

BOONTON HIGH SCHOOL



**Welcome to Parent & Guardian University:
College Planning**

AGENDA



- Junior Year Checklist and Timeline
- SAT & ACT Registration Dates and Deadlines
- Senior Year Checklist and Timeline
- Application Deadlines
- FAFSA Deadline
- Instant Decision Days (IDD)

JUNIOR CHECKLIST & TIMELINE



- **FALL**
 - GRADES & ACTIVITIES
 - TAKE PSAT/SAT – GET EXTRA HELP AND TEST PREP
 - USE NAVIANCE INVENTORIES TO EXPLORE PERSONALITY, CAREER, AND COLLEGE OPTIONS
 - START A RESUME
 - REGISTER WITH NCAA ELIGIBILITY CENTER IF PLAYING A COLLEGE SPORT
- **WINTER**
 - REGISTER FOR SAT/ACT/ASVAB
 - COLLEGE SEARCH
 - CREATE “COLLEGES I’M THINKING ABOUT” LIST IN NAVIANCE
- **SPRING**
 - TAKE SAT/ACT/ASVAB
 - COLLEGE VISITS AND COLLEGE FAIRS
 - **PLAN SENIOR YEAR COURSELOAD BASED ON COLLEGE REQUIREMENTS & NCAA ELIGIBILITY**
 - TEACHER RECOMMENDATIONS AND BRAG SHEET
- **SUMMER**
 - RETAKE SAT/ACT WITH COLLEGE ADMISSION CRITERIA IN MIND
 - CREATE COMMON APPLICATION/COALITION APPLICATION ACCOUNT
 - CREATE “COLLEGES I’M APPLYING TO” LIST IN NAVIANCE
 - WRITE COLLEGE ESSAY
 - GATHER PRIOR YEAR TAXES FOR FAFSA

SAT or ACT: Which test is right for me?

	SAT	ACT
Test Structure	2 Sections: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Math • Reading/Writing and Language Essay (Optional) 	4 Sections: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Math • Reading • English • Science Essay (Optional)
Length	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 hours (without essay) • 3 hours, 50 minutes (with essay) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 hours, 55 minutes (without essay) • 3 hours, 40 minutes (with essay)
Reading	5 reading passages- Reading Comprehension, Words in Context, Evidence-Based	4 reading passages- Reading Comprehension
Science	None	1 science section testing your critical thinking skills (not your specific science knowledge)-Analysis, Interpretation, Evaluation, Basic Content, Problem Solving.
Math	Covers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arithmetic • Algebra I & II • Geometry, Trigonometry and Data Analysis 	Covers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arithmetic • Algebra I & II • Geometry and Trigonometry
Tools	Some math questions don't allow you to use a calculator.	You can use a calculator on all math questions.
Essays	Optional. The essay will test your comprehension of a source text. It is scored on a 2-12 scale. It is not included in the overall score.	Optional. The essay will test how well you evaluate and analyze complex issues. It is scored on a 2-12 scale. It is not included in the overall score.
How It's Scored	Scored on a scale of 400–1600 Each Section is scored on a scale of 200-800 No penalty for wrong answers	Scored on a scale of 1–36 (Avg. of all 4 sections) Each Section is scored on a scale of 1-36 No penalty for wrong answers

REGISTER AND TAKE SAT/ACT/ASVAB



SAT

TEST DATE	REGISTRATON DEADLINE
December 7	November 8
March 14	February 14
May 2	April 3
June 6	May 2

ACT

TEST DATE	REGISTRATON DEADLINE
December 14	November 8
February 8	January 10
April 4th	February 28
June 13	May 8
July 18	June 19

ASVAB: Contact a military recruiter at www.todaysmilitary.com

SAT – WWW.COLLEGEBOARD.ORG

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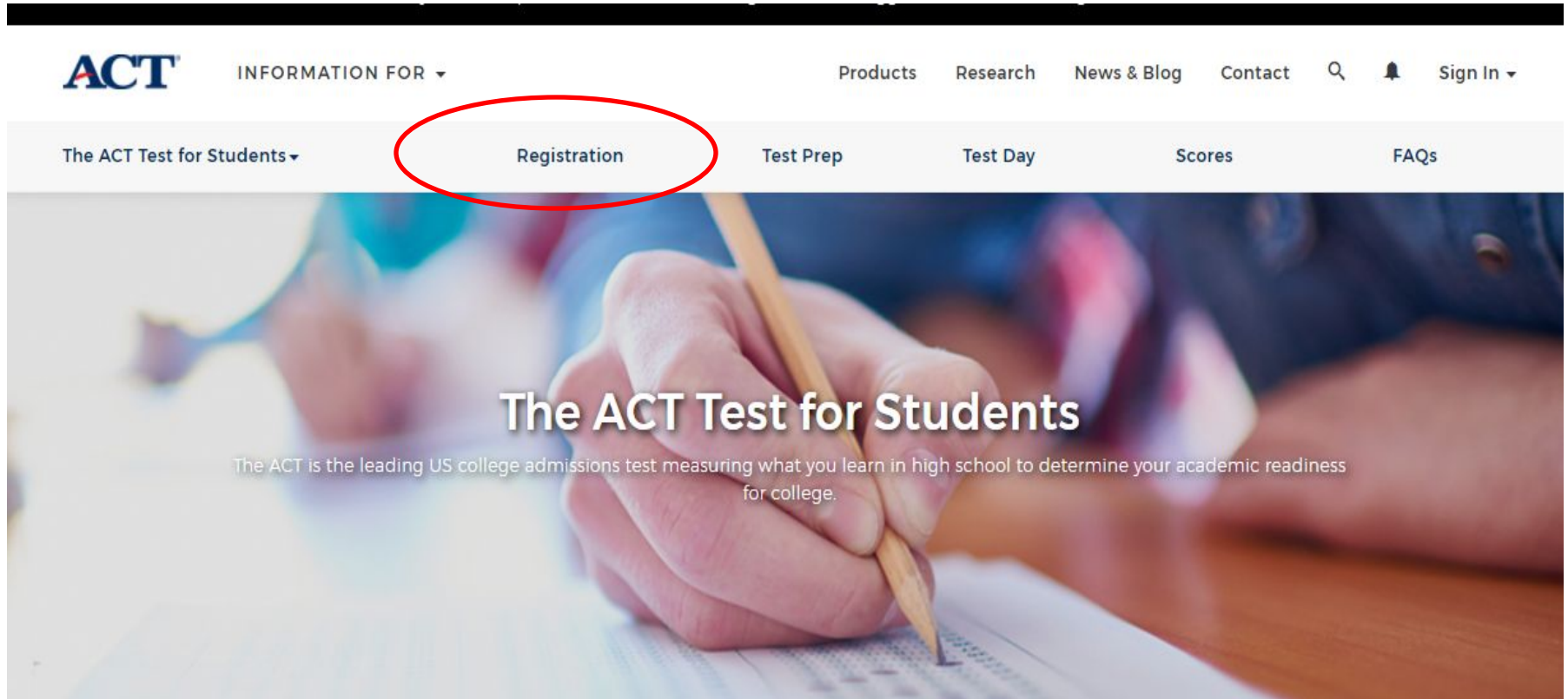
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DEVELOP LIST OF COLLEGES



- Compare GPA and test scores with college admission requirements
- Separate schools into “Safety,” “Target,” and “Reach.”

Safety	Target	Reach
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Can get accepted into these schools easily,• Exceed the GPA and SAT/ACT scores for an average incoming freshman with similar major	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• These schools are realistic.• GPA and SAT/ACT scores are comparable to those of an average incoming freshman with similar major	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• These schools are potentially out of your reach.• GPA and SAT/ACT scores may not meet those of an average incoming freshman with similar major
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Choose about 2 safety schools	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Choose about 3 target schools	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Choose about 2 reach schools

JUNIOR COLLEGE PLANNING GUIDE

- Comprehensive guide for junior year
- Access it from BHS website

The screenshot shows the Boonton High School website. The header features the school logo and the tagline "A World Class Education for Tomorrow's Leaders". The navigation menu includes "District Home", "Home", "Our School", "Students & Families", "School Counseling", "Programs of Study", "Athletics", and "BHS HSA". The "School Counseling" link is circled in blue. Below the navigation, a breadcrumb trail reads "Boonton High School > School Counseling > School Counseling > Junior Year College & Post-High School Planning Guide". On the left sidebar, under "SCHOOL COUNSELING", the link "Junior Year College & Post-High School Planning Guide" is circled in blue. The main content area displays a large graphic with "Boonton High School" in red text and a "Bombers" logo at the bottom.

SENIOR CHECKLIST & TIMELINE



- **FALL**
 - FINALIZE COLLEGE SEARCH
 - REGISTER AND TAKE SAT/ACT/ASVAB FOR THE LAST TIME
 - MAINTAIN GRADES & ACTIVITIES
 - COMPLETE COLLEGE APPLICATIONS
 - COMPLETE FAFSA (OPENS OCT. 1)
- **WINTER**
 - INSTANT DECISION DAYS
 - COMPLETE LAST OF COLLEGE APPLICATIONS
 - TRACK APPLICATION STATUS
- **SPRING**
 - TRACK DECISIONS
 - COMPARE FINANCIAL AID PACKAGES
 - SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS
 - DECISION DAY: **MAY 1ST**
 - TAKE ANY AP EXAMS
 - GRADUATE WITH A PLAN 😊

APPLICATION DEADLINES



- Early Decision:
 - Applications due by November 1
 - If accepted, student MUST attend
 - Can only apply to 1 school Early Decision
- Early Action:
 - Applications due by November 1 or November 15
 - Find out earlier whether accepted or not
- Regular Decision
 - Receive admissions decision by April 1
 - Application deadline is different for each college but usually from December - February
- Rolling Admissions
 - Longer timeline to submit application and faster turnaround

COMMON APP & COALITION



- Students create one application
- The single application is accepted at various colleges
- Some colleges require a supplemental application in addition to the Common App or Coalition

SAT/ACT TEST OPTIONAL



- Some colleges do not require applicants to report their SAT or ACT scores for admission.
- These schools reference the student's academic performance and accomplishments in high school.
- This includes a student's GPA, rigor of courses taken, courses taken above the state requirements, and extracurricular activity sheet/resume.
- However, those colleges may require tests scores in order for the student to be considered for scholarships.

FAFSA DEADLINE



- Complete the FAFSA online: <https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/fafsa>
- Need prior year taxes
- Opens: October 1 2019; State Deadline: April 15, 2020
- College Deadline: Check with each college
- Some colleges require CSS Profile on College Board
- BHS Financial Aid Night in the Fall

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INSTANT DECISION DAYS (IDD)



- Local colleges and universities
- Onsite interview
 - Instant decision (accepted or not)
 - If accepted, do not need to commit
 - Scholarship decision
 - If scholarship is given, school will provide a range

School	Date
Wilkes University	November 13
Felician University	November 20
East Stroudsburg University	December 6
Rider University	December 11
Caldwell University	December 17
Kean University	January 8

Thank You and Questions



**Please stay for the Naviance
presentation coming up next**