



Welcome to the #CAP Resource Page

This page was specially designed page to assist high school students navigate the college admissions process. You do not have to be a part of the #CAP Program to use these resources.

College Application Resources

9th and 10th Grade

- [How to Start Planning for College in 10th Grade – Blog](#)
- [How to Start Getting Ready for College in 9th and 10th Grade](#)
- [College Planning for 9-10th Grade](#)
- [College Planning for 9-10th Grade - Spanish Brochure](#)
- [CB Schools Advisory Guide: 10th Grade](#)

Parent Resources

- [My child is in 10th grade. Is it too late to start talking to them about college? – For Parents & Guardians – The College Board](#)
- [Parent Action Plan: 10th Grade](#)

11th Grade

- [College-Bound Junior Checklist](#)
- [College Application Advice for Juniors](#)
- [National College Fair Junior Checklist](#)
- [10 things every high school Junior should know](#)
- [High School Junior Financial Aid Checklist](#)
- [High School Junior Scholarship Checklist](#)

Summer Programs

- [Top Summer Programs for High School Juniors](#)
- [Summer Programs for High School Students](#)
- [Emory Pre-College Program](#)
- [Long Island Summer Honors Institute](#)
- [Andrew Young Emerging Leaders Institute](#)
- [21st Century Leaders Summer Programs](#)

- [15 Summer Programs for High Schoolers](#)
- [Summer Program Finder](#)
- [Free Summer Programs](#)

Parent Resources

- [Action Plan for Parents of a high school Junior](#)
- [Parent of a Junior Financial Aid To Do list](#)
- [High School Parents' Guide to College](#)

12th Grade

- [College Bound Senior Checklist](#)
- [College Board](#)
- [High School Senior Scholarship Checklist](#)
- [College Application Timeline](#)
- [Order High School Transcript](#)
- [Sending your SAT scores](#)
- [Common App vs Coalition App](#)
- [Common App vs Coalition App Info](#)
- [College Application Fee Waivers Info](#)
- [Common College Application](#)
- [Common App Writing Prompts](#)
- [Common App Essay Help](#)
- [Advice for Writing the Common App Essays](#)
- [Coalition College Application](#)
- [Coalition App Writing Prompts](#)
- [Coalition App Essay Tips](#)
- [HBCU Common Application](#)
- [College App Writing Help 2](#)
- [Graduating Seniors Starting College](#)

Parent Resources

- [Action Plan for Parents of a High School Senior](#)
- [Parents' Guide to FAFSA](#)
- [Parent's Guide to filling out FAFSA](#)
- [5 Myths about Parent info on FAFSA](#)
- [FAFSA Tips for Parents](#)
- [College Application Tips for Parents](#)
- [Advice for Parents of High School Seniors](#)
- [Helping Your Child Pick a School](#)
- [5 Things to Know About the Common App](#)

SAT/ACT Resources

- [ACT Test Registration](#)

- [Testing General Information](#)
- [ACT vs SAT- Which is right for you?](#)
- [ACT or SAT quiz to decide which is right for you](#)
- [ACT vs SAT comparison chart](#)
- [What is the ASVAB?](#)
- [Fee Waiver Brochure](#)
- [SAT Fee Waiver Info](#)
- [ACT Fee Waiver Info](#)
- [Understanding your SAT Score](#)
- [What is SUPER scoring?](#)
- [How to Calculate a SUPER score](#)
- [Sending your SAT scores to a college](#)

Scholarship Resources

- [Federal Financial Aid Application \(FASAF\)](#)
- [High School Senior Financial Aid Checklist](#)
- [AKA Educational Advancement Foundation](#)
- [Best Scholarship Websites to Fund Your Education](#)
- [College Board Scholarship Search](#) Engine
- [RaiseMe ~ Earn Money Now](#)
- [Grant Investigation Search Engine](#)
- [Hope & Zell Miller Grants](#) Information
- [Pell Grant](#) Information
- [UNCF Scholarship Search](#) Engine
- [Thurgood Marshall College Fund Scholarships](#)
- [Unigo](#) Search Engine
- [Fastweb](#) Search Engine
- [Cappex](#) Search Engine
- [Scholarship System Search Engine](#)
- [Weird Scholarship Search Engine](#)
- [More Weird Scholarship Research Search Engine](#)
- [Scholarship Listing for African-American Females](#)
- [Listing of Scholarships for Women](#)
- [Scholarships for Students with Disabilities](#)
- [National College Resource Foundation](#)
- [Student Scholarships Org](#) Search Engine
- [Maryland Higher Education Commission](#)
- [Scholarships – Prince George’s County Legislative Branch, MD](#)

Finding the “Right” College

- [Find a College Fair](#)
- [Get In-State Tuition at Out-of-State Schools](#)
- [Common Market Schools](#)

- [Vocational and Trade School Information](#)
- [Great College Advice](#)
- [Community \(Access\) College 2YR Degree](#)
- [Military Education Benefits/GI Bill](#)
- [Find MY Right Fit College](#)
- [A Personality Quiz](#) to Match to a College
- [A Career Interest Quiz](#) to Match to a College
- [US News College Personality Quiz](#)
- [Forbes College Match Maker](#)
- [Unigo College Match Making](#)
- [Selecting Your Right Fit College](#)
- [Help in Selecting a College](#)
- [Advice to choosing the Right Fit College](#)
- [Niche College Rankings](#) 2020
- [College Reviews](#)
- [Top 50 College Ranking](#) 2020
- [Search Ivy League Colleges and Universities](#)
- [Search for Colleges by State](#)

Historically Black Colleges (HBCU)

- [HBCU Ranking 2020](#)
- [Search HBCUs by State](#)

Important Dates

2020 -Timeline:

- June Apply for Scholarships and Look for Financial Aid Opportunities
Begin Writing College Essays
- July Ask Teachers for Letters of Recommendations
Write Personal Statements for Applications and Scholarships
- Aug Write Down Deadlines for FAFSA, Admissions Applications, and Scholarships
Organize and Research Information about Financial Aid
- Sep Register and Study for PSAT or ACT Practice Test
Begin to Fill Out College Applications
- Oct FAFSA Opens: October 1, 2020
PSAT: October 14, 2020
Compile List of Schools and Attend College Fairs
- Nov Schedule College Tours
Submit Early Decision College Application
Finalize and Submit FAFSA Application
- Dec Schedule and Attend College Tours
Finalize College Applications
Apply for At Least 5 Scholarships
Research School Deadlines (e.g., Housing and Financial Aid)

2021 Timeline

- Jan Schedule and Attend College Tours
Apply for Scholarships and Grants
Attend Financial Aid Workshops/Events; Research Student Loan Options
- Feb Schedule and Attend College Tours
Apply for Scholarships and Grants
Attend Financial Aid Workshops/Events; Research Student Loan Options
Look for Summer Internships
Complete Housing and School-Specific Financial Aid Applications

- Mar Apply for Scholarships and Grants
Research Student Loan Options
Schedule a Campus Visit
Research Student Loan Options
- Apr Compare Financial Aid Award Letters
Make Final School Decision
Mark Calendar with Important Deadlines: Registration, Orientation, Housing,
Financial Aid
- May National College Decision Day: May 1 of each year

Source: Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated #CAP Tool Kit

Test-Taking Tips for PEO's #CAP Website

Move from confused and overwhelmed to confident and prepared with these
SAT/ACT Test-Taking Strategies!



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TIPS & tricks

- **Before the Test, Part I: Create Your Game Plan**
 - **Even if you have a good GPA, you still need to prepare to take standardized tests like the SAT and ACT.** College admissions offices will take your GPA and your standardized test scores into consideration as they decide whether you will be admitted to their school. In fact, they are among the most important aspects of your application. Accordingly, you will need apply the same level of focus that has allowed you to achieve a good GPA to achieve a competitive score on the SAT and/or ACT.
 - **Start studying for standardized tests no less than two months prior to the test date.** You will need to set aside time each day during that period for test preparation. If you put in the time every day, you will have given yourself plenty of opportunities to take practice tests, etc. Most importantly, you will avoid the least effective study method, which is cramming.
 - **Use the SAT and ACT official test websites to develop study methods.** While both the SAT and ACT are accepted by many colleges and universities, there are differences between the tests. Accordingly, the official test websites for each will provide you with a variety of study tools that are tailored to their respective tests. In addition, you should consult other sites like Khan Academy ([khanacademy.org](https://www.khanacademy.org)) for free practice tests.



TIPS *& tricks*

- Before the Test, Part II: Take Practice Tests
 - When practicing for standardized tests, do not flip back and forth after each question to the answer section; complete a section or a page before checking your answers.
 - There is only one correct answer; eliminate incorrect answers to get to the correct answer.
 - Complete easier questions first, then return to the more difficult questions or questions you marked.

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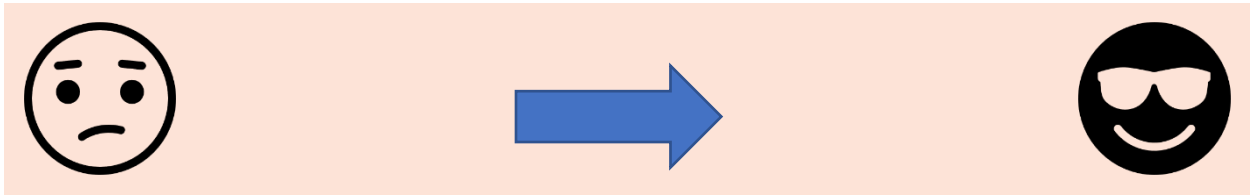
TIPS *& tricks*

- Taking the Test: Set Yourself Up for Success
 - Don't cram the night before! Get a good night's sleep before and eat a good breakfast on the day of the test.
 - If you are unsure of an answer, then guess! There is no penalty for guessing on the SAT or ACT.
 - Budget your time, read each question carefully, and don't change your answers unless you're absolutely sure you've made a mistake.



Test-Taking Tips for PEO's #CAP Website: Article 2

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TIPS & tricks

You have studied hard over the last few months, and the test is just around the corner. Set yourself up for success with this Test Day checklist:

- ✓ If you are not familiar with the test site, visit it in advance. That will give you one less thing to worry about on the day of the test.
- ✓ Do not cram the night before! If you have studied in advance, trust in your preparation.
- ✓ Get a good night's sleep before and set an alarm that you will be sure to wake up with plenty of time to arrive early to the test site.
- ✓ Dress in comfortable clothes and in layers so that you can make adjustments quickly based upon the temperature in the test room.
- ✓ Eat a good breakfast on the day of the test and bring healthy snacks and water to replenish your energy during breaks.
- ✓ Budget your time, read each question carefully, and do not change your answers unless you are absolutely sure you have made a mistake.
- ✓ If you are unsure of an answer, guess! There is no penalty for guessing on the SAT or ACT.

- ✓ If get distracted or frustrated, take a moment to close your eyes, take a few deep breaths, and proceed once you feel calmer. You can do this!



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Need to take the SAT or ACT? Well here are some resources that are sure to help you!

SAT/ACT Prep Resources

SAT Suite of Assessments

<https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat/practice/full-length-practice-tests>

- Students will be able to take a full-length SAT practice test
- 8 official SAT practice tests available for free, both online and on paper

Kaplan

<https://www.kaptest.com/sat/free/sat-practice>

- 30 day free trial
- Practice test and online

PDF SAT Practice Test

<https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/pdf/sat-practice-test-1.pdf>

- Paper copy of SAT Practice Test
- They can check their answers by going to sat.org/scoring

4Tests

<https://www.4tests.com/sat>

- Online version of taking the practice test

Prep Scholar

<https://blog.prepscholar.com/printable-sat-practice-tests-4-free-official-tests>

- Provides 10 free printable SAT test
- The test are printable

Test Prep Review

https://www.testprepreview.com/sat_practice.htm

- Allows students to take practice test in different sections such as Math, Reading, and Writing

Power Score Test Preparation

https://www.powerscore.com/sat/help/content_practice_tests.cfm

- Allows students to take test for both SAT and ACT

Union Test Prep

<https://uniontestprep.com/act/practice-test>

- Separates the subjects for the practice test

Varsity Tutors

<https://www.varsitytutors.com/act-practice-tests>

- Free online practice test broken up into subjects
- The different subjects have different types of tests



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Source: CollegeBoard www.collegeboard.org

Source: ACT www.act.org