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Total Testing Time (Subject to research)	3 hours (plus 50 minutes for the Essay [optional])
Components	a) Evidence-Based Reading and Writing Section <ul style="list-style-type: none">» Reading Test» Writing and Language Test b) Math Section <ul style="list-style-type: none">» Math Test b) Essay (optional)
Important Features	» Continued emphasis on reasoning, alongside a clearer, stronger focus on the knowledge, skills, and understandings most important for college and career readiness and success » Greater emphasis on the meaning of words in extended contexts and on how word choice shapes meaning, tone, and impact » Rights-only scoring (a point for a correct answer but no deduction for an incorrect answer; blank responses have no impact on scores)
Essay	» Optional and given at the end of the SAT; postsecondary institutions determine whether they will require the essay for admission » 50 minutes to write the essay » Tests reading, analysis, and writing skills; students produce a written analysis of a provided source text

Optional Essay

The optional **Essay** will be offered at the conclusion of the required Reading, Writing and Language, and Math Tests. Students may choose not to take this portion of the redesigned SAT, and some postsecondary institutions may choose not to require it. Students who are deciding whether to take the Essay should determine whether it is required by one or more schools to which they wish to apply.

Writing and Language Test

The overall aim of the redesigned SAT Writing and Language Test is to determine whether students can demonstrate college and career readiness proficiency in revising and editing a range of texts in a variety of content areas.

The test will comprise a series of passages and associated multiple-choice questions.



Practice with Kahn Academy

www.khanacademy.org/sat



- The College Board and Khan Academy have partnered to provide online SAT test preparation programs and resources entirely free of charge.
- Khan Academy has released an interactive and personalized practice program for the redesigned SAT.
- Features include:
 - Thousands of practice problems
 - Personalized tutorials on test content
 - Official SAT practice questions and full-length tests
 - Comprehensive reporting for students
 - Access anytime, anywhere — for free
- The College Board is working with educators, community groups, college access organizations, and parents to provide the necessary resources to propel students to college success.

WHAT SHOULD STUDENTS DO?

- **Continue to challenge yourself in high school**
- **Document community service, work, extracurricular hours**
- **Visit colleges/universities/trade schools of interest**
- **Explore college options and begin to narrow your list of choices**

COMMUNITY COLLEGE

You can earn:

- **A Technical certificate**
- **An Associate's degree**
- **Academic credits to transfer to a four-year university**

- **Check with Ms. Truitt for college representatives visiting our campus.**

4 YEAR UNIVERSITY

- **Most require only the following:**
 - **Application**
 - **Application Fee**
 - **SAT/ACT Scores**
 - **Official Transcript**

Automatic Admission to Texas Public Colleges and Universities

- NBISD high school graduates who successfully complete the Recommended or Distinguished diploma program will be automatically admitted into Texas public University or College if one of the following requirements is met:
 - Applicant is in the top 10% of his/her class at the end of the Junior year OR
 - If applying for the University of Texas in Austin, fall 2017 Freshman applicants must be in the top 7% at the end of their Junior year.
 - Applicants must check the deadlines for admissions for each Texas College/University as they vary greatly.
 - Sophomores must complete Algebra II, 2 years of foreign language and have at least one endorsement.

College Applications

- **College applications begin fall of senior year**
- **Admission decisions will be based on grades and rank from end of the junior year.**

Application Process

Watch out for deadlines!

www.applytexas.org

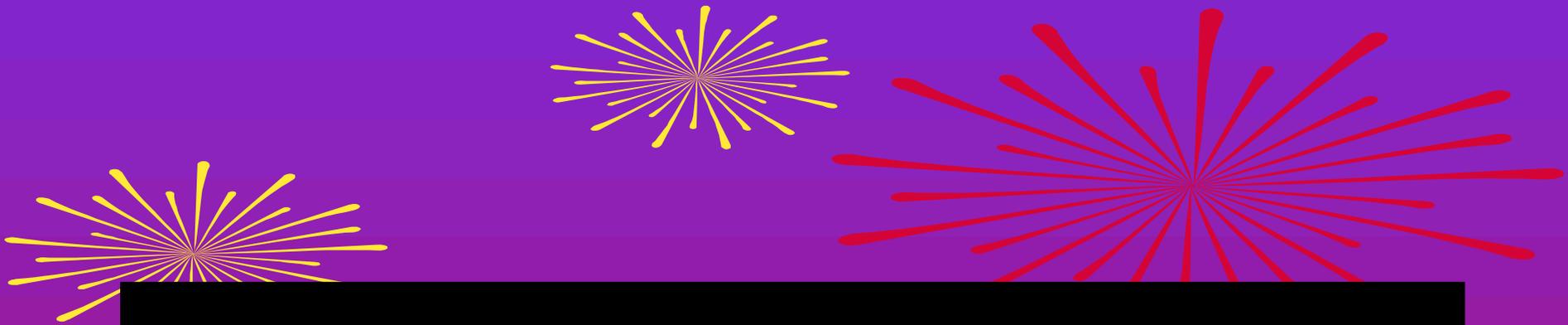
- Complete applications using guidelines
- Contact Ms. Truitt or Mrs. Gaddis in the College and Career Center for help.
- It is the responsibility of the student to supply supporting documents to the receiving institutions before deadlines.

Texas Success Initiative (TSI)

All students entering a Texas 2 or 4 Year public college or university must take the TSI test PRIOR to enrolling in college level courses, unless exemption standards are met.

EXEMPTIONS

- **ACT standard: composite score of 23, with a minimum score of 19 for English and 19 for Math**
- **SAT standard: composite score of 1070, with minimum of 500 in Critical Reading and 500 in Math**



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ACT

**Mar 5
May 7
June 4**

**April 9
June 11**

Check collegeboard.org or [ACT.org](https://act.org) websites for spring testing dates.

TRANSCRIPT REQUEST

- **Students must request transcripts**
 - **Request must be completed through www.Parchment.com**
 - **Request transcripts at least two weeks in advance**
 - **Transcripts include grades, test scores, rank-in-class, grade point average and a copy of most recent report card.**
 - **Contact Mrs. Shepherd @ ashepherd@nbisd.org with questions.**

LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1. Get recommendations from people who know you well.**
- 2. Give plenty of notice: a minimum of two weeks. Otherwise you might miss a deadline.**
- 3. Supply information about yourself.**
- 4. Remember to keep a copy.**
- 5. Write a thank you note to the person who wrote the letter of recommendation.**

Types of Financial Aid Grants



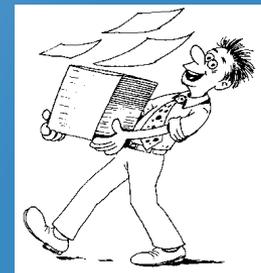
Scholarships - Local Scholarship packet will be out in the spring.



Loans



Work Study



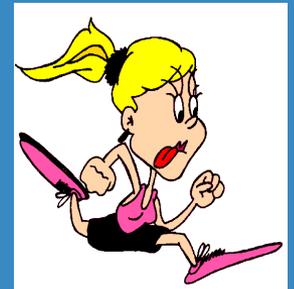
See Mrs. Truitt for more information.

NCAA Clearinghouse

All Student-Athletes wishing to play sports in college must register with the NCAA Eligibility Clearinghouse

[http://web1.ncaa.org/ECWR2/
NCAA_EMS/NCAA.jsp](http://web1.ncaa.org/ECWR2/NCAA_EMS/NCAA.jsp)

See your coach for more information!



GREEN CORDS

- Current juniors must accrue 80 or more volunteer hours to qualify for a green graduation cord
- Current sophomores must accrue 120 or more volunteer hours during 10th-12th grades to qualify for a green graduation cord
- Student will document hours through Career Cruising
- Instructions for tracking volunteer hours are located in iTunes U
- Volunteer hours form is located in iTunesU



Junior Checklist

- 🍏 Have college discussion(s) with your parent(s).
- 🍏 Review your graduation plan and course requirements.
- 🍏 Read, work on vocabulary and keep up your grades.
- 🍏 Prepare list of questions to ask college representatives. What is important to you?
- 🍏 Register on college websites to receive their information and catalogs.
- 🍏 Get organized. Set up a file with folders for each college and other materials.
- 🍏 Attend college fairs and other meetings offered by your school.
- 🍏 Continue searching for scholarships and aid.
- 🍏 Learn financial aid basics. Know the types of aid and where they come from.
- 🍏 Visit colleges. There is no substitute for experiencing the college in session.
- 🍏 Review PSAT results and use them to prepare for SAT/ACT testing.
- 🍏 Plan your standardized testing schedule and begin to prep. Free prep is available on the NBHS counselor website.
- 🍏 Consider taking the SAT and/or ACT in March and/or June.
- 🍏 Start to narrow down your college list and fine tune your “must haves” in a school.
- 🍏 Evaluate your colleges as “safety, target or reach”. You need some of each.
- 🍏 Plan a productive summer that will enhance your resume.
- 🍏 Discuss finances with your family.
- 🍏 Think about teachers or other people that you might ask for recommendations.
- 🍏 Over the summer, research each of your target schools.
- 🍏 Talk to people who know about your target schools or went/go there.
- 🍏 If you are an athlete, register with the NCAA clearinghouse.

USEFUL WEBSITES

- www.myskillsmyfuture.org
- www.public.careercruising.com
- www.bigfuture.collegeboard.org
- www.youcango.collegeboard.org
- www.collegeforalltexans.com
- www.college.gov
- www.fafsa.ed.gov
- www.applytexas.org
- www.texasrealitycheck.com/
- www.mynextmove.org
- www.petersons.com
- <http://schools.nbisd.org/default.aspx?name=nbhs.counselors>