



Parent Seminar



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Today's Agenda

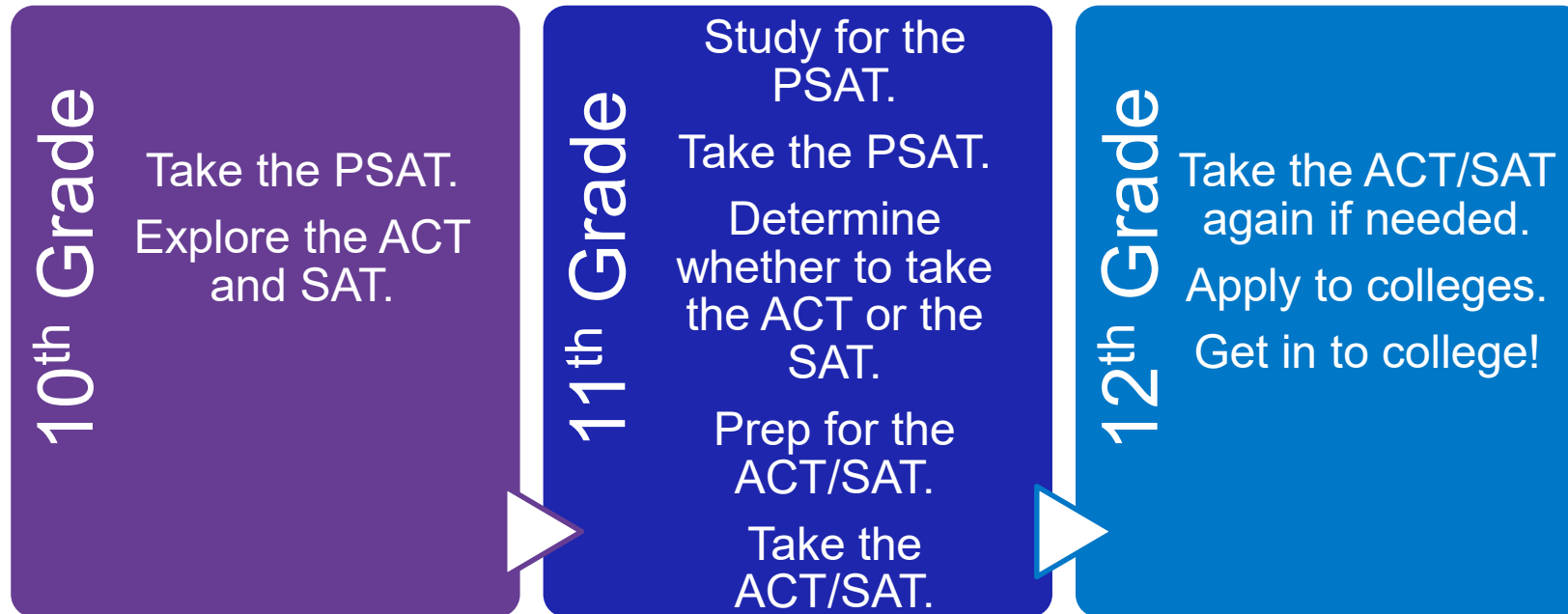
Test Taking
Time Line
and PSAT
Scores

SAT vs ACT

Next Steps



College Admissions Test Taking Time Line.....



PSAT Scores are Back!

Now What?!?

Understanding the PSAT
Score Report



What is the purpose of the PSAT.....

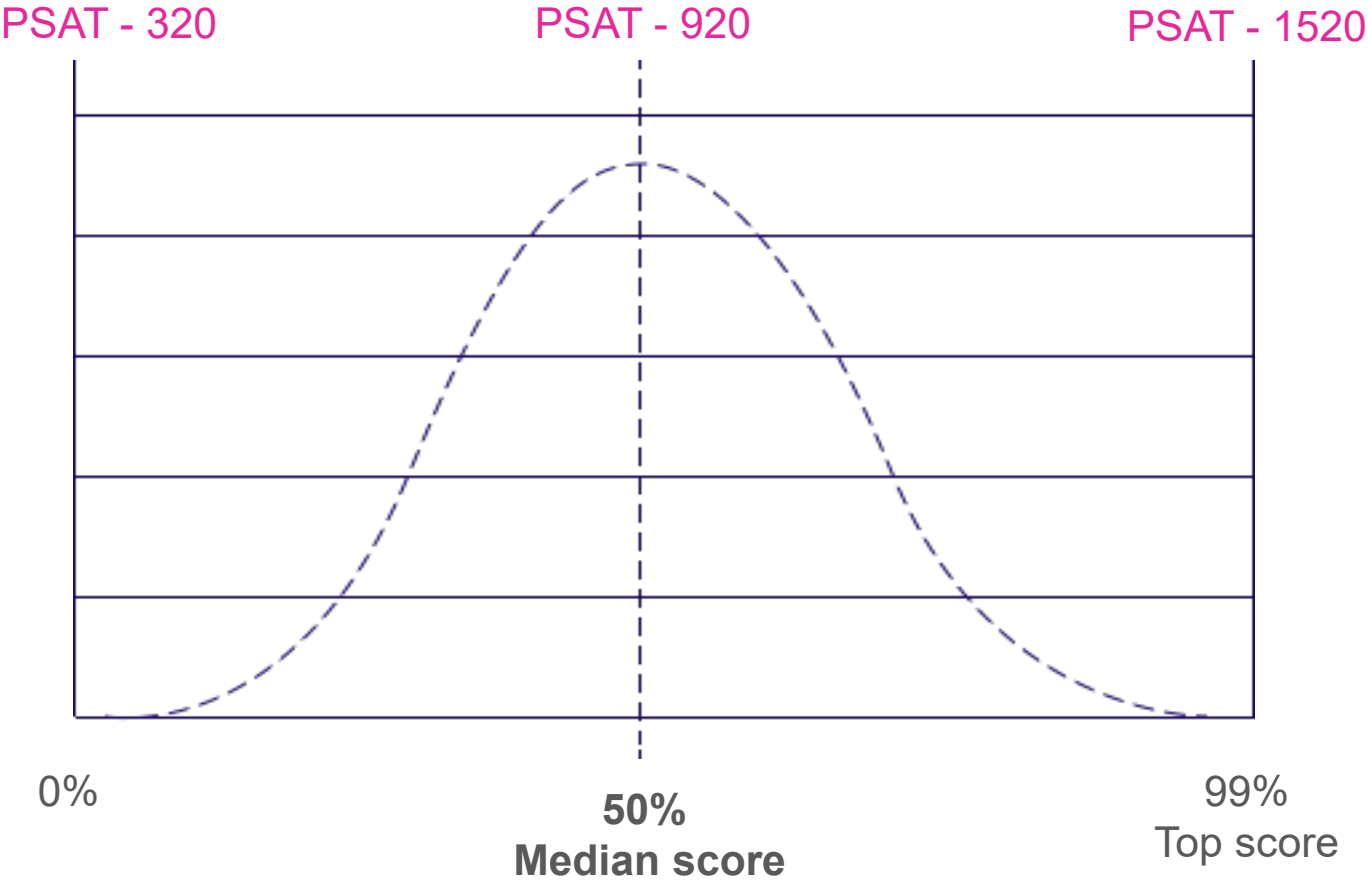
- A practice SAT
- National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test – for juniors only
- NOT used for college admissions

PSAT Score Back Timeline.....

- October 11, 14, and 25 – PSAT 2017 Test Dates
- December 4 – PSAT Scores accessible to school counselors
- December 11-13 – PSAT scores available to students through the College Board's electronic portal

www.collegeboard.org

PSAT Score Distribution



PSAT Sections	Score Range
Verbal	160-760
Math	160-760



What's a Good PSAT Score?

PSAT Sections	College & Career Readiness Benchmark for 10 th Grade	College & Career Readiness Benchmark for 11 th Grade
Evidence-Based Reading & Writing	430	460
Math	480	510

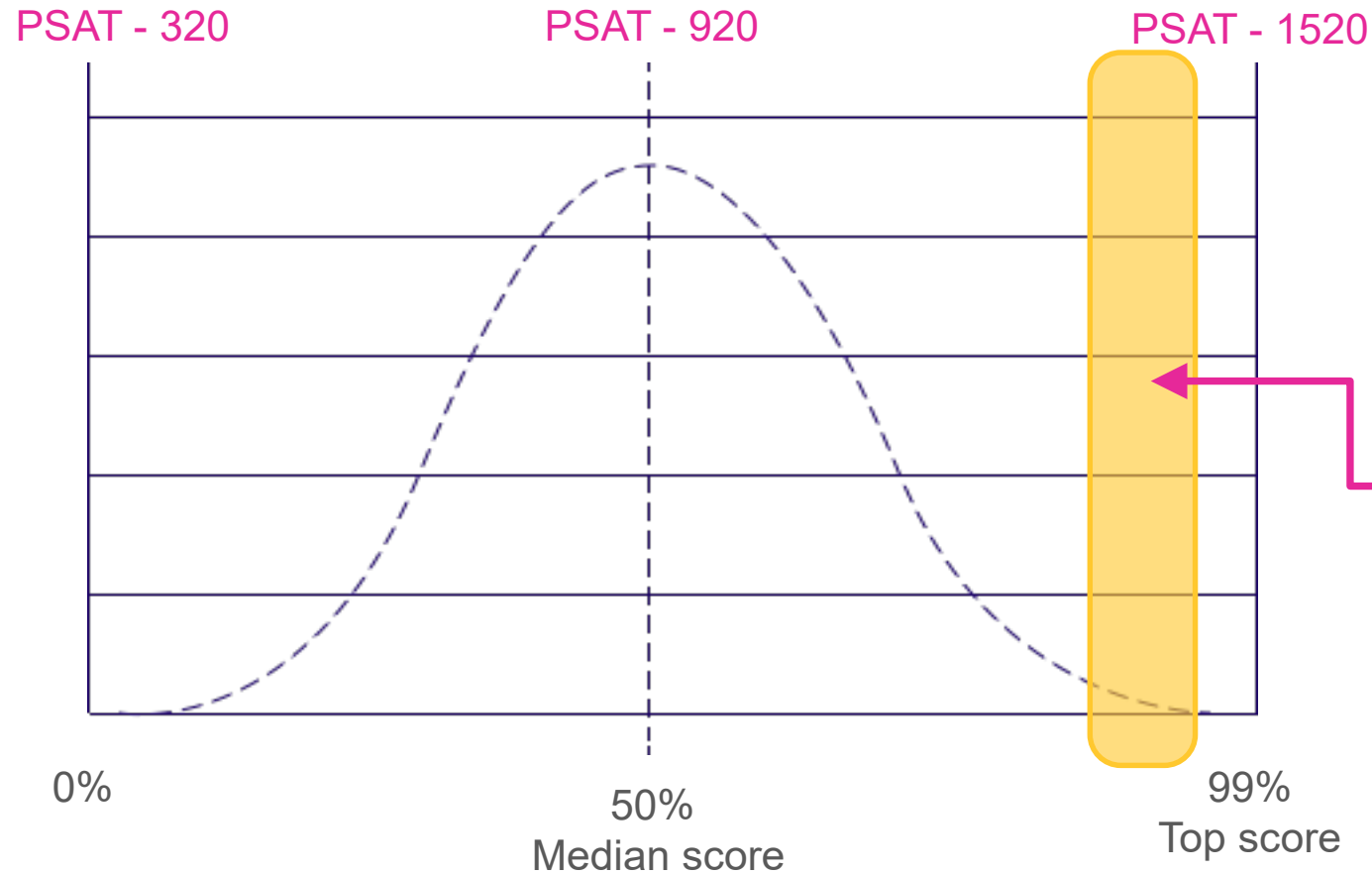
Scoring above the Benchmark gives a 75% likelihood of achieving a C or better in first year college courses.

What's a Good PSAT Score?

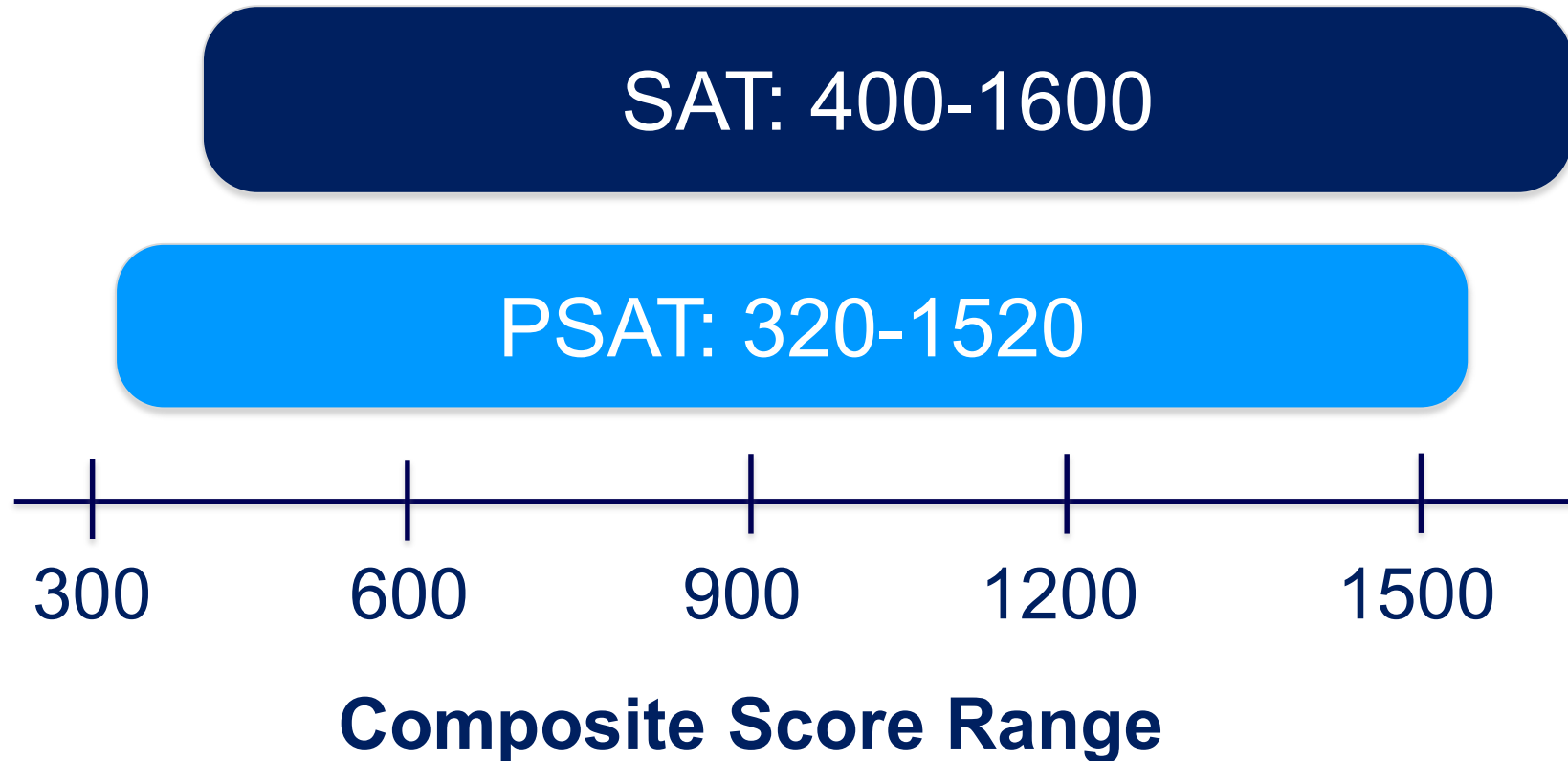
Percentile	10 th Grade Score	11 th Grade Score
99th	1360	1450
95th	1250	1350
90th	1180	1280
80th	1090	1180
70th	1030	1120
60th	970	1060
50th	920	1010
40th	870	960



National Merit



PSAT Scoring vs SAT Scoring



SAT VS ACT. Which Test is Right for me?






Choosing the SAT or the ACT.....





SAT Overview




SAT Overview

Category		Features
The SAT		400-1600 scoring, 3 hours without essay
	Reading	65 minutes, 52 questions
	Writing	35 minutes, 44 questions
	Math	25 minutes, 20 questions, no calculator
	Math	55 minutes, 38 questions, calculator
	Essay	Requires reading a passage, describing development of argument, 50 minutes long

Category	Features
 Evidence-based Reading and Writing	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reading and Writing combined <p><u>Reading details:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• No sentence completions• Passage topics include US and World Literature, History/Social Studies, and Sciences (500 - 750 words)• 65 minutes <p><u>Language details:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Focus on extended prose (400 - 500 words)• 35 minutes

Category	Features
 Math Section	<p><u>Three areas of concentrated focus:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Problem solving and data analysis • “The Heart of Algebra” • “Passport to Advanced Math” <p>55 minutes with a Calculator 25 minutes <u>without</u> a Calculator</p>

SAT Overview

Category	Features
 Essay	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Essay is <u>optional</u>• 50 minutes• Requires students to analyze a 650-750 word document and explain how the author builds an argument <p>3 Scores</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Reading✓ Analysis✓ Writing

SAT Scoring Details

Composite (Total) Score

- Sum of the two Area Scores
- Range of 400 - 1600



Math Area Score

Range of 200 - 800



Evidence-Based Verbal Area Score

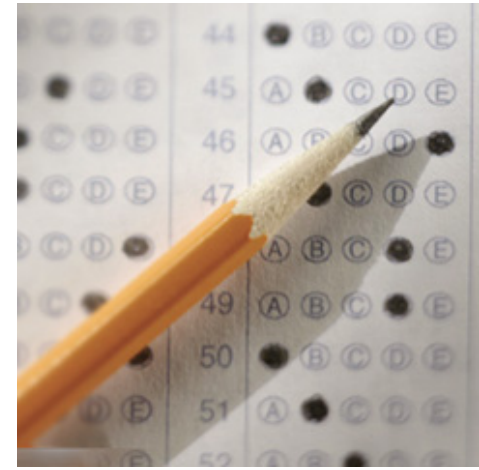
Range of 200 - 800



Scoring SAT

Understanding Scoring

- Correct Answer: +1 point
- Omitted Question: 0 points
- Incorrect Answer: 0 points



**Answer every question.
If you don't know the answer, guess!
You won't be penalized. Every point helps**

SAT Subject Tests



SAT Subject Tests

- 1-hour standardized test on individual subjects
 - Offered on same dates as standard SAT
- Some schools or programs require SAT Subject Tests for admission purposes
- Selective colleges usually require or recommend scores from at least two SAT Subject Tests



Subject Test Overview

- Formerly known as the SAT IIs
- 20 different tests in 5 general subject areas:
 - English
 - History
 - Languages
 - Mathematics
 - Science (Biology, Chemistry, Physics)
- Up to three on one test day
- Cannot be taken the same day as SAT
- Required or recommended by approximately 200 colleges; considered if sent by others

Advanced Placement Exams

- The culmination of a students' involvement in an AP class
- Offered in the spring
- Can count towards college credit towards their degree
- Check with schools of interest to learn more about AP credit acceptance policies

Subject Tests vs. Advance Placement Exams

- Overlap exists but.....
 - Subject Tests high school content
 - APs cover college-level content
- Senior year AP scores not in time for admission
- Can take subject test even if AP not available in your school
- In general, AP classes are great preparation for related Subject Tests






When are these subject tests available for the 2018-2019 School Year?

Subject Tests Available	Aug 25,	Oct 6	Nov 3	Dec 1	Mar	May 4	June 1
Chemistry	o	o	o	o		o	o
Physics	o	o	o	o		o	o
Eng Lit	o	o	o	o		o	o
Math I/II	o	o	o	o		o	o
U.S. History	o	o	o	o		o	o
World History	o			o			o
Spanish	o	o		o		o	o

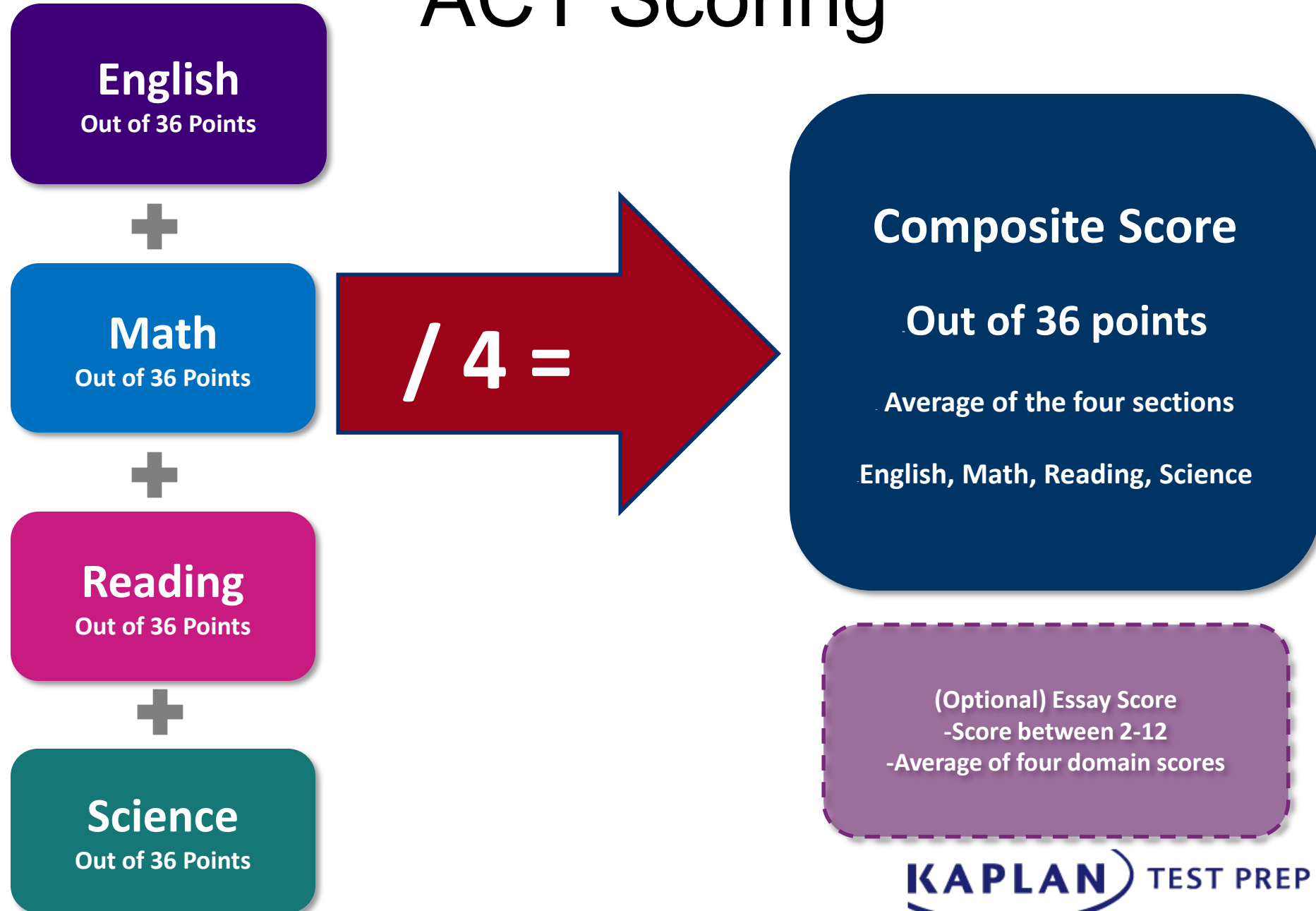
More Subject Test info for this school year: Visit [College Board Website](https://collegeboard.org/sat-subject-tests)

ACT Overview



Category	Features
The ACT	1-36 scoring, three hours without essay
 English	45 minutes, 75 questions
 Math	60 minutes, 60 questions
 Reading	35 minutes, 40 questions
 Science	35 minutes, 40 questions
 Essay	Requires analysis of 3 different perspectives , 40 minutes long, optional

ACT Scoring



Similarities Between the Tests

SAT & ACT

Both used for college admissions

Used for scholarships + merit-based grants

Can retake several times

Colleges accept both

Typically taken Spring of junior year + Fall of senior year

Approx three to four hours long

Optional essay

No wrong answer penalty

SAT/ACT Which Test is right for me?

SAT and ACT: Notable Differences

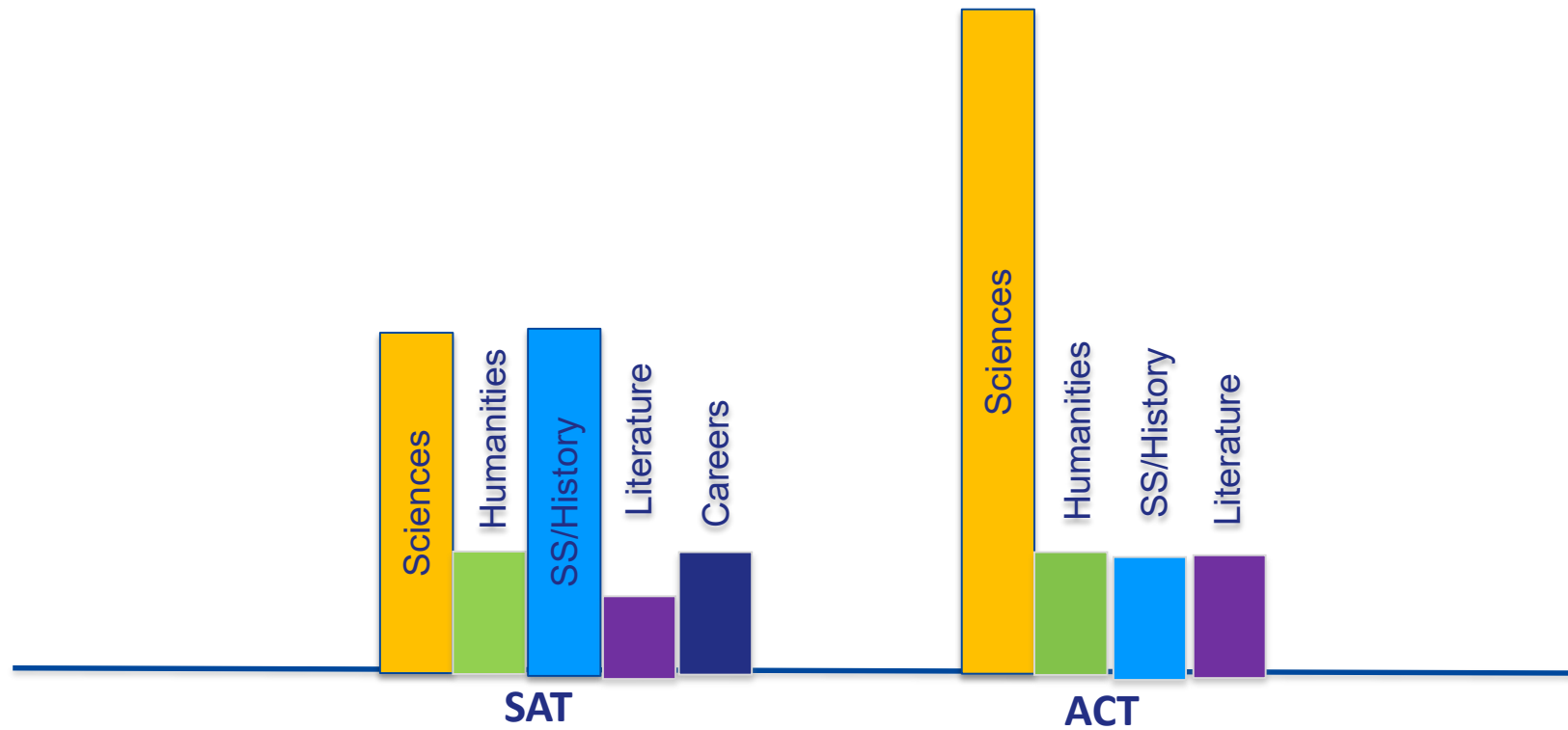
	SAT	ACT
Reading	More Social Studies Reading	More Science Reading
Math	More data analysis	More geometry
	No calculator section	Calculator use allowed
Scoring	50% math, 50% verbal	25% math, 50% verbal 25% science
The best way to know is to take a practice test!		

ACT?

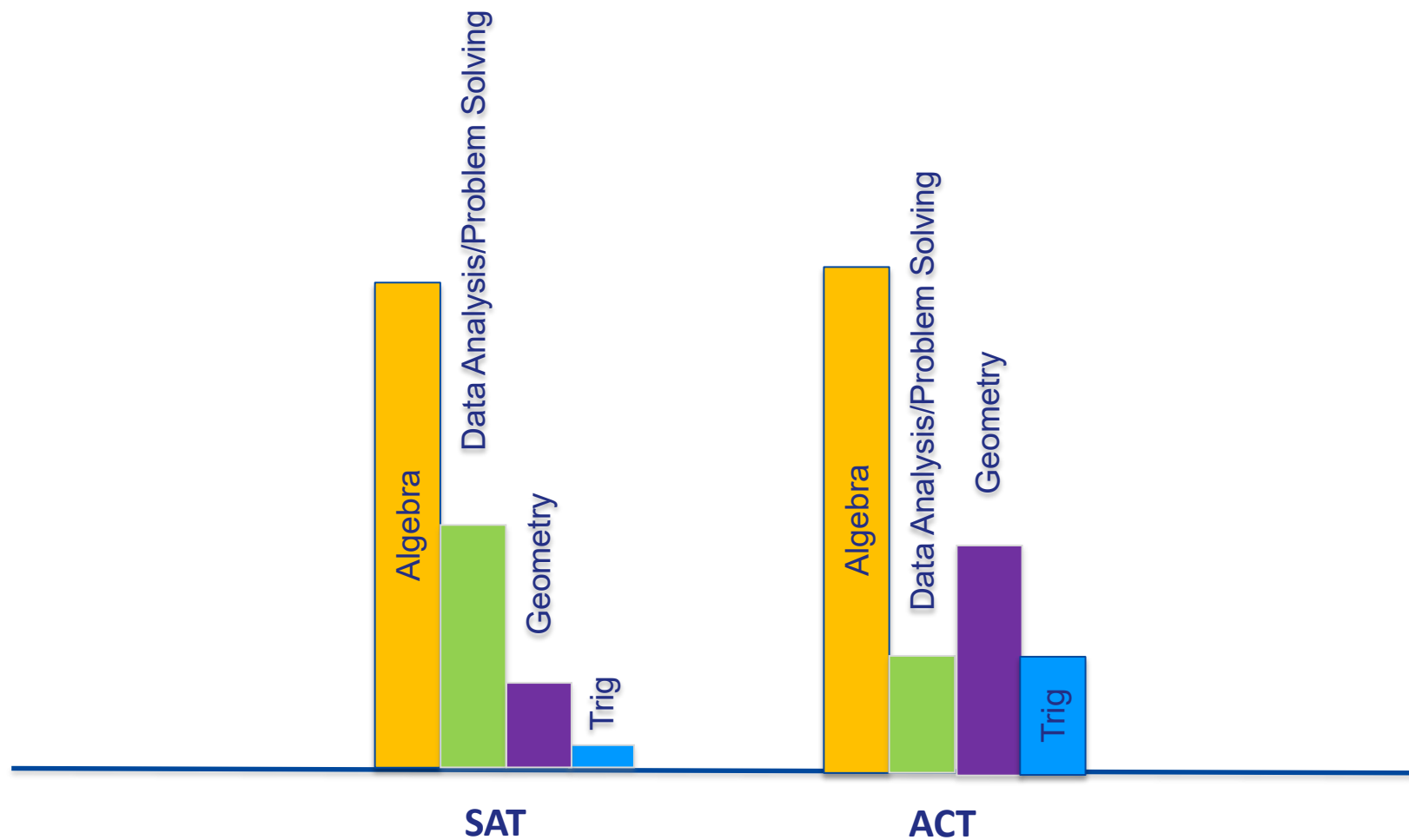
SAT?

What's the
Difference?

Reading Passage Topics SAT vs. ACT

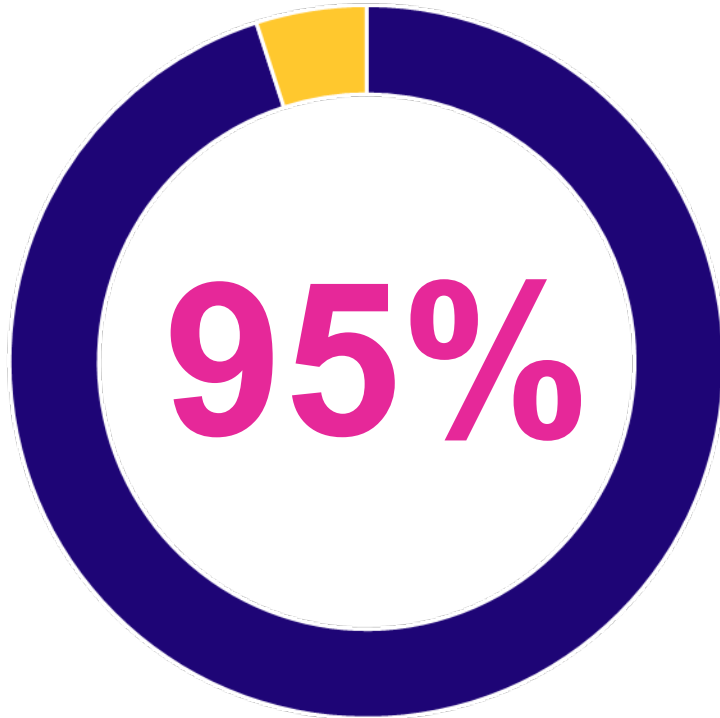


Math Skills Tested SAT vs. ACT



Test Scores in College Admissions

95% of college admissions advisors are **confident** that the **SAT and ACT** are **effective tools** in measuring students' future success at their schools.



Now is the time to make a
Test Prep Plan To Get a
Higher Score



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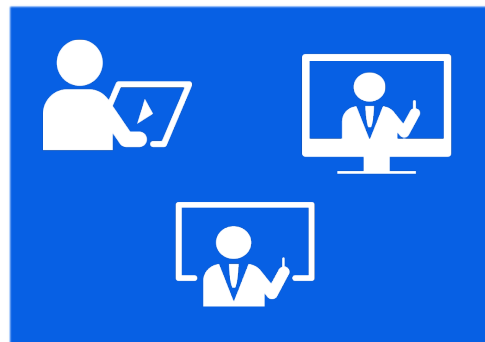
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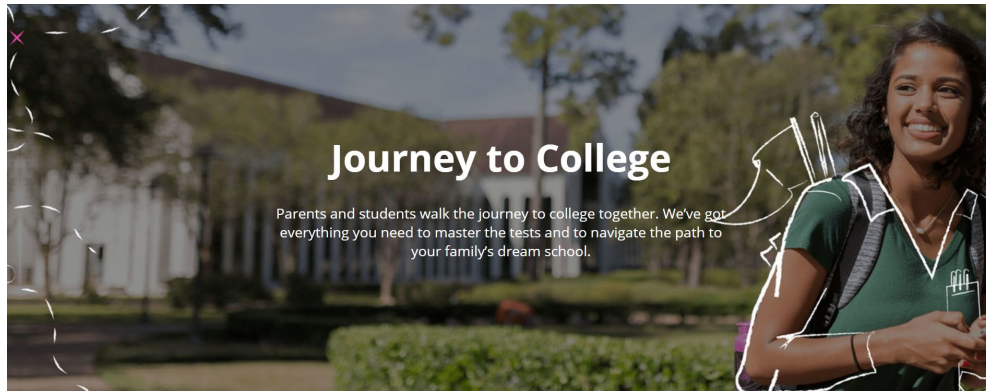
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Upcoming Free Events



Feb 11-14: ACT Free Prep Week

Coming Soon: AP Review Weekend

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Thank You!

**THANK YOU FOR COMING!
GOOD LUCK WITH YOUR PREP and
Happy Testing!**

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