

# 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"> <li>• Math</li> <li>• Reading/Writing and Language Essay (Optional)</li> </ul>	4 Sections: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Math</li> <li>• Reading</li> <li>• English</li> <li>• Science</li> </ul> Essay (Optional)
Length	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3 hours (without essay)</li> <li>• 3 hours, 50 minutes (with essay)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2 hours, 55 minutes (without essay)</li> <li>• 3 hours, 40 minutes (with essay)</li> </ul>
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"> <li>• Arithmetic</li> <li>• Algebra I &amp; II</li> <li>• Geometry, Trigonometry and Data Analysis</li> </ul>	Covers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Arithmetic</li> <li>• Algebra I &amp; II</li> <li>• Geometry and Trigonometry</li> </ul>
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
March 9	February 8
May 4	April 5
June 1	May 3

## ACT

TEST DATE	REGISTRATON DEADLINE
February 9	January 11
April 13	March 8
June 8	May 3
July 13	June 14

**ASVAB:** Contact a military recruiter at [www.todaysmilitary.com](http://www.todaysmilitary.com)

# SAT – [WWW.COLLEGEBOARD.ORG](http://WWW.COLLEGEBOARD.ORG)

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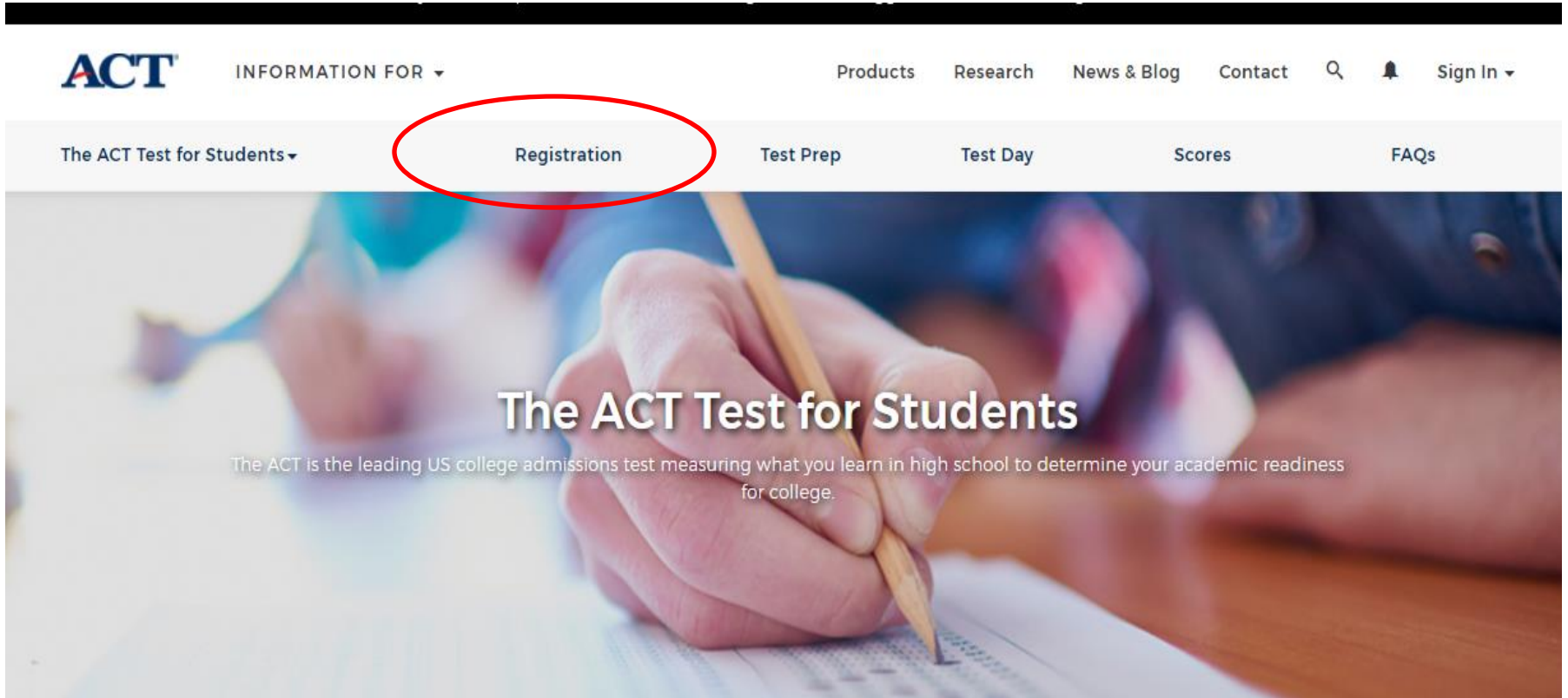
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# ACT – [WWW.ACTSTUDENT.ORG](http://www.actstudent.org)



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



# JUNIOR COLLEGE PLANNING GUIDE



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

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# 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 1<sup>ST</sup>**
  - 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
- Opening: 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 29
Caldwell University	December 5
Kean University	December 6
Rider University	December 10
Fairleigh Dickinson University	December 12
Felician University	December 18
Seton Hall University	January 10

# Thank You and Questions



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