Welcome to Virtual College Week

Admissions into a University
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How to Prepare for College

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What does it take to be a college student?

• Learn how to prepare for college from middle school through senior year of high school
• Discover the resources available to research colleges
• Discover the tools available to prepare for the SAT/ACT
• Tips for visiting college campuses
Middle School

Challenge Yourself
Don’t be afraid to take harder courses to prepare for your future.

Reach Out
Ask for advice from guidance counselors, coaches, or your favorite teachers.

Stay Healthy & Alert
Eat breakfast every day and set a regular bedtime. Try to get at least 9 hours of sleep.

Develop Good Habits
Get into a daily routine of studying. Try to always be reading a book.
9th Grade

Start Strong
- Give studying your maximum effort! No one has ever said they studied too much for a test.

Look at Colleges
- Explore at all the options... big, small, near, and far. Attend local college fairs with your family.

Get Involved
- Participate in a club or activity. Volunteer in your community. Make a difference!

Maximize Your Summer
- Look into jobs/internships and explore summer programs to help you grow.
Start Your College Search:
bigfuture.collegeboard.org/college-search

You have 3,705 college options. Choose a category on the left to find the right ones for you. We’ll help along the way.
Free Tutoring With Khan Academy

khanacademy.org
10th Grade

Stay Focused: Don’t be distracted from your primary goal, preparing yourself for college!

Review your Schedule: Make sure you are still on track for high school graduation and college admission.

Use the Web: Look at colleges closely. Get info on admission requirements. Sign up to receive more info from your favorites.

Take the PSAT or PLAN: These national tests are given in the fall to help prepare you for the SAT and ACT.
High School Coursework

• What are your graduation requirements?
  • Go above the minimums
  • Take extra classes in subjects you excel in

• Enroll in higher level coursework
  • Honors
  • Advanced Placement
  • Dual Enrollment
Coalition for Access, Affordability, and Success

coalitionforcollegeaccess.org

• 130 Colleges and Universities

• Students can create an account at anytime
11th Grade

Test and Test Again
Take the PSAT/NMSQT in October. In the spring, register for the SAT and/or ACT. Take both to see which fits you best.

Narrow Your Choices
Research your favorite college’s application deadlines so you’re ready for early fall deadlines.

Set Your Senior Schedule
Meet with your guidance counselor to discuss your schedule and college plans.

Summer Visitation
Visit your top college choices. If you can’t do it physically, look for virtual tours.
SAT Test Prep Tools: Khan Academy

khanacademy.org/sat

Official SAT® Practice

Personalized practice, anytime, anywhere—for FREE.

- Practice tests and more
  - 8 official full-length practice tests, plus study and test-taking tips

- A tailored practice plan
  - We’ll import your PSAT/NMSQT results and pinpoint your areas for practice

- Interactive practice
  - Thousands of practice questions, video lessons, and hints

- Instant feedback
  - Get constant feedback and progress so you know where you stand
ACT Test Prep Tools

act.org

Free Test Prep Resources

Download a Free Study Guide
Get a taste of the ACT test with practice questions

- Preparing for the ACT
- Preparing for the ACT - Spanish

Question of the Day
More than 100 free practice questions

Want to know what to expect on the ACT test? Sign in to ACT Profile to get free practice questions and answers from past tests. Explanations and tips are provided to help you solve each question. You also can sign up to receive a weekly email that provides each week's questions.

Practice for Each Test Section
Visit these pages for free online practice.

- Preparing for the Writing Test
- How the Writing Test is Scored

Preparing for the Writing Test
English | Math | Reading | Science | Writing Samples
Writing Samples are provided as study aids for the optional writing test.
Tips for Visiting College Campuses

1. Plan Ahead
2. Talk to current students
3. Ask questions
4. Eat on campus
5. Utilize Virtual Tours
12th Grade

Make a Calendar
Mark down all the important dates in the application process for the school to which you apply.

Apply for Admission
Make sure to follow directions from your choice colleges. Most colleges require online applications.

Apply for Financial Aid
Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) when it becomes available in October.

Waiting is the Hard Part
Each college will let you know when to expect a decision. Mark your calendar and try not to worry too much.
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Questions..........
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