

College Entrance Exam Resources for Your Students

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Accuplacer

- Product of College Board
- Used Nationwide
- English, reading, and mathematics
- Web based
- Untimed
- Multiple-choice format
- Questions increase or decrease in difficulty depending on answers



Accuplacer

- Computer-adaptive technology
- Scores are available immediately
- Scores will be use for placement in
 - Developmental Courses
 - Certificate Programs
 - Diploma Programs
 - Associated Degree Programs
- Check with local technical colleges for program score requirements



Accuplacer

 Free Study App: <u>https://store.collegeboard.org/sto/productdet</u> ail.do?ltemkey=120095191

 Sample Questions: <u>https://store.collegeboard.org/sto/productdet</u> ail.do?ltemkey=120095191



Accuplacer/Milestones EOC Project

Students are administered

- Accuplacer
- Milestone EOC
- Cut scores for placement at TCSG colleges



Thank You!

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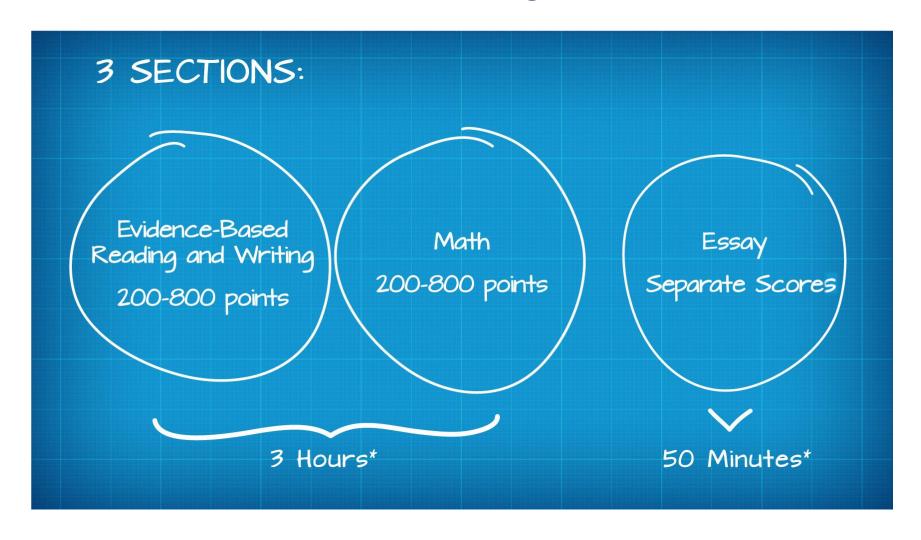




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About the Redesigned SAT



Eight Key Changes to the SAT®



Words in Context



Command of Evidence



Essay Analyzing a Source



Math that Matters
Most



Problems Grounded in Real-World Contexts



Analysis in Science and in History/Social Studies



U.S. Founding
Documents and the
Great Global
Conversation



No Penalty for Guessing

Khan Academy Official SAT Practice

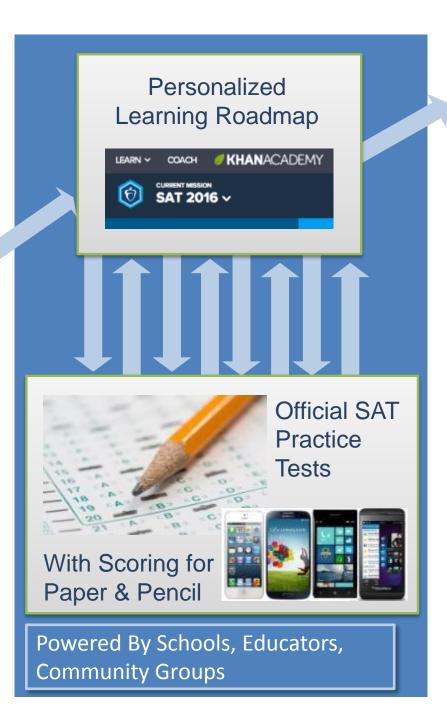
- Khan Academy creates personalized practice based on test performance and practice on Khan Academy
- Redesigned PSAT/NMSQT itemlevel results can be sent to Khan Academy if a student chooses to link their accounts.
- All SAT Suite results will be sent to further customize practice on Khan Academy using actual results.
- 4 official full-length practice SAT tests available











SAT Score: 1260





Linking Khan Academy and College Board Student Accounts

Why link Khan Academy and College Board Accounts?

- You will be able to link your College Board and Khan Academy accounts in early January 2016 when you get your PSAT/NMSQT results.
- Linking your accounts will further personalize your practice: the practice recommendations on Khan Academy will be based on your PSAT/NMSQT results
- All future scores from the SAT, PSAT/NMSQT, PSAT 10 and PSAT 8/9 will also be sent to help customize your practice and recommendations on Khan Academy.
- You will be able to jump right into practice without having to take any additional diagnostic quizzes or practice tests to get personalized recommendations.

Please note that you can terminate your account linking at any time.



Steps to link your College Board and Khan Academy Accounts

Step 1

Log in to or create your Khan Academy account at satpractice.org

Step 2

When prompted, agree to link your Khan Academy and College Board accounts

Step 3

Sign in or create your College Board Account and hit "Send" to send your scores

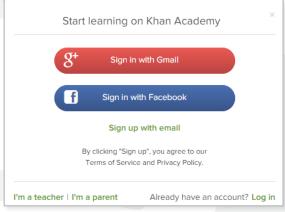


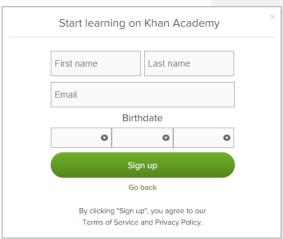
Sign up. Link up. Get practicing.



Step 1:

Create a Khan Academy Account





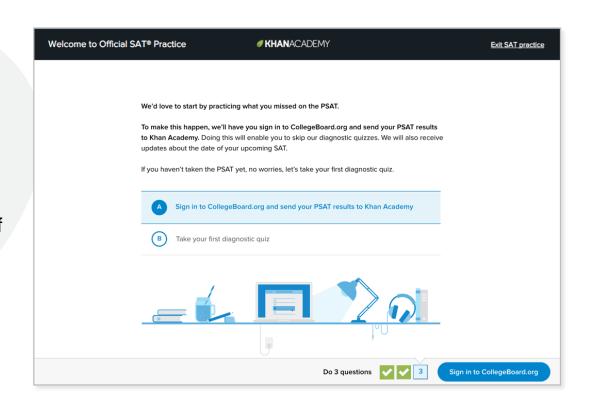
- Log in to or create your Khan Academy account
 - Go to satpractice.org
 - Click green button labeled "Check it out now"
 - Sign in with Gmail, Facebook, or click "Sign up with email"
 - If you click Sign in with Gmail or Facebook, enter in your username and password for either these accounts and you are signed in
 - If you click "Sign up with email" Enter in First Name/Last name/Email/Birthdate and click "Sign Up"
 - An email will been sent to your account to verify; sign in to your email
 - Open email from Khan Academy accounts and click on the "Finish Signing Up" button
 - A welcome screen will appear where you will enter username and password and click "Sign Up"

CollegeBoard

Step 2:

Begin to link your Khan Academy Account to College Board

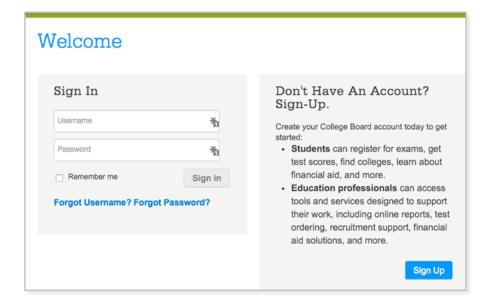
- You have logged into Khan Academy for the first time and will be asked if you would like to send PSAT results
- If you already have a Khan Academy account, a prompt will appear asking if you want to send your PSAT results to Khan Academy
- After choosing that option, you will be directed to collegeboard.org





Step 3: Create a College Board Account

- Sign in to your College Board account; if you do not have a College Board account, click 'Sign Up' to create one.
- The steps for creating a College Board account are:
 - Click on the "Sign up" blue box
 - Fill in the fields to create your student account ensuring all information is correct
 - Click "Next" at the bottom when all fields are completed
 - You are now Signed In

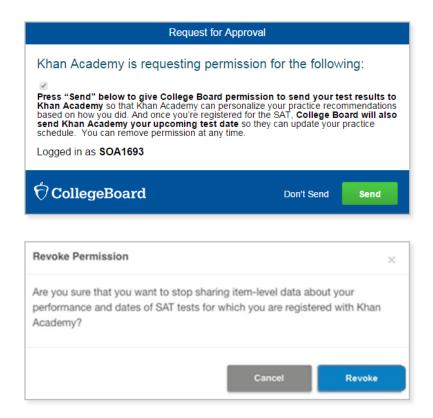


Please note that students under 13 cannot create a College Board Account.



Step 3: And Hit Send to Link Accounts

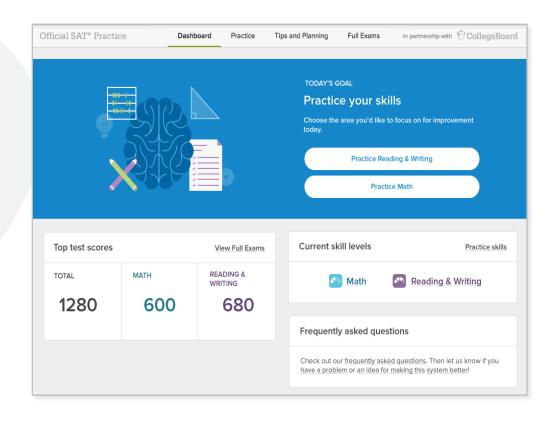
- After successfully logging in to your College Board account, you will be asked for permission to link your accounts.
- After clicking "Send" you will be redirected to SAT practice on the Khan Academy site.
- You can remove the link at any time, by clicking on "Revoke" which is found in College Board account settings.





Now Start Practicing on Khan Academy with Personalized Recommendations

- You can start your practice in either Math or Evidence Based Reading & Writing.
- The recommendations are based on how you did on the PSAT/NMSQT or PSAT 8/9.
- Keep practicing with each additional problem and activity the personalization gets stronger and gets you closer to your goal score on the SAT, PSAT/NMSQT, PSAT 10, or PSAT 8/9.





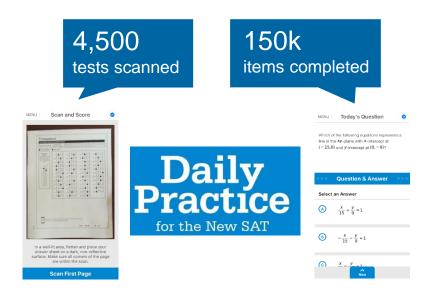
Students Answer The Call

16 million items completed

2.5 million in the PSAT/NMNSQT week alone

750,000 unique users

20,000 full-length tests



Students Practicing on Khan Academy

14" > 35"

May SAT

Oct PSAT/NMSQT



Additional Resources:

https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org

Student Resources

https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/psat-nmsqt-psat-10/scores

Educator Resources

https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/educators/k-12/score-resources







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ACT Mission

Helping people achieve education and workplace success







The ACT Overview



Research Based

- Linked to the ACT College and Career Readiness Standards
 - Sets of statements intended to help students understand what their ACT scores mean
- ACT College Readiness Benchmark Scores
- ACT National Curriculum Survey®
 - Data about what entering college students should know and be able to do to be ready for college-level coursework
 - Also informs the ACT College and Career Readiness Standards



The ACT Overview



- Curriculum-based college entrance exam
- Measures academic achievement
 - English
 - Mathematics
 - Reading
 - Science
 - Writing (optional)
- Only college entrance exam based on number of correct answers
 - No penalty for guessing
- High-stakes assessment





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Test Score Scales

•	English - Usage and Mechanics - Rhetorical Skills	1–18 1–18	1–36
•	Mathematics - Pre-Algebra/Algebra - Algebra/Coord Geometry - Geometry/Trig	1–18 1–18 1–18	1–36
•	Reading - Social Studies/Sciences - Arts/Literature	1–18 1–18	1–36
•	Science		1–36
Composite 1–36 • Average of four test scores (No writing)			
Ti	ne ACT with writing Writing Subject Score	1–3	36

2-12

2–12

2-12





Writing Domain Scores

Organization

Ideas and Analysis

Development and Support



English Test

- 75 questions, 45 minutes
- 5 essays or passages, each with a set of multiple-choice questions
- Two subscores and a total test score
 - Usage/Mechanics

Punctuation	10–15%
 Grammar and Usage 	15–20%
 Sentence Structure 	20-25%

Rhetorical Skills

Strategy	15–20%
Organization	10–15%
- Style	15–20%





Mathematics Test

- 60 questions, 60 minutes
- Multiple-choice questions that require the use of reasoning skills to solve practical problems
- Three subscores and a total test score
 - Pre-Algebra /Elementary Algebra

	Pre-Algebra	20-25%
	 Elementary Algebra 	15-20%
-	Intermediate Algebra/Coord. Geometry	
	 Intermediate Algebra 	15-20%
	 Coordinate Geometry 	15–20%
-	Plane Geometry/Trigonometry	
	 Plane Geometry 	20-25%
	 Trigonometry 	5-10%





Reading Test

- 40 questions, 35 minutes
- 4 sections, each containing one long or two shorter prose passages
- Two subscores and a total test score
 - Arts/Literature

-	Literary Narrative or Prose Fiction	25%
-	Humanities	25%

Social Studies/Sciences

-	Social Studies	25%
-	Natural Sciences	25%





Science Test

- 40 questions, 35 minutes
- Interpretation, analysis, evaluation, reasoning, and problem-solving skills
 - Biology, Earth/Space Sciences, Chemistry, and Physics
- One score

_	Data Representation	30–40%
-	Research Summaries	45–55%
_	Conflicting Viewpoints	15–20%





Writing Test (Optional)

- Enhanced design introduced in fall 2015
- 1 writing prompt, 40 minutes
- The scoring moved from holistic, single-score reporting to analytic reporting of four domain scores (ideas and analysis, development and support, organization, and language use) to provide better information about college and career readiness
- Emphasizes student ability to evaluate multiple perspectives on a complex issue and generate an analysis based on reasoning, knowledge, and experience

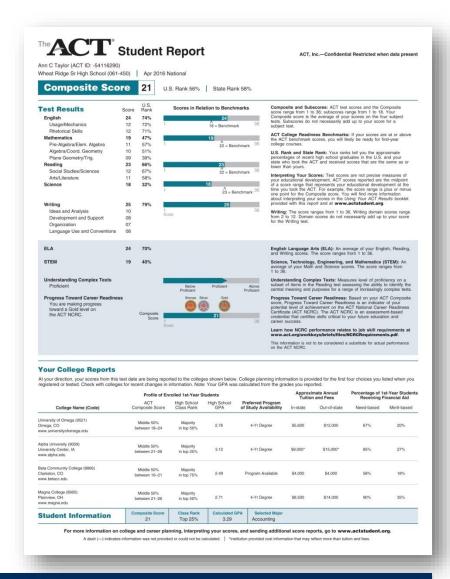




New Readiness Indicators



- New readiness indicators were introduced in fall 2015
 - English Language Arts (ELA)
 Score
 - STEM Score
 - Understanding Complex Texts
 Indicator
 - Progress Toward Career
 Readiness Indicator

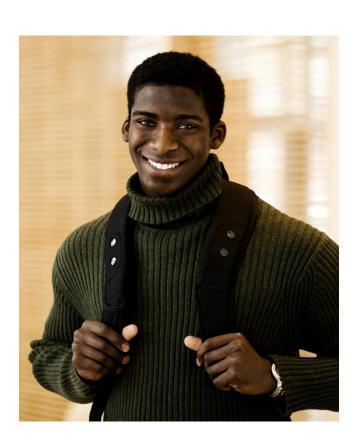






Key Noncognitive Components

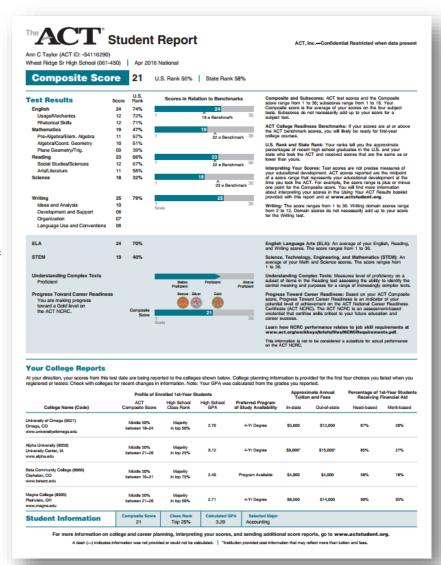
- High School Course/Grade Information
 - Courses completed or intend to take
 - Grades received
- ACT Interest Inventory
 - Helps students explore personally relevant career options
- ACT Student Profile Section (SPS)
 - Educational and vocational aspirations
 - Post-high school plans
 - Activities
 - Accomplishments
 - Needs





Student Score Report

- Understand your scores
 - www.actstudent.org/scores/understand
- Using Your ACT Results
 - www.act.org/aap/pdf/Using-Your-ACT-Results.pdf

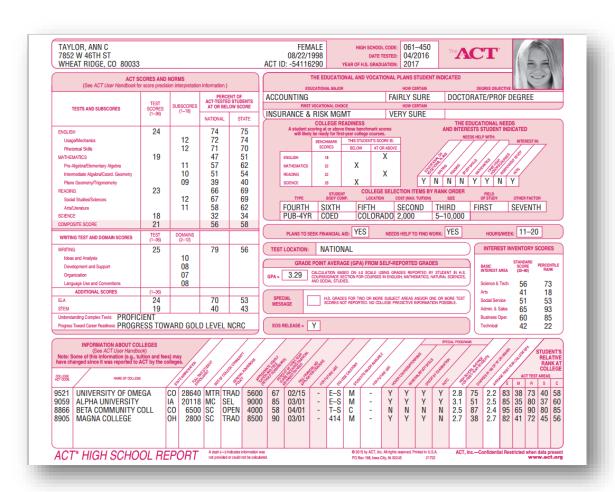






High School Report

- The ACT User Handbook for Educators
 - http://www.act.org/aap/pdf/A CT-UserHandbook.pdf
- Using Your ACT Results
 - www.act.org/aap/pdf/Using-Your-ACT-Results.pdf

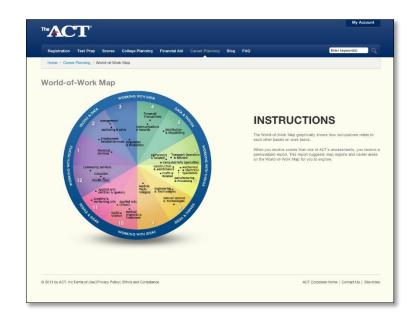






Student Resources

- Free test preparation material
 - Sample questions with explanatory answers
 - ACT Question of the Day
 - www.act.org/qotd/
 - Preparing for the ACT (downloadable PDF)
- Testing tips
- ACT Map of College Majors
- Interactive ACT World-of-Work Map
- Financial aid and scholarship information



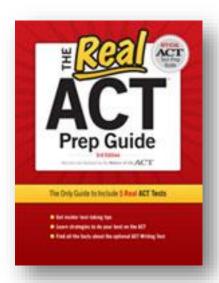
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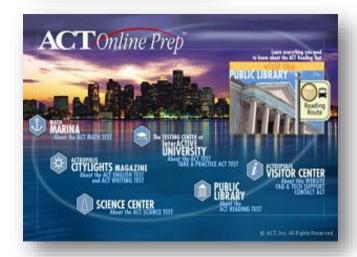




Student Preparation Available for a Nominal Fee

- The Real ACT Prep Guide
 - www.actstudent.org/testprep/book.html
- ACT Online Prep
 - www.actstudent.org/onlineprep/



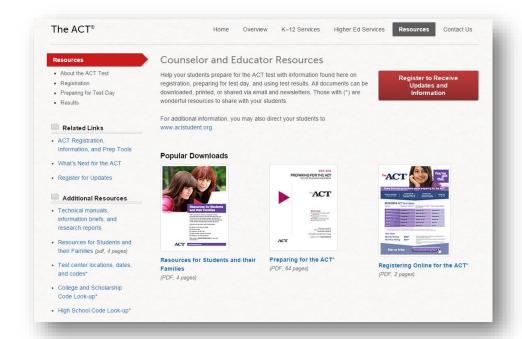






Counselor/Educator Resources

- Preparing for the ACT
- Why Take The ACT?
- Using Your ACT Results
- ACT User Handbook
- Test dates and deadlines
- Sample Score Reports
- ACT Online Prep[™] school version
- ACT sample test booklets/ retired tests
- Forms fee waiver eligibility, paper registration, accommodated testing
- Order materials



www.act.org/aap/resources.html





Two Models

- National Testing
 - Student registers for the ACT
- State and District Testing
 - The ACT is provided by State or District Board of Education
 - www.act.org/state-anddistrict-testing/index.html





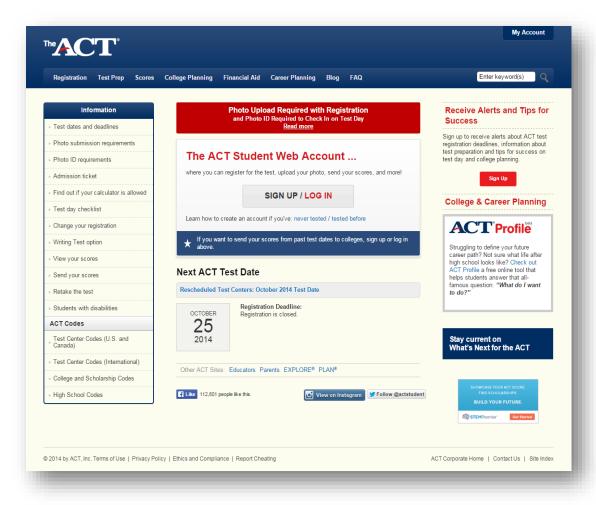
ACT National Testing Features



Online Registration

- Student Account
- www.actstudent.org

More than 95% of students register online

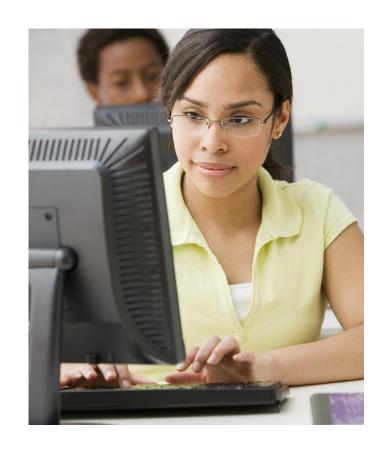






Online option

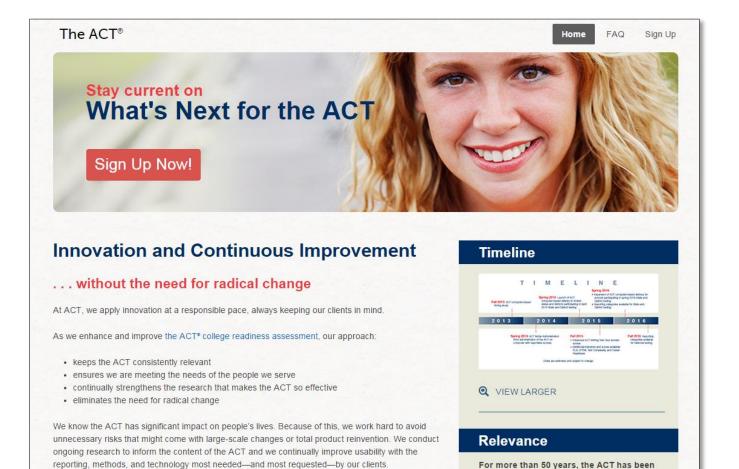
- Option for students to test online
- Prior to this year ACT has offered online testing to a limited audience
- Online version will be offered to all State and District testing customers in spring 2016





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relevant and effective. Here's how . . .



College Entrance Exams



- Question of the Day in Core Classes or AM announcements
- SAT/ACT Prep Class or SAT/ACT Prep Club
- Flash Cards of CEE practice questions on tables in cafeteria
- Day before CEE, invite students to a "chat session" to get last minute tips (College Registration Report)
- Wallet sized card to distribute to students with school code, testing dates, practice sites. Develop flyer for teachers to post in their classroom.
- Encourage your school to become an SAT and/or ACT test site or to become an SAT test site for school day testing to provide greater access to all students.

- Are your teachers familiar with the redesigned SAT?
- Once scores are received, do you interpret results for students? Do you Review scores with staff to see what changes can be implemented in core areas to assist students?
- On CEE test days, School Counseling Department, Teachers, Administrators, Parents and/or Volunteers go to designated sites to "cheer" on students and distribute snacks and water during breaks

All Levels

Elementary

Middle

High



<u>Using Movies & Music in</u> <u>Your School Counseling</u> <u>Program</u>

2:00 PM



<u>Understanding the Counselor's</u>
Role in Crisis Situations

2:00 PM



5th Grade Portfolios
Best Practices

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Early College Awareness Initiatives

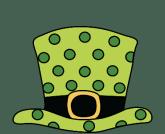
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