



COLLEGE PREP GENIUS

ROADMAP TO COLLEGE PREP SUCCESS!

4th-12th Grade

4th - 6th

Add critical thinking and logic to the daily schedule since most standardized tests are reasoning and logic-based. 85% of colleges give admittance and scholarships solely based on a test score like the SAT or ACT. Consider enrolling your student in a talent search such as the *Duke TIP Program. www.tip.duke.edu/psat89

7th

If you haven't done so already, enroll your your student into a talent search such as DUKE Talent Identification Program (TIP) by April of 6th grade, which identifies gifted students by examining SAT scores in **7th grade. Check out <https://tip.duke.edu/programs/7th-grade-talent-search> for more information. Duke TIP may qualify your student for an award ceremony, state recognition, university awards and scholarships. To prepare, students should take a good test prep class before taking the SAT or *ACT in the 7th grade. Continue to introduce logic games and curriculum in your student's routine since most standardized tests are about reasoning and critical thinking.

8th

Meet with the guidance counselor at your student's prospective high school to decide on which of the "Three-Tier High School Program Plan" is best. For homeschooling families, choose the best plan for your academic goals. Begin shopping for a college or university. Check out the minimum SAT requirements and scholarship opportunities available at your student's favorite college(s). Set a goal for your student's ideal standardized test score, and make a game plan for achieving it. Continue encouraging logic initiatives and make sure your student is reading quality literature and classic books. (3-Tier Plan on back) Check into the CLT 8 at www.cltexam.com

Take the PSAT 8/9 when offered at the school. (It doesn't count.) Compare the test booklet to the the student's score so he or she can work on any weaknesses. Spend 30 minutes a week working on test prep. Starting early puts time on the side of the student.

9th

Concentrate on preparing for the PSAT, and in effect you will be preparing for the SAT as well. Spend at least 60 minutes a week practicing test-taking strategies using College Board materials. Take the PSAT 8/9 when offered. It will not count for scholarships, but it will allow your student to become more familiar with the test. When you receive the test booklet back at school or in the mail, go over it in order to find your student's weak points and how much the improvement from 8th grade. Take the CLT 10 for practice.

10th

Begin seriously investigating the brochures, web sites and campuses of your favorite colleges and universities. Think about college size, atmosphere and price. Spend at least 90 minutes a week learning the strategies and hidden patterns found on standardized exams. If you haven't already, take a test prep class that focuses on patterns, shortcuts and strategies not on high school content.

Take the PSAT/NMSQT in October again for practice. Take the actual SAT in October, March and May and order the QAS (Question/Answer Service) for a small fee. Students will receive the correct answers, question difficulty and a clean test booklet which they use to retake again for practice.

The summer before the junior year spend 6-10 hours per week practicing for the PSAT/NMSQT and take a full-length SAT or PSAT each week. Treat this test like a part-time job. Take the August SAT which will help for the PSAT.

Set up a profile at www.cappex.com You can enter your best SAT score with your college choices and find out how many students were accepted or denied with the same criterion. Take the CLT 10 in April for scholarships since they are partners with the NAS. (National Assoc. of Scholars)

Raise your SAT score by as much as 600 points! [Amazing Testimonials.](#)

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Spend a couple of weekends visiting the colleges that appeal to you the most. Begin the college application process. Find out about individual deadlines and procedures, as they differ by institution. Continue practicing for the PSAT/NMSQT at least two to three hours per week and more as the test approaches. Take it in October. (It now counts toward the National Merit Scholarship Program.) Take the SAT in August, October, November and December. Take it or a few ACTs again in the spring if you want a higher score. The goal is to get the desired SAT in the junior year and make the senior year test optional. Order the QAS when offered for the SAT and TIR for the ACT.* Take the official CLT.

12th

Find out if the college of your choice wants an early decision. If so, please complete the decision process in a timely and professional fashion. Continue to practice taking the SAT if you remain unhappy with your score. (Practice on the test at least three to four hours per week.) Schedule the August, October, November and December and/or September, October and December ACT. If you still need a higher score, more in the spring since most colleges will take the highest scores from different tests-even up to the June test.

**Students who are members of the 4-6th grade Duke program are already qualified for the 7th grade program but still need to enroll.*

	SAT **	ACT **	CLT
Reading	4 answer choices	5 answer choices	4 answer choices
Writing	Tests grammar, style and analysis	Tests grammar, style and analysis	Tests grammar, style and analysis
Math	Trigonometry, geometry, algebra, contains geometry formulas	Trigonometry, geometry analysis, no grid-in questions	Trigonometry, geometry, algebra, basic formulas
Science	No Science section	Science questions similar to SAT Reading section	N/A
Essay	Analytical response required, duration 50 minutes	Persuasive writing required, duration 40 minutes	Literary response required, duration 30 minutes (unscored)
Scores	Scores are not averaged	Averaged scores	Scores not averaged
Annual frequency	Offered 7 times per year	Offered 7 times	Offered 5 times per per year
Permitted attempts	Unlimited	Limited to 12 attempts	Unlimited
Best possible score	1600	36	120
Website	www.CollegeBoard.org	www.Act.org	www.CLTexam.com

***Every college takes either the SAT or ACT or will convert the score. They are similar tests with a crossover of information so same strategies to ace them work on both.*

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High School Transcript

Discipline	Distinguished Program +4 AP Courses	Recommended Program +2 AP Courses	Minimum Program
English	4 Credits	4 Credits	4 Credits
Mathematics	4 Credits (Algebra 1, Algebra II, Geometry, Pre-Calculus or College Math)	4 Credits (Algebra 1, Algebra II, Geometry, Pre-Calculus or Pre-College Math)	4 Credits (Algebra 1, Algebra II, Geometry, plus one other math)
Science	4 Credits (Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Advanced Science, Including 4 labs)	4 Credits (Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Environmental or Earth Science, Including 3 labs)	4 Credits (Physical Science, Biology, Chemistry, Earth or Environmental Science, Including 2 labs)
Social Studies	4 Credits (World History, Geography, U.S. History, Government, Economics)	4 Credits (World History, Geography, U.S. History, Government, Economics)	3 Credits (World History, U.S. History, Government, Economics)
Physical Education	1 1/2 Credits	1 Credits	1/2 Credits
Health	1/2 Credit	1/2 Credit	1/2 Credit
Foreign Language	3 Credits	2 Credits	2 Credits
Fine Arts	1 Credit	1 Credit	1 Credit
Technology Applications	1 Credit	1 Credit	
Electives	5 Credits	4 Credits	4 Credits
Speech	1 Credit	1/2 Credit	
Total	29 Credits	26 Credits	23 Credits

Note: These three plans are based on basic standard requirements for High School graduation. They are meant to serve as a guideline only. Your personal plan may vary due to state, district, and school standards. Students should shoot for the Distinguished plan since they may not know their future goals to create an amazing transcript.

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