

Junior Year Planning Guide

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SAT or ACT?

All colleges accept both SAT and ACT scores. Which is right for you?

	<u>SAT</u>	<u>ACT</u>
Scoring:	400-1600	1-36
Reading:	5 passages	4 passages
Science:	No Science	Science section tests critical thinking skills
Math:	Both tests assess same math skills: Through Math 3	
Tools:	Only some math allows calculators	Calculator for all math
Essay:	50 min, assesses comprehension	40 min, assesses how well you evaluate and analyze

SAT (\$54.50) Test Dates

December 3, 2016
January 21, 2017
March 11, 2017
May 6, 2017
June 3, 2017

ACT (\$56.50) Test Dates

December 10, 2016
February 11, 2017
FEBRUARY 28, 2016- FREE FOR JRs
April 8, 2017
June 10, 2017

Register for SAT: Collegeboard.org

Register for ACT: ACT.org

*See your counselor if you need a fee waiver

REMIND 101:

TEXT **81010** WITH THE MESSAGE:
@WFHSRE

To receive notice of college visits, scholarship deadlines, summer programs, anything we think you should know!

NCAA

Looking to play sports in college? You will need to register with the NCAA and can do so as early as freshman year! Visit <https://web3.ncaa.org/ecwr3/> to register today!

\$\$ Paying for College \$\$

The first step to paying for college is completing the **Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)**. This can be done beginning in **October of your senior year**. This date will come very fast! Begin your research now. Consider meeting with our Financial Aid Adviser this spring!

Grants- you don't have to pay these back. Most are based on financial need.

Scholarships- you don't have to pay these back. Usually awarded for merit (grades) or something you have accomplished.

Student Loans- you may need these when grants and scholarships don't cover the cost. You will have to pay this money back. Federal Student Loans don't need to be paid back while you are in college.

Junior Year Timeline

Maintain your grades!

-These are the final grades that will appear on your transcripts sent to college!

Determine your college and career plans

-Where do I want to go? What do I want to study? How does my GPA stack up?

Begin Visiting Colleges- schedule a tour on their website!

Stay involved in school and community activities

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER:

-REVIEW for your ACT and SAT

JANUARY:

-Plan your senior year wisely- your transcript WILL report your senior schedule!
-Appropriately challenging courses- Honors? AP?

FEBRUARY:

-Schedule to take the SAT and/or ACT in March or April
-Take your ACT in school on February 28th

MARCH/APRIL:

-If you registered, take the SAT or ACT
-Register for AP exams

MAY:

-Take your AP Exams
-Take ACT or SAT tests if you registered
-Speak with teachers about writing letters of recommendation- they will love the advanced notice!

SUMMER:

-Continue visiting colleges
-Schedule appointments ahead of time with financial aid, admissions, or academic advisors at the colleges that interest you most
-Send thank you notes after any interview or visit
-Check out some applications- begin working on ideas for your essay
-Stay busy! Volunteer, attend a summer college program, or get a job—this is valuable time to build up your resume!

EARLY SENIOR YEAR ACTIVITIES:

-Decide if you will be applying Early Decision or Early Application
-Meet with your counselor for your Senior Conference
-If applying early action, obtain letters of recommendation, write your essay, and complete applications by the early deadline.
-Take SAT or ACT this fall—last chance!
-Apply, Apply, Apply!



Events in your future:

December 6

NCAA Information Session (all grades welcome)

February 28

Take the ACT at school

September 2017

Senior Information Night

October 2017

Financial Aid Info Night

Useful Websites

Wcpss.net/wakeforesth
Students > Student Services

Student Serviced Twitter:
- @WFHSCounselors

CFNC.org

Collegeboard.org
-SAT Registration and Review
-College search

ACT.org
-ACT Registrations and Review

Khanacademy.com
-SAT review

WakeTech.edu/career-and-college-promise