

Test Preparation

It is very important that you continue to reflect your academic commitment through your performance on all standardized college entrance exams. Hopefully this task will be accomplished in your junior year; if not, then perhaps in the fall of your senior year. Any of the standardized tests can be extremely important with regard to various admission opportunities and scholarship possibilities; for this reason, multiple testing (no more than 2-3 per test) is not such a bad policy. I strongly encourage all students to prepare well in advance of any future testing dates. This can be accomplished by utilizing real tests that can be obtained from ACT, College Board, or your local bookstore, and by utilizing certain materials published by the Princeton Review, Kaplan and Peterson's. A more comprehensive list of these resources can be found below. Once you have perused these materials and developed an overall strategy for taking a test, it is very important that you continue to practice on your own. Please remember – practice is essential, as without it you will find it very difficult to apply the necessary strategies required for an outstanding test score.

Online Preparation:

- The College Board /CollegeBoard.com
- ACT /ACT.org
- The Princeton review - PrincetonReview.com
- Peterson's - Petersons.com
- Kaplan - Kaplan.com

Excellent Strategy Books by The Princeton Review /Review.com

- Cracking the ACT
- Cracking the SAT
- Cracking the SAT Subject Tests (by subject)

Real Standardized Entrance Examinations:

- The College Board/College Board.com
 - The Official SAT Study Guide
 - SAT Preparation Booklet
 - The Official Study Guide for All SAT Subject Tests
 - SAT Subject Test Preparation Booklet
- ACT/ACT.org
 - The Real Act Prep Guide
 - Preparing For The Act
 - Retired Act Sample Test Booklets

Even though many colleges have downplayed their importance in recent years, depending on which national survey you review test scores are still perceived as No. 2 or No. 3 on a list of strong considerations for selective college admission. Fortunately, there are also roughly 780 colleges that do not require standardized test results of any kind for those students who do not test particularly well. Regardless of your standardized testing ability, I wish you the very best of luck with the upcoming series.

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