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.


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.

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