



WHEN SHOULD I START ACT OR SAT TEST PREP?

YOUR ROADMAP TO TEST SUCCESS



DIAGNOSTIC SAT AND ACT TESTS: **SPRING OF SOPHOMORE YEAR**

We recommend that all students take **free proctored SAT and ACT exams** between April and June or over the summer between 10th and 11th grade. After that, in consultation with an A+ director, decide which exam to prepare for (SAT or ACT).

For more information on our free proctored exams visit aplustutoring.com.

If your preliminary score was above 1200 on the SAT or above 25 on the ACT:

Begin Test Prep in Summer After Sophomore Year (see page 2)

If your preliminary score was between 1000 and 1200 on the SAT or between 20 and 25 on the ACT:

Consider Subject Tutoring Before Test Prep (see page 3)

If your preliminary score was below 1000 on the SAT or below a 20 on the ACT:

Build Foundational Skills Now and Start Test Prep in Spring of Junior Year (see page 4)

Note: These are general guidelines. Each student's needs are different. We're here to help you make a customized plan for your individual student. Call and speak with one of our directors today.

For students whose diagnostic scores are above 1200 on the SAT or above 25 on the ACT

Summer (Rising Junior)

Begin test prep now to prepare for October PSAT (for possible National Merit recognition).

Junior Year Fall Semester

Take PSAT in October followed by first attempt at SAT or ACT.

Junior Year Spring Semester

Second attempt at SAT or ACT.

Summer (Rising Senior)

If necessary, make third attempt at ACT (July) or SAT (August).

Senior Year Fall Semester

Submit best scores to colleges.

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For students whose diagnostic scores are between 1000 and 1200 on the SAT or between 20 and 25 on the ACT

Summer (Rising Junior)

Consider subject tutoring to boost fundamental skills in preparation for test prep tutoring.

Junior Year Fall Semester

Begin test prep now.

Junior Year Spring Semester

First attempt at SAT or ACT.

Summer (Rising Senior)

Second attempt at the SAT or ACT.

Senior Year Fall Semester

If necessary, make third attempt at ACT (September) or SAT (October). Submit best scores to colleges.

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For students whose diagnostic scores are below 1000 on the SAT or below a 20 on the ACT

Summer (Rising Junior)

Subject tutoring recommended to improve fundamental reading comprehension and math skills in preparation for test prep tutoring.

Junior Year Fall Semester

Focus on schoolwork and continue tutoring in fundamental skills.

Junior Year Spring Semester

Begin test prep now. First attempt at SAT (May) or ACT (June).

Summer (Rising Senior)

Second attempt at ACT (July) or SAT (August).

Senior Year Fall Semester

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