



FREE COLLEGE CAN HAPPEN TO YOU!

Speech Notes

8TH GRADE SUCCESS

9th – Take rigorous courses (everything counts)

Take PSAT in October

Incorporate 1-2 hours a week of PSAT practice

Volunteer at least 20 hours (log it in)

Join Clubs

Create a scholarship/college email

Start searching for scholarships (keep record)

10th – Take rigorous courses (keep up grades)

Take PSAT in October

Incorporate 2-3 hours a week of PSAT practice

Volunteer at least 20 hours (log it in)

Continue Club activities

Visit 2-3 colleges

Continue scholarship search

Take 1-2 SATs in spring

*****The Summer before 11th grade should be your heaviest studying for the PSAT 6-10 hours (full-length test once a week). Treat it like a part time job!***

11th –Take rigorous courses (AP, Dual credit)

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Take October SAT

Take PSAT in October (counts)

Incorporate 342 hours a week of PSAT/SAT practice

Take the November and December SAT

Volunteer at least 20 hours (log it in)

Run for club offices/leadership

Visit 2-3 more colleges

Keep up the scholarship search

SENIOR SUCCESS

12th –Finish strong (GPA)

Take the December 7 SAT (deadline Nov 25)

Start college search www.nces.ed.gov/collegenavigator

List College by: Safe, Reach and Dream

Deadlines, early admission, application, test scores,

Go to www.cappex.com

Visit colleges-stay in a dorm

Incorporate as much volunteer work as possible

Create a brag sheet

Get letters of recommendation

Retake SAT January-June

Enjoy your family this summer

Fill out FAFSA

- Set up PIN number at www.PIN.ed.gov
- Apply January 1 of senior year
www.fafsa.ed.gov.
- Takes about an hour

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Social Security Number

W-2 Forms

Income Tax Returns (not necessarily filed)

Parent's Tax Returns if dependant

Bank Statements

Start Scholarship Search

www.fastweb.com; www.xap.com ;www.wiredscholar.com

Use little-known words such as: Endowment, Foundation, Honorarium, Trust, Fellowship, Donors

Get FREE or Cheap College

- **72 Colleges (based on income)**
- **Meet minimum SAT score**

Average \$40 - \$65K (some consider 100K low income)

IVY League = Harvard, Brown, Cornell, Dartmouth, Duke, Princeton, Rice...

<http://www.finaid.org/questions/noloansforlowincome.phtml>

Colleges Cap Loans at \$5000

http://projectonstudentdebt.org/pc_institution.php

Colleges For Low GPA Students

<http://www.ctcl.org>

U-PROMISE

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ACE THE SAT

Why is this test important?

1. The SAT is a test that most colleges use for an entrance exam and determining eligibility for scholarships.
2. This test puts all students on an equal playing ground regardless of their academic background.

10 KEY FACTS ABOUT THE SAT:

1. The highest score is 2400 (all 3 sections)
2. No penalty for taking it many times
3. Many colleges do SUPER Score
4. Most colleges use Score-Choice (even Ivy-Leagues)
5. Offered 7 times a year (sign up online or by mail)
6. Contains hidden recurring patterns
7. It is a logic not an IQ test
8. The cost is 625K to create one test
9. Waivers available
10. It can be figured out

TIME-MANAGEMENT TEST

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The Design:

- Most students don't finish the test (A MINUTE PER QUESTION).
- It is a weeding out process. All answers can be answered quickly and even in 30 seconds or less.
- The duration 3-hours 45-min
- It is learnable!
- There is ONE right answer!
- Questions are purposely misleading and wrong answers look appealing.
- It tests the same basic set of standards every time.

Our Goal:

- Show you ways to cut time & answer correctly
- Know why the one answer is right
- Know why the others are wrong

3 MYTHS ABOUT THE SAT

1. The SAT tests a student's knowledge.

False: Stated on the front page of the test is a "reasoning" test. It has to be a universal test that anyone can do well on regardless of their academic background (public, private, or home-school). The SAT and PSAT/NMSQT are tests of logic. Being able to understand the hidden logical patterns is what will help students score high on the test

2. The PSAT/NMSQT is a practice SAT and is not that important.

False: "P" stands for preliminary, not practice. This one test can give you an open ticket to just about any college. It provides bragging rights for schools to have you – a National Merit Winner attends their school – so they will gladly

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pay your way. The PSAT only counts for National Merit Scholarship qualification when taken in your junior year, but students may take it for practice in the ninth and tenth grades.

10 KEYS ABOUT THE PSAT:

1. It is not a practice test- The “P” stands for Preliminary
2. The highest score is 240 (same 3 sections as SAT)
3. It is also a logic test written by The College Board
4. There is no essay or Algebra 2
5. It is offered once a year-October
6. Sign up at school (waivers available)-*sign up early*
7. There are 3 initial stages of competition
8. Scores vary per state
9. Use homeschool code for your state
10. Each section is worth 80 points-240 is the best possible score.

3. *You have to spend large amounts of money to prepare for and do well on the SAT.*

False: A lot of people think this because some of the prep courses can cost \$2000-\$5000. Many of those courses are just a bunch of

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Busy work to make you think you are getting your money's worth. If a student can learn to decode the patterns, he or she can do very well. Many times, the SAT question will point you to the correct answer. That doesn't cost you a lot of money if you know this.

SAT VS. ACT

100% of all colleges take either test or will convert the score

Similar-both are for college entrance and scholarships

Different-SAT=logic based

ACT=content based

KEYS TO ACING STANDARDIZED TESTS:

1. Find fast way to answer math in 30 seconds or less
2. Know the secret to writing a perfect scoring essay
3. Discover the reading shortcuts that eliminate 70% of the passage
4. Learn the recurring patterns that point to the answer
5. Identify the logic behind the question
6. Practice the correct way using test-taking strategies
7. Start Early!

To find out more on acing the SAT and PSAT, read testimonials, watch our tv shows, etc. go to www.collegeprepgenius.com

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