
Understanding Your SAT Score

— ...and other information. —

Congratulations

on taking the

SAT[®]

What do I do with my score or score conversion?

- Research college admissions standards
- Take a look at the areas in which you could use some growth.
- Consider taking the SAT or ACT again if you want to (not a requirement, just a recommendation)
- Use your score to figure out which colleges are your safety, reach, and stretch schools

Convert Your Score

1. Sign in to your College Board account
2. Access your SAT score
3. Open the SAT Score Converter application
4. Enter your SAT score and submit it
5. Pull up a college you are interested in possibly attending
6. Check the admissions requirements and/or student profile to find out average SAT score for that college
7. Repeat Step 6 for as many colleges as you are interested in researching

How does my score compare to the old SAT and the ACT?

[SAT Score Converter](#)

It's Summer! Now What?
Post-Secondary Planning Over the Summer



Things to Do

1. Visit college campuses.
2. Research parts of the college application.
3. Start thinking about what you want to write in your entrance essay.
4. Complete your “Resume” or “Activities List”
5. Request a letter of recommendation.

Visiting College Campuses

Step 1: Make a list of colleges you are interested in visiting

Step 2: Talk to your parent/guardian in regards to calendar availability for each visit

Step 3: Go to each college's website and schedule a visit

Step 4: Create a list of questions you would like to ask on your tour

Step 5: Attend your scheduled tour

Step 6: Take notes and compare the different campuses

Researching Applications Components - Questions

Question 1: What do I need in order to apply to this college?

Question 2: Does this college require an admissions essay?

Question 3: How many letters of recommendation do I need?

Question 4: Which test scores are required for the application?

Question 5: How much does it cost to apply to this college?

Question 6: When is the application deadline?

Entrance Essays - Tips of the Trade

- Start thinking about a compelling answer to the essay or question prompt.
 - “I want to attend U of M because of the great football program” or “MSU is for me because green is my color” are not good answers.
- Outline your essay over the summer
- Ask: What makes me unique from other candidates?
- Once school starts, ask people to proofread and critique your responses.

Letters of Recommendation - How to Request

1. Think about who will best represent you and your strengths.
 - a. Consider which teachers, scout leaders, pastors, school counselors, etc. know you best
2. Ask those people directly and with plenty of time before the deadline.
3. The Guidance Office will not complete Common Application requests before school starts (all information not available), but we may write letters of recommendation over the summer if time permits.
4. Requests must come directly from the student.
5. After request, complete Student Information Questionnaire.
6. Send hand-written thank you note to recommender.

Process for a College Recommendation Letter

1. Send email asking counselor/teacher for letter of recommendation.
2. Provide recommender with information about deadline (at least one month prior to deadline) and where to submit letter.
3. Promptly fill out Student Questionnaire (if required by recommender)
 - a. Provide information about specific things to include in letter if needed
4. Wait patiently for letter to be written.
5. Send recommender a thank you note after person submits letter.

Student Questionnaire



Letter of Recommendation Request Form

In order to write the best possible letter for your college application, please fill out the form below. The more specific the information you provide, the more individualized your letter may be.

*** Required**

First Name *

Last Name *

School Related Activities

Please list the activities you have participated in throughout high school and include the years in which you participated (i.e. 9th, 10th, etc.). It is also useful to describe your role in the group.

Other things teachers may require...

Which class(es) did you take with me?

What has been your favorite high school course and why?

What things are you involved in here at MHS?

A resume or list of accomplishments/activities

Things not to write to your recommender...

I need a recommendation letter by Tuesday. I put your name down.

My parent/guardian/sister/friend is filling out my college application and says I need a letter of recommendation. I need it before school starts.

Hi Mrs. Barbara, I need a letter of recommendation. I am applying to 8 schools. Thank you. Student XYZ

Instead...Letter of Recommendation Request Email

Dear Mrs. Barbara,

I hope you are having a nice summer. I am currently working on my college applications and two of them require a counselor recommendation letter. Would you be willing to write a letter of recommendation for me? The deadline for these letters is September 20th and both need to be uploaded directly to the colleges' websites. If you are willing to write a letter, I was hoping you would write about my involvement in the SNAP program.

Thank you for considering.

Sincerely,

Student XYZ

Questions?

