

WELCOME PARENTS

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What's Happening Now...

- ▶ Counselors are meeting with Juniors and Seniors in Advisories and going through the Junior and Senior Planning Packet.
- ▶ Counselors are doing an advisory presentation on Career Cruising in regard to the college search process with all Juniors.
- ▶ Counselors will be meeting individually with Seniors now and with Juniors in the spring.

What is a Transcript ?

- ▶ **Official Document with School Seal**
- ▶ **Cumulative Permanent Academic record of all classes taken and Grades Earned**
- ▶ **Weighted and Unweighted Grade Point Average**
- ▶ **Standardized Test Scores**
- ▶ **High School Percentile Band**
- ▶ **Community Service Hours**
- ▶ **Student Activities**

PSAT/NMSQT

All Juniors will take the **PSAT/NMSQT** (National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test) on Wednesday, October 19th at Sandburg. The **PSAT** will focus on two things...

- ❑ What your student has learned in high school
- ❑ What skills they need to be successful in college

The best prep for this test....

- ❑ Take challenging courses
- ❑ Do all homework and assignments
- ❑ Be prepared and study for all tests and quizzes
- ❑ Ask and answer lots of questions

Bottom Line..... Learning as much as they can while they are here.

3 Main Components of the PSAT

- ❑ Reading Test
- ❑ Writing and Language Test
- ❑ Math Test

Content Changes- New PSAT/ NEW SAT

- ❑ Words in Context
- ❑ Command of Evidence
- ❑ Math that matters most
- ❑ Problems grounded in the Real World
- ❑ Analysis in Science and in Social Studies
- ❑ US Founding documents and the great Global Conversation
- ❑ No penalty for Guessing

STATE SAT +
ESSAY

All Juniors will test on
April 25th, 2017

SAT scores will appear on transcripts. It
is a state requirement for graduation.

www.actstudent.org

ACT- www.actstudent.org and create an account or log in to your ACT account.

- Select your test date and test date option (ACT or ACT with Writing)
- Check the list of colleges that require or recommend the ACT with Writing
- Select your test center
- Upload your photo
- Send up to four score reports for free when you register.
- Test Fees*
 - ACT- \$42.50
 - ACT with Writing- \$58.50
- Carl Sandburg High School Code: 143325



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ABOUT ACT

Next ACT Test Date: Sept 10, 2016

LATE REGISTRATION: AUGUST 8-19, 2016

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The ACT

From Twitter

How many 2016 HS grads are likely to earn a college degree? Be one of the first to find out tomorrow. bit.ly/2aZE95o

#ACTInsights

1 day ago

What percentage of ACT-tested 2016 high school graduates aspire to postsecondary education? Report coming tomorrow.

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SAT- www.sat.collegeboard.org

- Click on Register now
- Click on “Don’t have an Account? Sign-Up.
- Create Your Student Account
- Select your test date and test option
- Select your test center
- Upload your photo
- SAT-fee, \$45.00
 - with Essay, \$57.00
- Can send up to four scores free of charge
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SAT

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SAT Registration



Register Now

Register for the October SAT or SAT Subject Tests by Sept. 1 to avoid a late fee.



Upcoming Dates

Sep 01 Regular registration deadline for Oct SAT

Oct 01 Next SAT test day



Practice

Get ready for the new SAT with our free and official practice app, practice tests, and sample questions.

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Should you take the ACT or the SAT?

- ❑ In comparison the two tests have gotten much more similar.
- ❑ It's harder to study for a newly released test, there are fewer practice materials (the new SAT has four official practice tests to the ACT's ten).
- ❑ It's easier to study for a test you're already familiar with.

Take the SAT if you.....

1. Panic when faced with time limits.
2. Can't stand the idea of not getting to every question.
3. Have a hard time spotting details when you read.
4. Struggle with geometry.
5. Want to encounter as little science as possible.
6. Excel at writing analytical essays in English class.

Take the ACT if you....

1. Struggle with vocabulary.
2. Can't always explain how you know the answer is correct.
3. Are intimidated by doing math without a calculator.
4. Prefer that different topics be tested in different sections.
5. Have a solid grasp of experimental design.
6. Like to give your opinion.

QUIZ TIME- ARE YOU ACT or SAT?????

1. Do you perform well under pressure?
2. Are you okay with not answering every question on a test?
3. Do you struggle to explain why you think an answer is correct?
4. Do you have a hard time with high level vocab words?
5. Can you spot details in a passage without reading it closely?
6. Do you dread doing math without a calculator?
7. Do you excel at geometry?
8. Do you prefer each topic be tested separately?
9. Do you understand experimental design?
10. Do you like science?

Scores

1-3: You're an SAT person

If you answered “no” to most of the questions, you’ll probably find the new SAT more your style. You don’t mind slightly harder questions as long as you don’t have to rush and don’t have to cover too much material.

4-7: You can do either

If you answered “no” and “yes” roughly the same amount, you will probably find the tests equally approachable. If you’re willing to put in the time, try taking one practice test for each and see if you have a strong preference.

8-10: You're an ACT person

If you answered “yes” then you’re more of an ACT person. You don’t mind moving quickly, memorizing material, or answering questions about science.

ACT/SAT PREP INFORMATION

- ACT Online Prep- www.actonlineprep.com
- Kaplan Private Tutoring- www.Kaptest.com/college
- Jeanius- Prep- www.JeaniusPrep.com
- Princeton Review- www.princetonreview.com
- NUMBER2.com- www.number2.com
- Excel Edge- www.exceledgeinc.com
- College Board- www.collegeboard.com
- Khan Academy- www.collegereadiness.collegeboard.com
www.khanacademy.org/sat
- C2 Education- www.c2educate.com

2017 AP Exam Schedule

Week 1	Morning 8 a.m.	Afternoon 12 noon	Week 2	Morning 8 a.m.	Afternoon 12 noon	Afternoon 2 p.m.
Monday, May 1, 2017	Chemistry Environmental Science	Psychology	Monday, May 8, 2017	Biology Music Theory	Physics C: Mechanics	Physics C: Electricity and Magnetism
Tuesday, May 2, 2017	Computer Science A Spanish Language and Culture	Art History Physics 1: Algebra-Based	Tuesday, May 9, 2017	Calculus AB Calculus BC	French Language and Culture Spanish Literature and Culture	
Wednesday, May 3, 2017	English Literature and Composition	Japanese Language and Culture Physics 2: Algebra-Based	Wednesday, May 10, 2017	English Language and Composition	Italian Language and Culture Macroeconomics	
Thursday, May 4, 2017	United States Government and Politics	Chinese Language and Culture Seminar	Thursday, May 11, 2017	Comparative Government and Politics World History	Statistics	
Friday, May 5, 2017	German Language and Culture United States History	Computer Science Principles	Friday, May 12, 2017	Human Geography Microeconomics	European History Latin	