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### **Top Ten Parent Tips on Testing**

- 1. All colleges will accept the ACT, the current SAT, and the new SAT.*
- 2. The SAT Subject Tests are staying the same, the ACT Essay will be changing, and the SAT and PSAT are making major changes.*
- 3. The new PSAT comes out in October, 2015, and the new SAT comes out around March, 2016.*
- 4. Faster students tend to prefer the ACT, deeper thinkers tend to prefer the SAT.*
- 5. The ACT is typically a better fit for students with extended time.*
- 6. The new SAT is becoming more like the current ACT: no guessing penalty, more in-depth grammar knowledge, more practical math, and graph analysis.*
- 7. Don't focus on studying vocab for the new SAT; do work on argument analysis for the new SAT essay.*
- 8. Read widely to prepare for both the ACT and SAT.*
- 9. Realistic, timed practice will help students improve.*
- 10. Testing is but one of many factors in the college admissions process. Talk to your child about test anxiety.*