



My College Admissions Checklist

Name:

My dream college:

Goals for my dream college:

GPA

SAT score

ACT score

Getting Started

- Visit www.kaptest.com/classof2009 today!
- Sign-up for your free College Admissions Planner.
- Listen to the latest edition of the College Bound Podcast Series, dedicated to helping the Class of 2009 jumpstart the admissions process.
- Learn more about the PSAT/SAT/ACT* and the college admissions process.

Research College Options

- Use Kaplan's College Search tool to start finding the right school for you.
- Work with your guidance counselor and family to develop an initial list of target schools. Make sure to choose some safeties, but remember to aim high!
- Use your College Admissions Planner to create a schedule of deadlines, including test registration dates, application deadlines, admissions rounds, and financial aid deadlines.

Navigate the College Admissions Process

- Narrow your list of target schools (*Spring 2008*).
- Finalize college essay topics (*Summer/Fall 2008*).
- Write college essays and finish applications (*Fall 2008*).
- Identify teachers, school administrators, and other individuals you can ask for recommendations (*Fall 2008*).
- Submit college applications (*Fall 2008/Winter 2009*).
- Get accepted to your dream college and send in your deposit! (*May 2009*)

Apply for Financial Aid

- Investigate financial aid and scholarship options (*Now!*)
- Fill out FAFSA: <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/> (*January 2009*).
- Fill out CSS, if applicable (*January 2009*).

Take the PSAT

- Check with your guidance counselor to see if the PSAT is being offered at your school.
- Learn more about the PSAT, test scores, and how you can qualify for National Merit Scholarships.
- Take a practice PSAT at your school or at a Kaplan center:
_____ (practice test date/time/location)
- Enroll in Kaplan's **PSAT/SAT for Sophomores and Juniors** program to get a higher score:

(class date/time/location)

- Take the PSAT (*October 17th or October 20th*)

Take the SAT or ACT (or Both)

- Learn more about the SAT and ACT, and the differences between the two tests.
- Enroll in Kaplan's free ACT QuizBank and/or SAT QuizBank to get a better feel for test content and pacing.
- Take a *free* practice SAT, ACT, or SAT/ACT Combo Test:

_____ (practice test date/time/location)

- Attend a Test Strategies or College 101 workshop:

_____ (workshop date/time/location)

- Register for a test date.
- Enroll in a SAT or ACT Kaplan Classroom Course or Private Tutoring Program to get a higher score:

(class date/time/location)

- Take the SAT or ACT (*Spring 2008*).

_____ (test date/time/location)

! Important Information and Resources

! Tests at Glance

PSAT

- 2 hours and 10 minutes (excluding breaks).
- Students receive three scaled scores from 20–80 for each section (Math, Critical Reading, Writing).

SAT

- 3 hours and 45 minutes (excluding breaks).
- Students receive three scaled scores from 200–800 for each section (Math, Critical Reading, Writing) and a raw score for the Essay from 0–12.

ACT

- 2 hours and 55 minutes, or 3 hours and 25 minutes, including the Writing Test.
- Students receive four scaled scores from 1–36 for each subject area test (English, Math, Reading, Science), a total composite score from 1–36, and a raw score for the optional Writing Test from 0–12.

! Test Registration Information

College Board/ETS (PSAT)

- www.collegeboard.com
- Students can register at their high school or at a local high school in their community
- PSAT Test Fee: \$12

College Board/ETS (SAT)

- www.collegeboard.com
- (866) 756-7346
- SAT Test Fee: \$41

ACT, Inc. (ACT, PLAN)

- <http://www.actstudent.org>
- ACT Registration
P.O. Box 414
Iowa City, IA 52243-0414
- (319) 337-1270
- ACT Test Fee: \$29 (basic fee); \$43 (includes Writing Test fee)

Prep Smarter and Score Higher— Or Your Money Back.†

With Kaplan, you'll get:

- *SmartPoints™* system that focuses your prep on the skills that will get you the most points on Test Day.
- *Realistic practice and personalized feedback* to gauge your progress and adjust your prep as needed.
- *Kaplan Higher Score Guarantee*—score higher or get your money back.†

Kaplan's PSAT, SAT, and ACT Preparation Options

We recommend you begin your preparation at least 8–10 weeks in advance (12–14 weeks if you plan to use a tutor).

Private Tutoring Programs

- PSAT, SAT, ACT, and SAT Subject Tests

Classroom Programs

- PSAT/SAT for Sophomore and Juniors
- SAT for Juniors and Seniors
- ACT Classroom Course

Online Options

- PSAT, SAT, ACT

FREE PSAT, SAT, and ACT Practice

- Sign up for a full-length, proctored PSAT, SAT, ACT, or SAT/ACT Combo Practice Test or College Admissions Seminar by calling 1-800-KAP-TEST.
- Sign up for your *free* SAT or ACT QuizBank at: www.kaptest.com/satquizbank or www.kaptest.com/actquizbank
- Sign up for an online full-length practice test at www.kaptest.com/classof2009.

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