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Tonight's Agenda

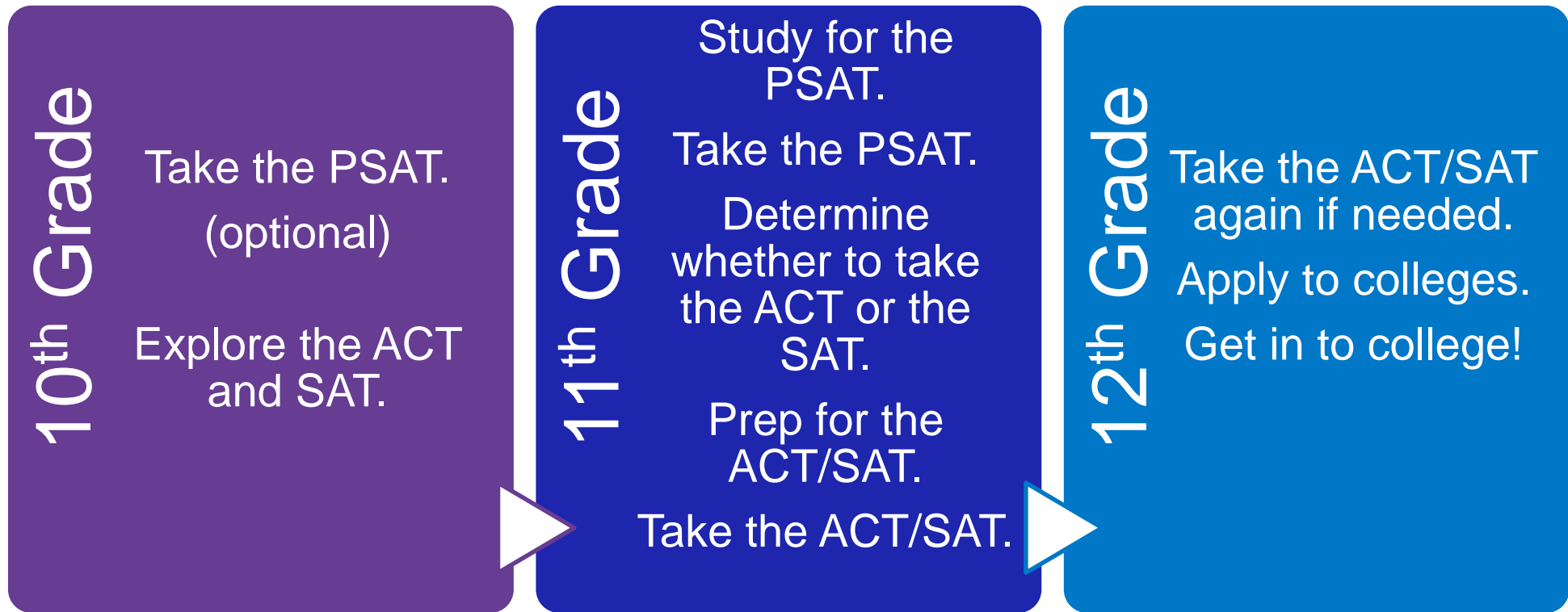
College
Admissions
Test Taking
Time Line

SAT vs
ACT. Which
Test should
I take?

Next Steps
on your
Journey to
College



College Admissions Test Taking Time Line.....



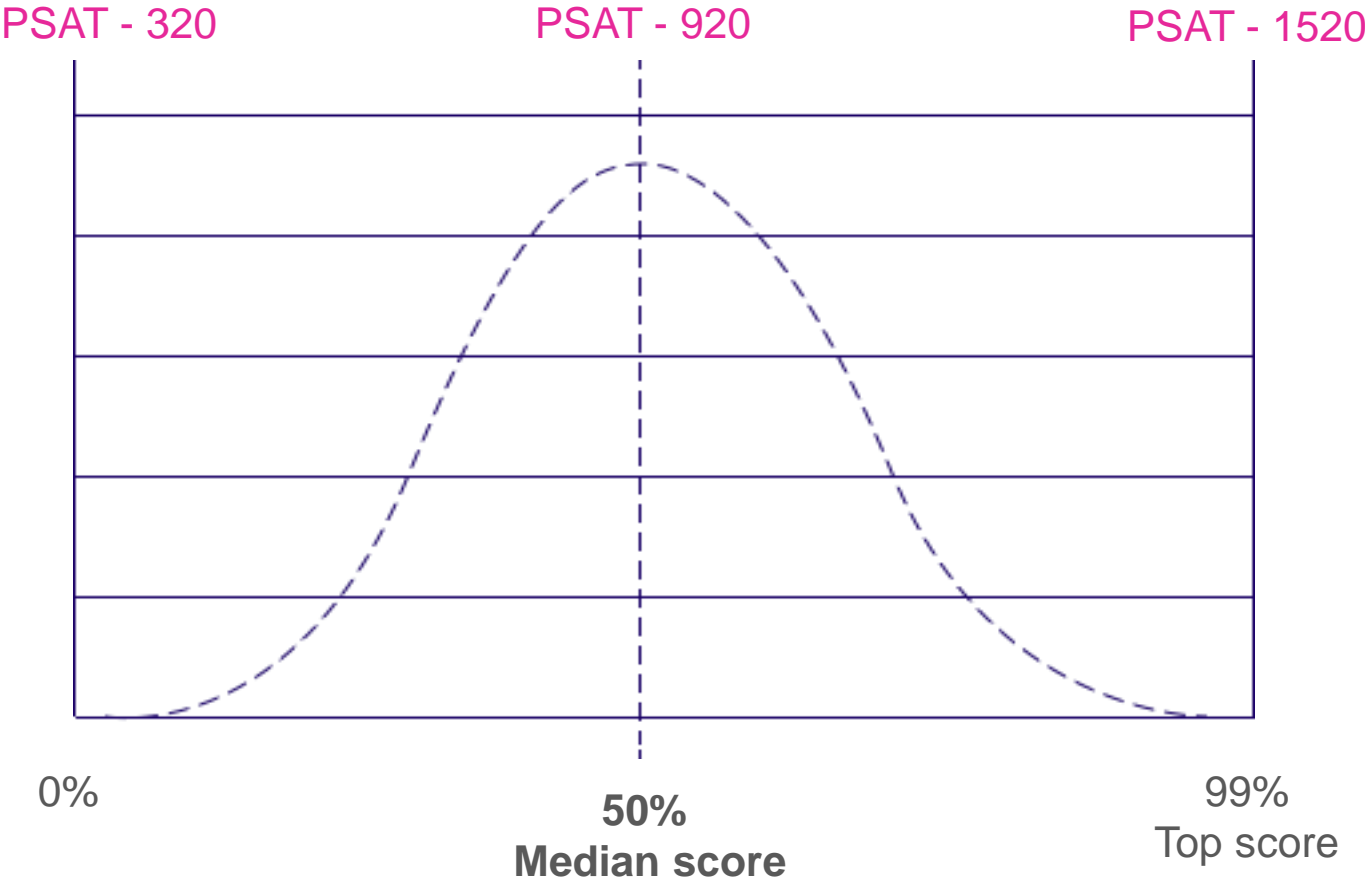
What is the purpose of the PSAT

- A practice SAT
- National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test – for juniors only
- NOT used for college admissions. Will not be reported on your college application

PSAT Score Back Timeline.....

- Administered in early October.
- First week of December 2018— PSAT Scores accessible to school counselors
- By the Second week of December 2018 – PSAT scores available to students through the College Board's electronic portal. www.collegeboard.org

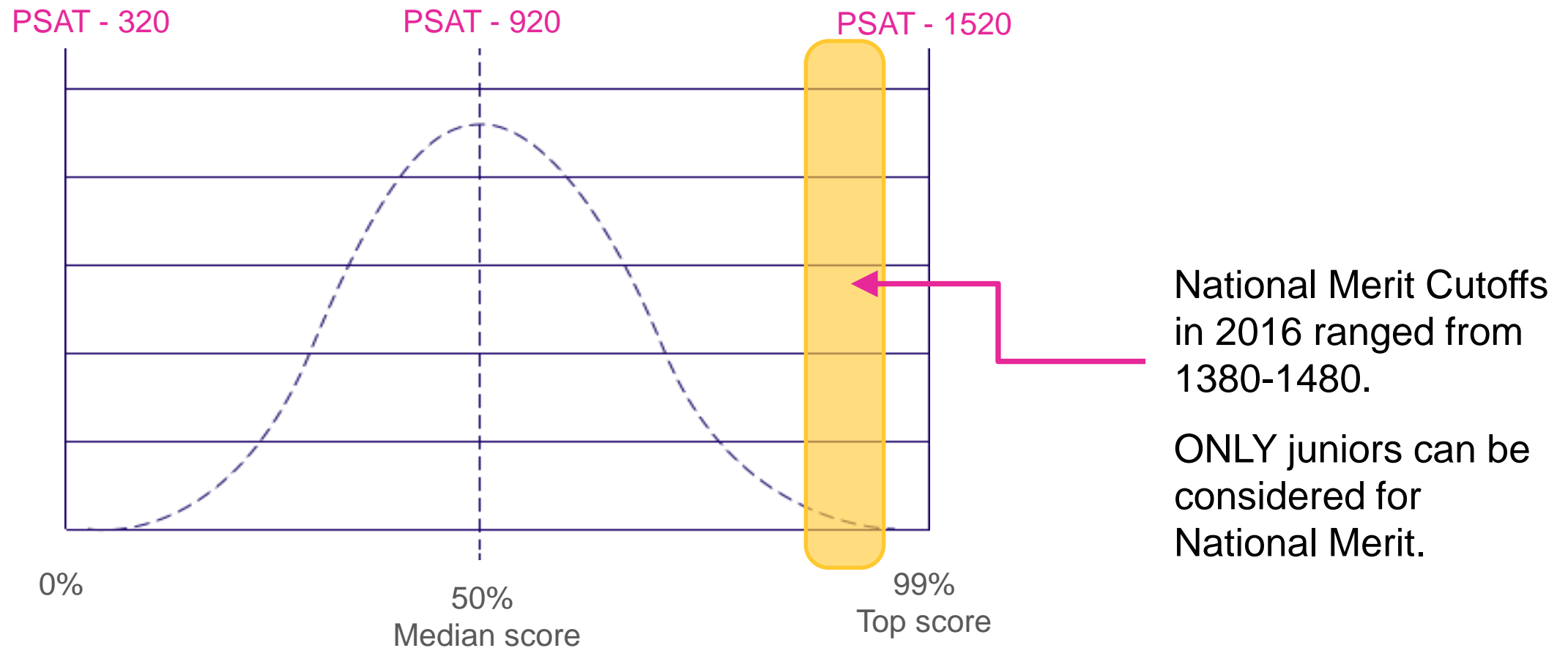
PSAT Score Distribution Range: 320-1520



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



National Merit National Data from 2016 PSATs

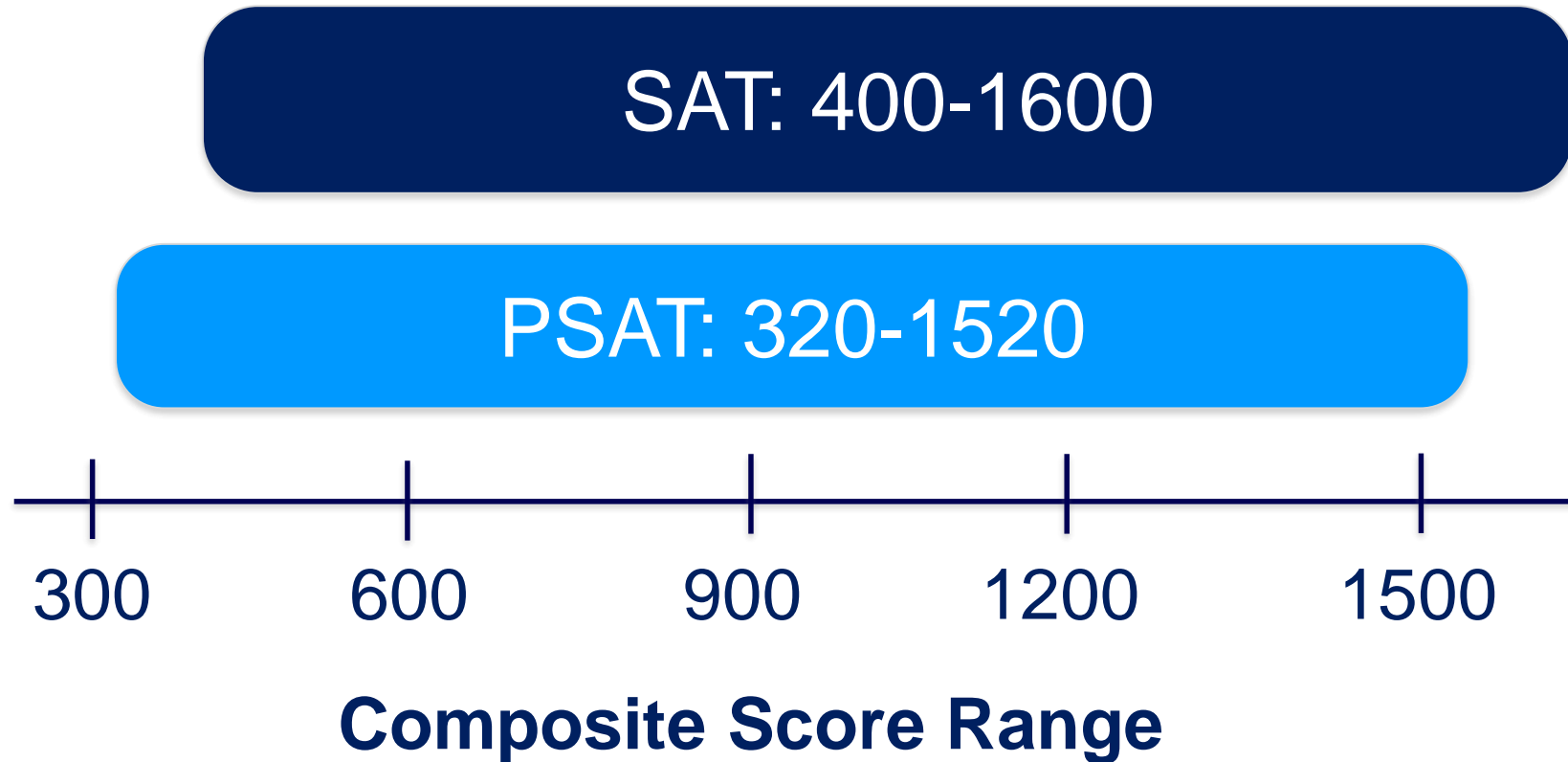


What's a Good PSAT Score?

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.

PSAT Scoring vs SAT Scoring



SAT vs ACT. Which College Admissions Exam is the right fit 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
 <p>Evidence-based Reading and Writing</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reading and Writing combined <p><u>Reading details:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Passage topics include US and World Literature, History/Social Studies, and Sciences (500 - 750 words)• 65 minutes <p><u>Language/Language details:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• All multiple choice• 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 • Algebra • Advanced Math <p>55 minutes with a Calculator 25 minutes <u>without</u> a Calculator</p>

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.

SAT Scoring Details

Composite (Total) Score

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



Math Area Score

Range of 200 - 800



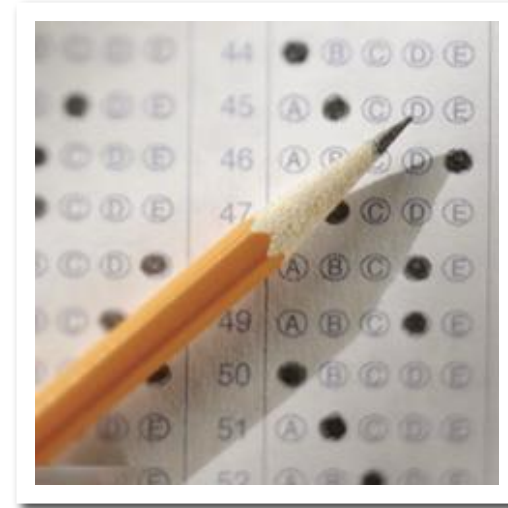
Evidence-Based Verbal Area Score

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 (formally known as the SAT II's)
- Offered on same test dates as standard SAT- Up to three can be taken at a time, on a different day as the full length SAT.
- Approximately 200 universities, colleges and /or programs require SAT Subject Tests for admission purposes. Considered by others if included on application.
- Selective colleges usually require or recommend scores from at least two SAT Subject Tests. Speak to your counselor about any schools of interest that may require SAT Subject Tests.
- 20 different SAT Subject tests are offered in 5 general subject areas:

English

History

Languages

Mathematics

Science (Biology, Chemistry, Physics)








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

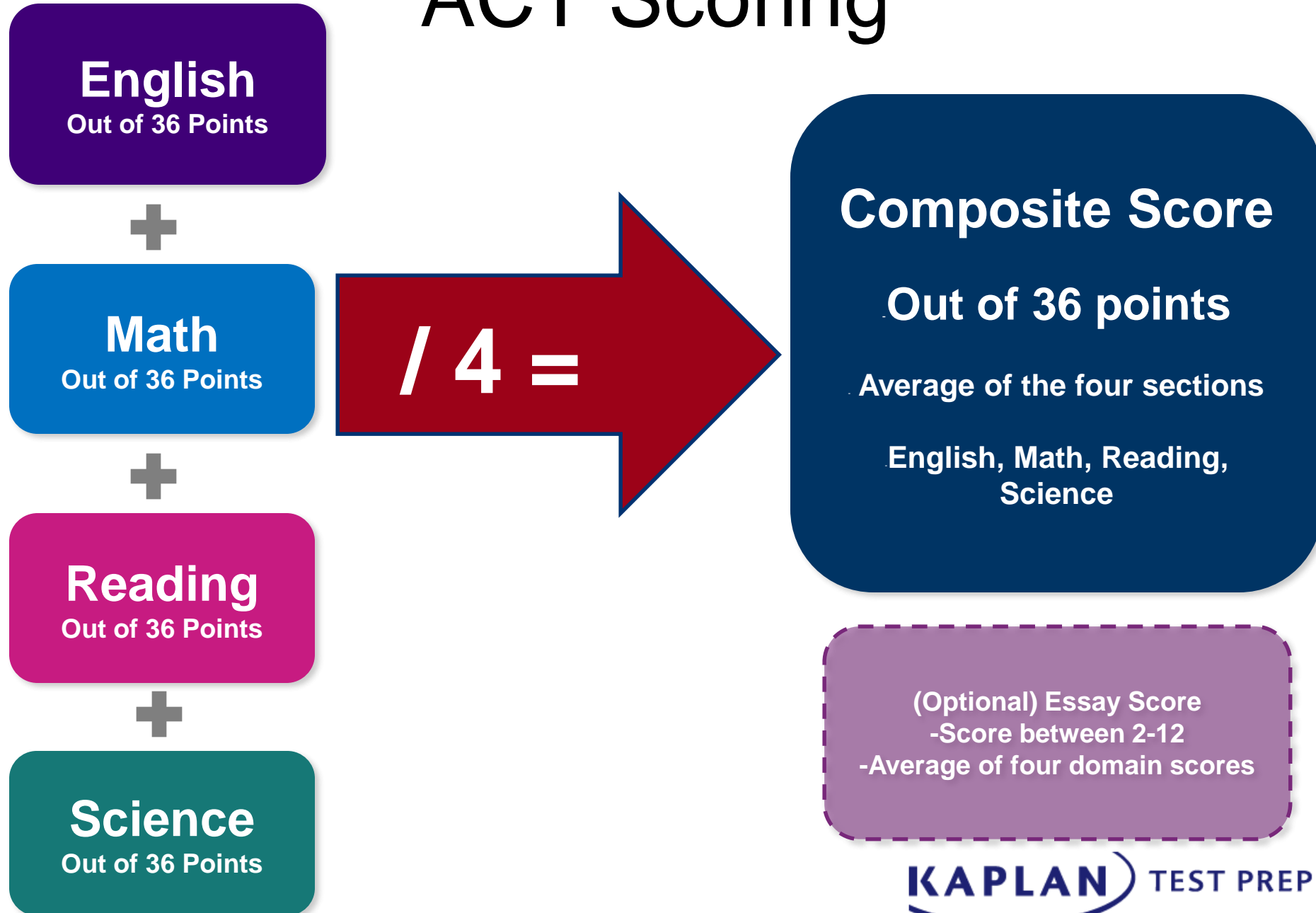
More Subject Test info for this school year: Visit College Board Website

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
 Optional Essay	Requires analysis of 3 different perspectives , 40 minutes long, optional

ACT Scoring

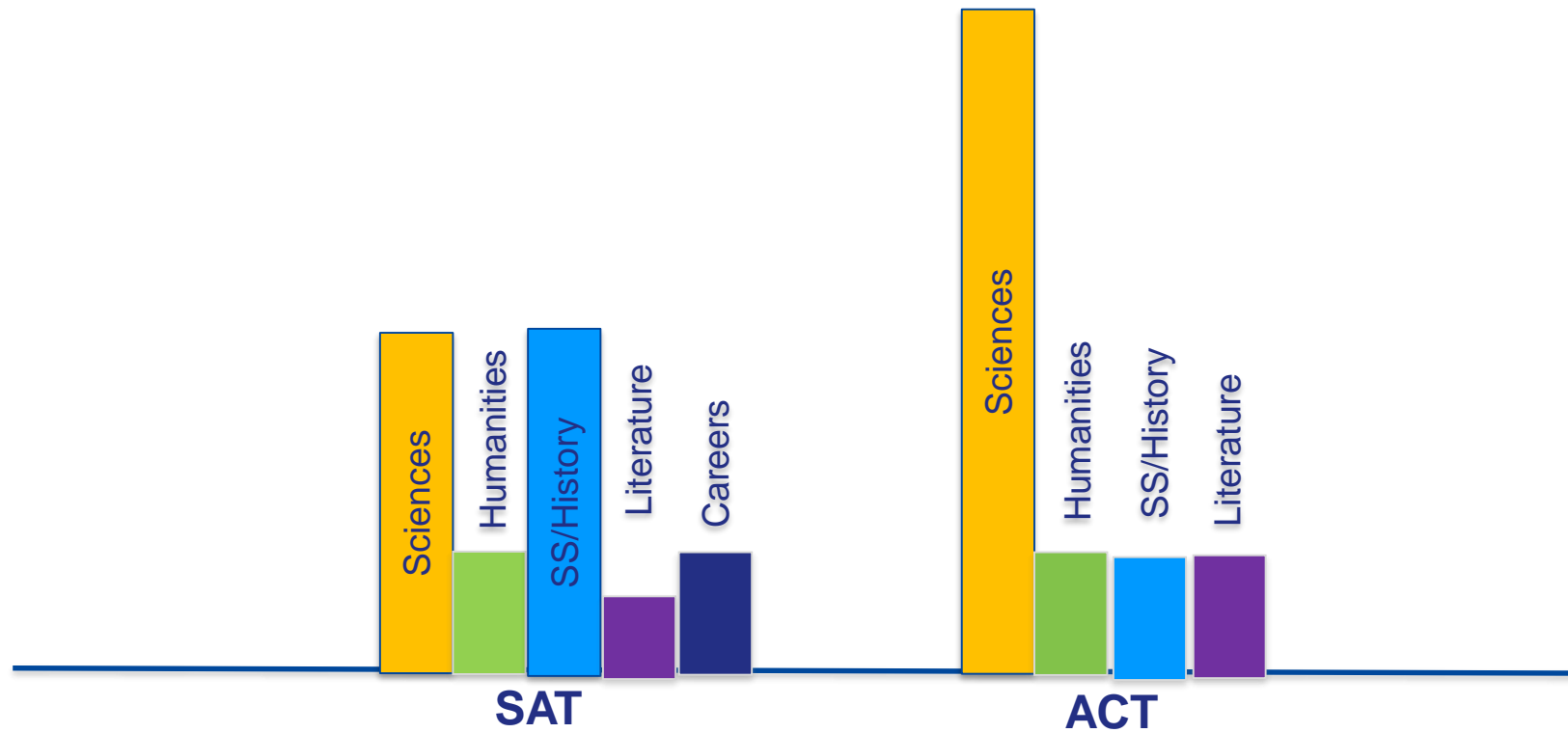


SAT vs ACT

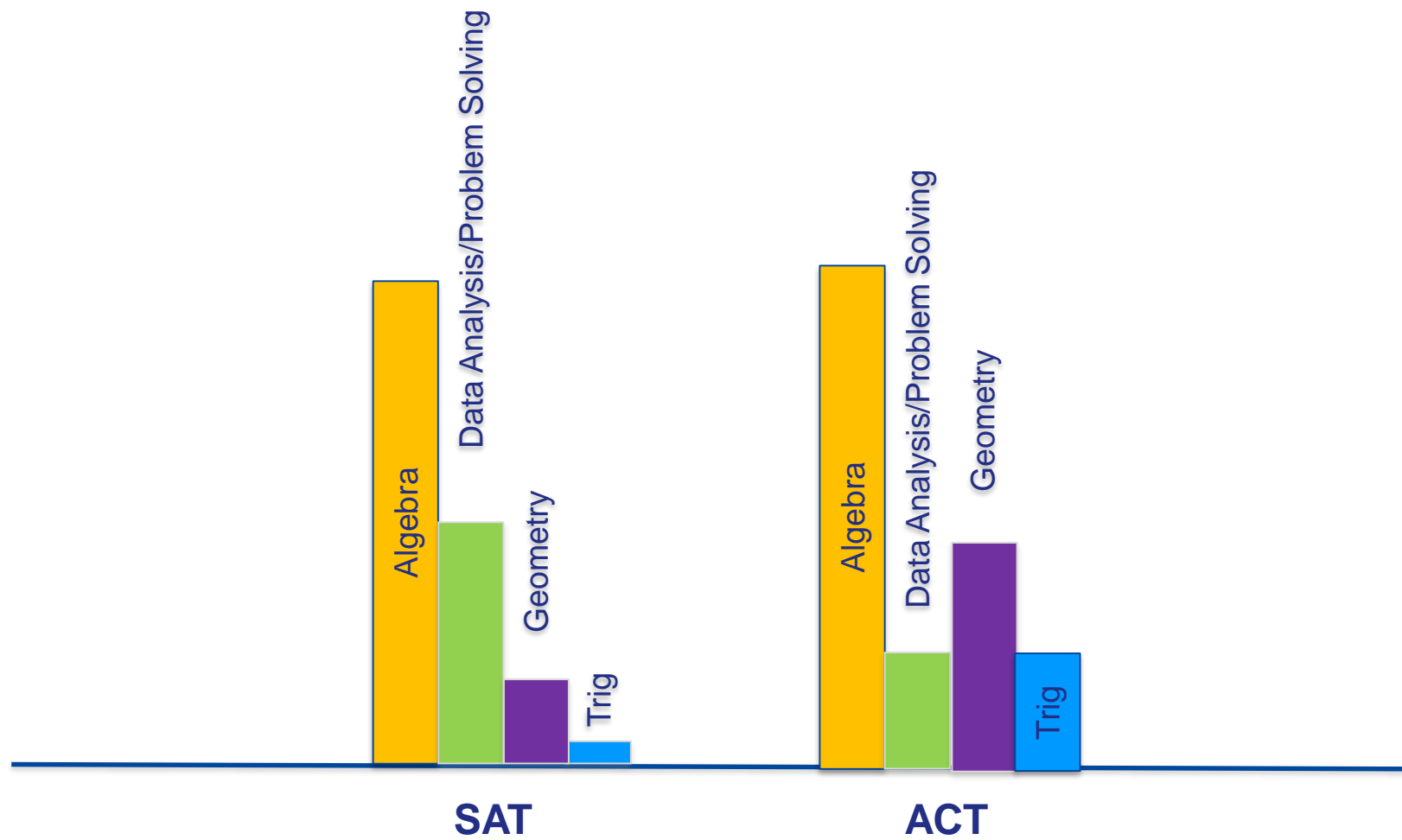
At-a-Glance



Reading Passage Topics SAT vs. ACT



Math Skills Tested SAT vs. ACT



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?

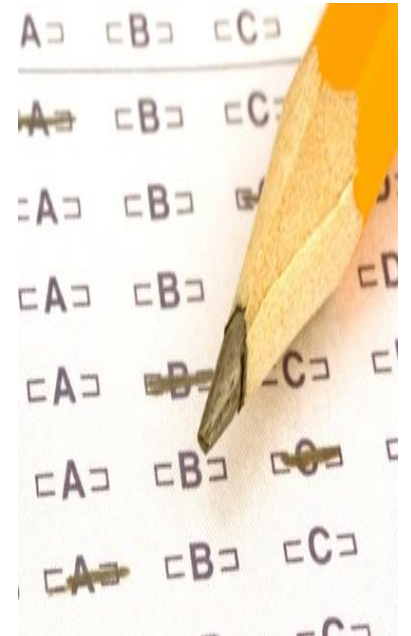
What's the
Difference?

How do I register to take a College Admissions Exam?



College Board (PSAT and SAT)
www.collegeboard.org

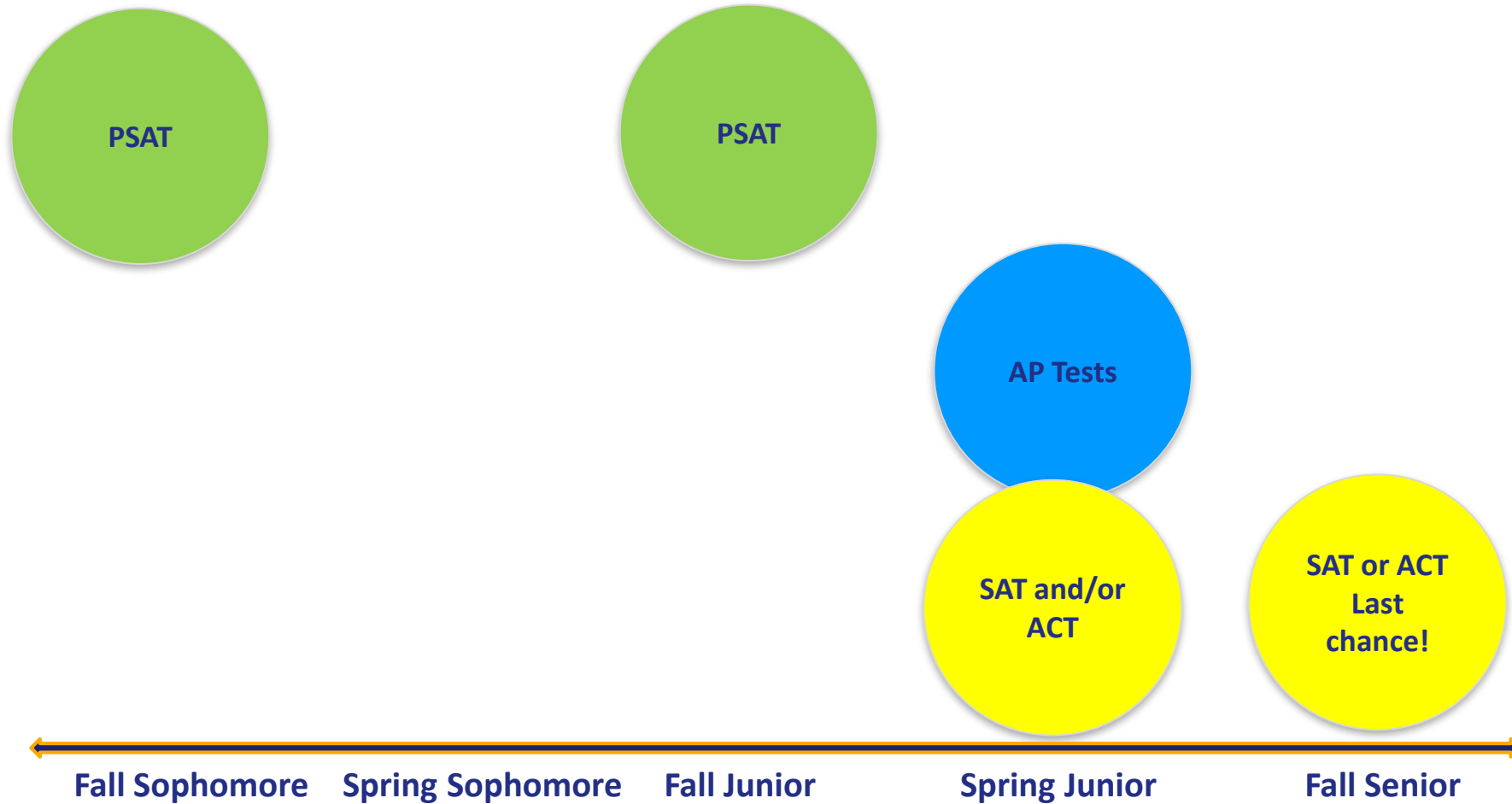
American College Testing (ACT)
www.act.org



Next Steps



Recap the Test Taking Time Line



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





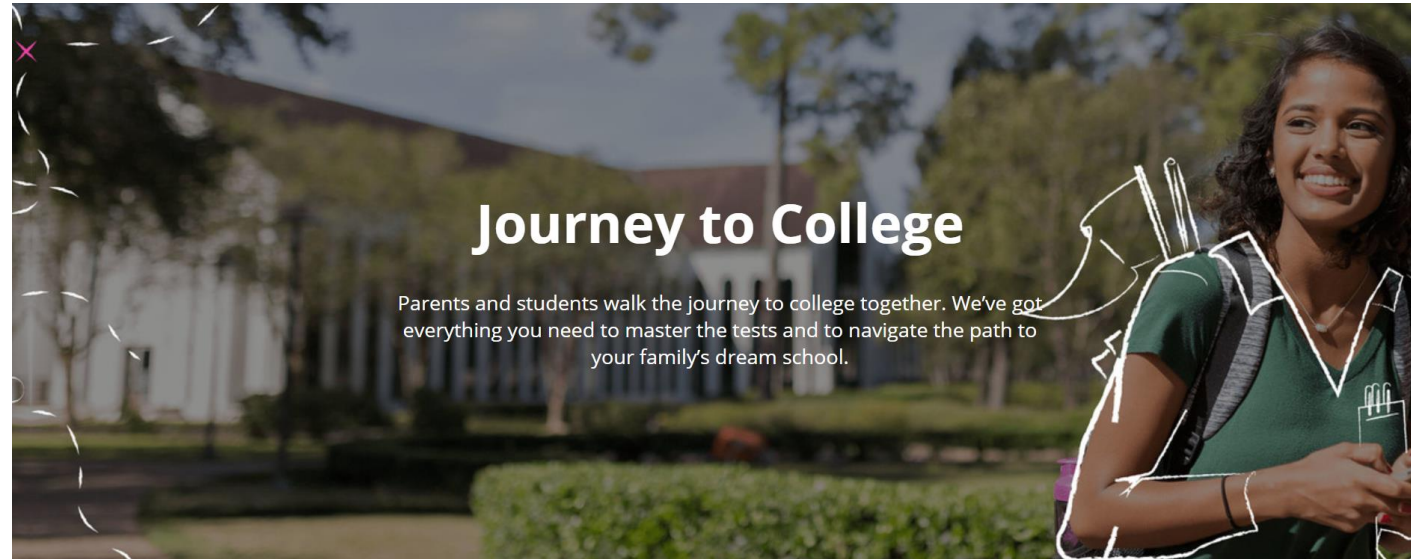
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Thank You for attending!

**GOOD LUCK WITH YOUR PREP and
Happy Testing!**



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