



Your student is about to begin their junior year of high school. This is the inevitable moment that you have anticipated, and probably dreaded. It is time to start thinking about standardized tests.

**Standardized test scores are a critical component of your college applications.** They are required by nearly every college to which you will apply.

Is it completely fair that, after years of earning high marks in school, poor standardized test results may jeopardize your student's chances of admission to college? The answer is obviously "no."

Colleges need a gauge with which to evaluate and compare students from different schools, districts, and states, and this is the best system that they have come up with to date.

**This is why standardized test preparation is of paramount importance.**

- **Ivy Experience knows how to maximize a student's potential on their standardized tests.** With a comprehensive understanding of both the SAT and the ACT, Ivy Experience tutors will arm students with the knowledge needed to conquer these tests.
- **Ivy Experience teaches definite strategies and tactics– but there is no preset curriculum. Every tutoring session is tailored to the specific needs of the student.**
- **By isolating problematic trends, Ivy Experience improves scores quickly and effectively.** It is not enough to say that your student struggles with the math section. If they excel with algebra questions but consistently falter on geometry problems, the tutor will focus on that area of need.

Even the best students often struggle with their standardized tests. With college admissions more competitive than ever before, get the Ivy Experience to help you get ready for the most important tests of your academic career.

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While the SAT and ACT do not directly test knowledge taught in schools, they show the student's overall math, reading, and writing skills, as well as the student's ability to adapt to the test.

### **The SAT Reasoning Test**

The SAT Reasoning Test determines how well you can take the SAT. It is a logic-based, aptitude test, with a major emphasis on deducing what the question is asking.

The test underwent a notable overhaul in 2005 and is now comprised of three sections: Critical Reading, math, and Writing. Each section is scored out of 800 points, making the highest possible composite score 2400 points. There is also an essay scored out of 12 points.

The SAT deducts points for incorrect answers, and does not penalize students for questions they choose not to answer. Therefore, there is a strategy for guessing.

### **The ACT**

There is an abundance of misconceptions surrounding the ACT. Most importantly, **colleges evaluate the ACT and the SAT equally. There is absolutely no disadvantage to taking the ACT instead of the SAT.**

For many students, the ACT is a better test for them. It is a knowledge-based achievement test, unlike its counterpart, with a greater emphasis on math and analytical skills.

The ACT has four sections: English, Mathematics, Reading, and Science. The first three sections have many similarities to the SAT. Despite its name, the Science section requires virtually no prior scientific knowledge; it primarily consists of graphs and data to analyze.

The ACT has no penalty for guessing

**Remember – there is NO test score that will guarantee you admission to your dream school. The higher your score, the stronger of an applicant you will become to an admissions committee.**

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