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SENIOR TIMELINE CLASS OF 2023



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Class of 2023, welcome to your senior year!

Your senior year will be tons of fun, but it will also come with challenges. You will juggle college applications, AP classes, and extracurriculars, but you will get through it!

#IAMTHECHANGE has created this timeline to help you keep track of the items that need to be completed each quarter and monthly. Additionally, we have added a few important deadlines you should be aware of during your senior year. It will serve as a guide and a resource to you, as well as your school counselor, but remember, **#IAMTHECHANGE** will also be holding you accountable for your deadlines!

Enjoy your senior year!!!

2023



SAT vs ACT: Which Test is Right for You?

Many students and parents begin the college prep process by comparing the ACT and SAT tests. The SAT and ACT generally cover the same topics. Both ACT and SAT scores are used for college admissions decisions and awarding merit-based scholarships. Most colleges do not prefer one test over the other.

Compare the ACT and SAT tests

- ACT includes a Science section
- SAT includes one SAT math section on which you may not use a calculator

SAT

ACT

Why Take It	SAT	ACT
	Colleges use SAT scores for admissions and merit-based scholarships.	Colleges use ACT scores for admissions and merit-based scholarships.
Test Structure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reading • Writing & Language • Math • Essay (Optional) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • English • Math • Reading • Science Reasoning 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	4 reading passages
Science	None	1 science section testing your critical thinking skills (not your specific science knowledge)
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
Calculator Policy	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.	Optional. The essay will test how well you evaluate and analyze complex issues.
How It's Scored	Scored on a scale of 400–1600	Scored on a scale of 1–36



Quarterly Breakdown

<u>Quarter 1</u>	<u>Quarter 2</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finalize Personal Statement • Secure Letter of Recommendations • Submit Early Decision/Action Applications after checking with counselor • Submit FAFSA • Take October ACT • Take October SAT • Apply for Scholarships • Attend a college fair • Schedule at least 1 meeting with your counselor 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Submit College Applications and EOF Applications • Submit FAFSA • Apply for Scholarships • Attend a college fair • Schedule tours for schools that you are interested in applying to • Schedule at least 1 meeting with your counselor • Forward application submission confirmation to your counselor • Forward FAFSA submission to your counselor
<u>Quarter 3</u>	<u>Quarter 4</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review financial aid reward letters • Email All financial aid letters to your counselor • Email all acceptance, denial, and waitlist letters to your counselor • Apply for scholarships • Schedule at least 1 meeting with your counselor 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make a Decision! (May 1st) • Complete college matriculation checklist • Accept financial aid awards • Apply for scholarships • Schedule at least 1 meeting with your counselor • Attend a #IAMTHECHANGE



Important Dates

SAT Dates & Deadlines		
Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Registration Deadline
August 27,2022	July 29,2022	August 16,2022
October 1,2022	September 2,2022	September 20,2022
November 5,2022	October 7,2022	October 25,2022
December 3,2022	November 3, 2022	November 22, 2022
March 11,2023	February 10,2023	March 28,2023
May 6,2023	April 7,2023	April 25,2023
June 3,2023	May 4,2023	May 23,2023

ACT Dates

Test Dates	Registration Dates	Late Registration Deadline
September 10,2022	August 5,2022	August 19,2022
October 22,2022	September 16,2022	September 30,2022
December 10,2022	November 4,2022	November 11,2022
February 11,2023	January 6, 2023	January 20,2023
April 15,2023	March 10,2023	March 24,2023
June 10,2023	May 5,2023	May 19,2023
July 15,2023	June 16,2023	June 23,2023

Additional Dates

Submit all applications February 25, 2023

Submit EOF applications January 28,2023

Complete State funding applications April 15,2023



Monthly Breakdown

September 2022

- Schedule a one-on-one meeting with Ms. York
- Complete your personal statement and send it to Ms. York
- Register for the October 28th ACT
- Request letters of recommendation from teachers
- Finalize your wish list
- Complete your Common App
- Link your Common App to Naviance (if you have one)
- Submit parents 2021 Tax Returns/Income verification to Ms. York
- Create FSA ID for yourself and your parent
- Attend local college fairs in your area
- Research and apply to scholarships that you qualify for

October 2022

- Schedule and attend one-on-one meeting with Ms. York
- Request high school transcript from your counselor
- Note deadlines of all applications, especially Early Action and Early Decision applicants
- Submit FAFSA and your CSS Profile (if applicable)
- Start completing applications, and review them with your counselor or Ms. York before submitting
- Take October ACT
- Take October SAT if you have registered for it
- Attend local college fairs in your area
- Research and apply to scholarships that you qualify for



November 2022

- Schedule and attend one-on-one meeting with Ms. York
- Submit Early Action and Early Decision applications
- Begin submitting college applications after they've been reviewed by counselor or Ms. York
- Submit FAFSA and your CSS Profile (if applicable)
- Attend local college fairs in your area
- Research and apply to scholarships that you qualify for

December 2022

- Schedule and attend one-on-one meeting with Ms. York
- Register for and attend instant decisions for schools you're interested in
- Submit applications after they've been reviewed by counselor or Ms. York
- Submit FAFSA and your CSS Profile (if applicable)
- Email all acceptance, denial and waitlist letters to Ms. York
- Email all financial aid award letters to Ms. York
- Attend local college fairs in your area
- Research and apply to scholarships that you qualify for

January 2023

- Schedule and attend one-on-one meeting with Ms. York
- Complete your EOF applications (if applicable)
- Submit FAFSA and your CSS Profile (if applicable)
- Email all acceptance, denial and waitlist letters to Ms. York
- Email all financial aid award letters to Ms. York
- Attend local college fairs in your area
- Research and apply to scholarships that you qualify for



February 2023

- Schedule and attend one-on-one meeting with Ms. York
- Confirm that colleges have received all of your application supplements
- Submit FAFSA and your CSS Profile (if applicable)
- Complete NJ HESAA or your state's grant application
- Complete EOF Applications (if applicable)
- Email all acceptance, denial and waitlist letters to Ms. York
- Email all financial aid award letters to Ms. York
- Research and apply to scholarships with **#IAMTHECHANGE**, Smith Family Foundation NJ

March 2023

- Schedule and attend one-on-one meeting with Ms. York
- Confirm that colleges have received all of your application materials
- Check application status for all colleges
- Complete NJ HESAA or your state's grant application
- Check your mail and monitor your application portals for admissions decisions
- Attend accepted student days
- Email all acceptance, denial and waitlist letters to Ms. York
- Email all financial aid award letters to Ms. York
- Research and apply to scholarships with **#IAMTHECHANGE**, Smith Family Foundation NJ

April 2023

- Schedule and attend one-on-one meeting with Ms. York
- Check your mail and monitor your application portals for admissions decisions
- Attend accepted student days
- Check your mail and monitor your application portals for admissions decisions
- Complete NJ HESAA or your state's grant application



- Attend accepted student days
- Email all acceptance, denial and waitlist letters to Ms. York
- Email all financial aid award letters to Ms. York
- Research and apply to scholarships with **#IAMTHECHANGE**, Smith Family Foundation NJ

May 2023

- Schedule and attend one-on-one meeting with Ms. York about your decision and matriculation plan
- Make a Decision! Decision Day is May 1st
- Register for and take your College Placement exams
- Submit your tuition and housing deposit to the school you are attending in the Fall
- Continue working on your matriculation checklist
- Attend accepted student days
- Email all acceptance, denial and waitlist letters to Ms. York
- Email all financial aid award letters to Ms. York
- Last Opportunity.** Apply for scholarships with **#IAMTHECHANGE**, Smith Family Foundation NJ

June 2023

- Schedule and attend final one-on-one meeting with Ms. York to complete matriculation checklist
- Students with IEPs and 504s: obtain a copy of your plan and register with your college's Office of Disabilities

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