCE RELATED TO PROBLEM SOLVING AND CRITICAL REASONING

**CAN BE DEFEATED THROUGH TARGETED PREPARATION AND TRAINING**

# COMMON MISCONCEPTIONS

TAKING THE SAT DURING MARCH OF YOUR SON'S JUNIOR YEAR IS GETTING AN EARLY START ON THE EXAM

MY SON CANNOT START PREPARING FOR THE EXAM YET BECAUSE HE IS ONLY A FRESHMAN/SOPHOMORE

THE MORE MY SON TAKES THE EXAM, THE BETTER HE WILL DO\*

THE ACT IS EASIER THAN THE SAT BECAUSE IT COVERS TOPIC SIMILAR TO WHAT MY SON IS LEARNING IN SCHOOL

MY SON DOES NOT NEED TO SEND STANDARDIZED TEST SCORES TO TEST OPTIONAL UNIVERSITIES

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