



# My College Admissions Checklist

Name:

My dream college:

Goals for my dream college:

GPA

SAT score

ACT score

## Getting Started

- Visit [www.kaptest.com/classof2010](http://www.kaptest.com/classof2010) today!
- Sign-up for your free College Admissions Planner.
- 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 2009*).
- Finalize college essay topics (*Summer/Fall 2009*).
- Write college essays and finish applications (*Fall 2009*).
- Identify teachers, school administrators, and other individuals you can ask for recommendations (*Fall 2009*).
- Submit college applications (*Fall 2009/Winter 2010*).
- Get accepted to your dream college and send in your deposit! (*May 2010*)

## Apply for Financial Aid

- Investigate financial aid and scholarship options (*Now!*)
- Fill out FAFSA: <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/> (*January 2010*).
- Fill out CSS, if applicable (*January 2010*).

## Take the PSAT

- Check with your guidance counselor to see if the PSAT is being offered at your school.
- Learn more about the PSAT and how you can qualify for National Merit Scholarships and other awards.
- Take a practice PSAT at your school or at a Kaplan center:

\_\_\_\_\_ (practice test date/time/location)

- Enroll in Kaplan's **PSAT/SAT** or **PSAT/ACT Classroom Course** program to get a higher score:

\_\_\_\_\_ (class date/time/location)

- Take the PSAT (*October 15th or October 18th*)

## 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 Admissions 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 2009*).

\_\_\_\_\_ (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)

- Students can register at their high school or at a local high school in their community
- PSAT Test Fee: \$13

### College Board/ETS (SAT)

- Register at [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com)
- SAT Test Fee: \$43

### ACT, Inc. (ACT)

- Register at [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org)
- ACT Test Fee:  
\$30 (basic fee)  
\$44.50 (includes Writing Test fee)\*

## Prep Smarter, Score Higher— Or Your Money Back.†

Enroll today and benefit from:

- *SmartPoints™* system that focuses your prep on the SAT or ACT 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, SAT Subject Tests, AP Tests

### Classroom Programs

- PSAT/SAT, PSAT/ACT Classroom Course
- SAT Classroom Course
- 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/quizbank](http://www.kaptest.com/quizbank).
- Sign up for a free online full-length practice test at [www.kaptest.com/classof2010](http://www.kaptest.com/classof2010).

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