

Senior
Information
Book
Class of
2010-2011

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Great resources for college admission information and college searches!!!!!!

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1. CollegeBoard-college search-link

<http://collegesearch.collegeboard.com/search/index.jsp>

2. Learn More Indiana-college search, financial aid, and interest inventory

www.learnmoreindiana.org

3. Free Test Prep-Act and Sat

www.number2.com

4. Free Application for Financial Aid- Watch out for sites that want you to pay to file the application....It is free to apply!!

www.fafsa.ed.gov

5. ACT-To sign up for the ACT Test

www.act.org

6. SAT-To sign up for the SAT Test

www.collegeboard.com

Graduation Requirements

CORE40	(minimum 43 credits)
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Course and Credit Requirements			
English/ Language Arts	<table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr style="background-color: #cccccc;"> <td style="text-align: center; padding: 5px;">8 credits</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 5px;">Including a balance literature, composition and speech.</td> </tr> </table>	8 credits	Including a balance literature, composition and speech.
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40 Total State Credits Required			

Schools may have additional local graduation requirements that apply to all students

* Specifies the number of electives required by the state. High school schedules provide time for many more electives during the high school years. All students are strongly encouraged to complete a Career Academic Sequences (selecting electives in a deliberate manner) to take full advantage of career exploration and preparation opportunities.

Core 40 with Academic Honors (Minimum 47 credits)

For the **Core 40 with Academic Honors** diploma, students must:

- Complete all requirements for Core 40.
- Earn 2 additional Core 40 math credits.
- Earn 6-8 Core 40 world language credits.
- Earn 2 Core 40 fine arts credits.
- Earn a grade of a “C” or better in courses that will count toward the diploma.
- Have a grade point average of a “B” or better.
- Complete one of the following:
 - Complete AP courses (4 credits) and corresponding AP exams
 - Complete IB (Higher Level) courses (4 credits) and corresponding IB exams
 - Earn a combined score of 1200 or higher on the SAT critical reading and mathematics
 - Score a 26 or higher composite on the ACT
 - Complete dual high school/college credit courses from the Core Transfer Library (6 transferable college credits)
 - Complete a combination of AP course (2 credits) and corresponding AP exams and dual high school/college credit course(s) from the Core Transfer Library (3 transferable college credits)

Senior Checklist

- Check credits with counselor.**
- Order invitations, announcements, and cap & gown.**
- Be Sure you have taken the SAT or ACT by December.**
- Complete college and/or trade school applications and give to your counselor.**
- Register with the Selective Service if a male, 18 years of age or older.**
- Attend financial aid workshop in January and complete FAFSA by the March deadline.**
- Check FAFSA information carefully when it is returned to you.**
- Check and apply for scholarships in the Guidance Office and on school website.**
- Have all fees and fines paid to the bookstore and to the library.**
- If you have questions, see your counselor!!**

College Planning - What to do and when to do it.

Fall

- Narrow your list of college possibilities. Collect all the applications you need. Check the Learn More [College Profiles](#) to find links to online applications. Put them in a special folder. Schedule visits to the schools you are considering. Call ahead to schedule appointments with admissions and financial aid officers.
- Keep track of application deadlines in your planner or calendar.
- Register and prepare for the fall SAT or ACT. If you're taking the test for a second time, check the policies of the college where you're planning to apply. Many admissions offices focus only on your best score.
- Make copies of your college admission forms and practice filling them out. Jot down ideas for an essay, if it's required and beginning asking people for recommendations for college applications and scholarships.
- Stop by the school counselors office for student financial aid forms. Talk to your parents or guardian about their ability to help pay for college. Search for scholarships and financial aid information online at
 - www.ssaci.in.gov (http://www.ssaci.in.gov)
 - www.indianadollarsforscholars.org/web/index.html (http://www.indianadollarsforscholars.org/web/index.html)
 - www.fastweb.com (http://www.fastweb.com)
 - www.collegeanswer.com (http://www.collegeanswer.com)
- Complete your college applications Have your parents, guardian or school counselors proofread them. Send them in by Thanksgiving. Make sure the school counseling office is sending your transcripts and test scores to the colleges to which you are applying.

Winter

- Fill out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), required of all applicants for financial aid. **The form is due at the Federal Processor between Jan. 1 and March 10.** It's available online at www.fafsa.org (http://www.fafsa.org). Watch for College Goal Sunday to get free help on filling out the FAFSA. To find this year's date, time and locations, check www.CollegeGoalSunday.org (http://www.CollegeGoalSunday.org).

Spring

- Review your financial aid offers. When you make your choice of colleges, check deadlines for sending in your required deposit, housing application or any other forms requested by the school. You'll most likely have to make your decision by May 1. Let the other schools know that you won't be attending.
- Are you a Twenty-first Century Scholar? Sign and mail your pledge affirmation on time. To be considered on time, the Twenty-first Century Scholars Program must receive your completed affirmation form on or before March 1, 2011..
- If you don't have a summer job yet, look for one.

Summer

- Save money for the coming year at college. Work on a budget to estimate expenses.
- Start planning and shopping if you are moving into a dorm or apartment.
- Contact your soon-to-be college roommate to get acquainted and to find out what he or she is bringing to your dorm room

Common College Application Mistakes:

- **Misspellings and grammatical errors:** If you misspell on something as important as your college application, admission counselors may assume you either don't care or are not a good speller. Don't just spell check...proofread for grammatical errors as well!
- **Applying on-line, but the application isn't submitted:** If you apply on line, you should receive confirmation that the college or university received your application. Confirmation that your application was received could be in the form of an e-mail message, a web page response, or a credit card receipt. Follow through and make sure that your application has been received.
- **Forgotten signatures:** Make sure you sign and date the form. Often students overlook that part of the form, especially if it's on the back. Check that all spaces have been completed.
- **Not reading carefully:** For example, if the form asks what County you are from, don't misread it as Country and write United States.
- **Listing extracurricular activities that aren't:** Those that make the list are sports, the arts, formal organizations and volunteer work. Talking on the phone, IM'ing, and hanging out with friends don't make the cut. Make sure your activity information is accurate. Colleges may check with your counselor.
- **Not telling your school counselor where you've applied:** Here at Monrovia High School, you complete your section of the application, then bring your application and fee to your counselor. Your counselor will complete their section, then mail your completed application along with your transcript and any other information your college or university has requested. If you choose to apply on-line, download the counselor page and ask your counselor to complete the form; your counselor will then mail it along with your transcript.
- **Writing illegibly:** First impressions count, so take your time and use your best penmanship! If able, you may even type your application.
- **Using an e-mail address that friends may laugh about, but colleges won't:** Select a professional e-mail address. Keep your fun address for friends, but establish an address using your name for college admissions.
- **Not checking your e-mail regularly:** If you've given an e-mail address, the college will use it. You don't want to miss out on anything because you haven't checked your e-mail
- **Letting mom or dad fill out your applications:** Admissions counselors will know if your parents help, whether there are different styles of handwriting or if your essay sounds more like a 45 year old than a 17 year old. It's a great idea to ask your parents to check over your application, but completing it should be your responsibility!



ACT / SAT Reference Sheet

Are you a sophomore, junior or senior in high school? If the answer is yes, then the time has come to take the next crucial steps in planning for college. Most four-year universities and colleges require a standardized admission test, usually the ACT or SAT. Indiana's four-year universities accept test scores from both the ACT and SAT for admission. This reference sheet will help you choose the best test for your future plans.

Did you know?

On average, students take the ACT or SAT twice. Some students even take both exams.

The best time to take the ACT or SAT is during the spring of your junior year or fall of your senior year.

Preparing

Colleges report that the most important factors weighed in admissions decisions are transcripts, grade point averages, and rigor of courses taken. The ACT and SAT are intended to supplement an admission application.

Be sure to be well prepared for the ACT, SAT and college admission process by taking challenging academic courses in high school. To have the best preparation possible, complete Core 40, Core 40 with Academic Honors or Core 40 with Technical Honors.

PLAN / PSAT

The PLAN serves as a great practice test for the ACT.

The PSAT is a shorter version of the SAT. Indiana pays for every student to take the PSAT, so check with your counselor about utilizing this opportunity. The PSAT also is the qualifying test for the National Merit and National Achievement scholarship programs (www.nationalmerit.org).

Available Resources

Online practice tests and sample questions are available:

- ACT (www.actstudent.org)
- SAT (www.collegeboard.com)

For academic, college and career information, contact **Learn More Indiana**.

The Helpline (1-800-992-2076) offers individual help to answer your questions about college, financial aid and career exploration, and it is available all-day, every day.

The Learn More Indiana Web site (www.learnmoreindiana.org) features tools, checklists and other resources to explore careers and colleges.

Differences between the ACT and SAT

The ACT measures what a student learned in school. The SAT is more of an aptitude test that examines reasoning and verbal skills.

The ACT has four components (English, Mathematics, Reading and Science) and an optional Writing Test. The SAT has three components: Critical Reading, Mathematics and a required Writing Test.

The ACT has no penalty for guessing. The SAT does take points off for wrong answers.

ACT sends score reports from one test date and lets students select the test date that they want sent. The College Board sends all SAT scores from all test dates.

ACT & SAT Comparison



flip this sheet over for additional test-related information



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ACT & SAT Comparison

Area	ACT	SAT
Average Scores	<p>Indiana 22.0 / Nation 21.1</p> <p>The above average is based on possible score of 36 (does not include optional Writing section). Writing scores are reported separately.</p> <p>Scores reflect August 2008</p>	<p>Indiana 1485 / Nation 1511</p> <p>Math - IN 508 / Nation 515 Reading - IN 496 / Nation 502 Writing - IN 481 / 494</p> <p>Scores reflect August 2008</p>
Cost of Exam	\$31 or \$46 for ACT PLUS Writing	\$45 for all three sections
Score Reporting	Student selects which set of scores to report	All scores are reported
Times offered each year	Six, generally in September, October, December, February, April, and June	Seven, generally in October, November, December, January, March, May, and June
<i>Schools do not offer testing at each of these times. Please check with your school counselor for local testing dates.</i>		
Mathematics	<p>60-question, 60-minute test</p> <p>Measures mathematical skills most students have learned in courses taken by the end of 11th grade.</p> <p>Questions come from algebra, geometry, and trigonometry.</p> <p>Questions are multiple-choice and require knowledge of basic formulas and computational skills.</p>	<p>70 minutes taken in two 25-minute sections and one 20-minute section</p> <p>Tests math topics such as: numbers and operations; algebra and functions; geometry; statistics, probability, and data analysis.</p> <p>Questions are multiple-choice and student produced responses. Student-produced responses have no answer choices provided. Instead, the answers are filled-in on a special grid. Ten questions will be of this type.</p>
<i>Both the ACT and SAT allow students to use a four-function, scientific, or graphing calculator during the math test, but models with certain features are prohibited.</i>		
Reading	<p>40-question, 35-minute test. Questions are multiple-choice.</p> <p>Measures reading comprehension through several texts and questions that show an understanding of what is</p>	<p>70 minutes taken in two 25-minute sections and one 20-minute section. The critical reading section includes short reading passages along with the existing long reading passages. Analogies have been</p>

	directly stated and statements with implied meanings.	eliminated, but sentence-completion questions and passage based reading questions remain.
English	75-question, 45-minute test. Questions are multiple-choice. Measures standard written English (punctuation, grammar usage, and sentence structure) and rhetorical skills (strategy, organization, and style).	The SAT does not have a separate English section, but the multiple-choice questions in the Writing section measure ability to improve sentences and paragraphs as well as find errors (diction, grammar, sentence construction, subject verb agreement, word usage, and wordiness).
Science	40-question, 35-minute test. Questions are multiple-choice. Measures skills in the natural sciences: interpretation, analysis, evaluation, reasoning, and problem-solving. Assumes students have completed a course in biology as well as a course in an Earth science and/or physical science.	The SAT does not test Science.
Writing	30-minute essay test that measures writing skills emphasized in high school English classes and in entry-level college composition courses. The essay involves responding to a question about a particular issue described in the writing prompt.	Multiple choice questions (35 minutes) and student-written essay (25 minutes). The short essay measures ability to: clearly organize, express, develop and support ideas, and use appropriate word choices and sentence structures.

Your SAT® Checklist

As your SAT test day draws near, be sure to review these last-minute tips to help you do your best.

The Day Before

- Gather up everything you're going to need for the next morning. You don't want to be stuck frantically searching for your Admission Ticket just before you rush out the door. You'll need the following items:
 - Acceptable photo ID
 - Your SAT Admission Ticket
 - Two sharpened No. 2 pencils (pens and mechanical pencils are not allowed)
 - A calculator with fresh batteries
 - A hand-held CD player with fresh batteries, if you are taking a Language Test with Listening
- Write down the directions to the test center. Make sure you know how to get to your test center and how long it'll take you to get there.
- Check to see if your test center is open.** Especially if there is bad weather in your area, tune into your local media (like you do for school closing announcements) or visit www.collegeboard.com on the Friday before the test to make sure your test center is open.
- Be well-rested and ready to go. Get a good night's sleep the night before the test.
- Set two alarms—one in your room and one in someone else's room, in case you hit the snooze button one time too many.

The Morning of the Test

- Eat breakfast. You'll be at the test center for four hours and you're likely to get hungry.
- Bring snacks. During one of the breaks, you can eat or drink any snacks you have brought with you. A healthy snack will go a long way toward keeping you alert during the entire test.
- Arrive at your test center no later than 7:45 a.m. Don't risk getting locked out because you're 30 seconds late. Give yourself plenty of time to get to get there. Consider traffic, weather conditions, flat tires, and anything else that could slow you down.

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▫ **Leave your cell phone at home.** Don't run the risk of having your phone ring or vibrate during testing. It could cost you your scores! If you are seen using a cell phone or any other prohibited electronic device while in the test center, or if the device makes noise or vibrates, **you may be dismissed immediately, your scores may be canceled, and the device may be confiscated. This policy also applies to any other prohibited digital and/or electronic devices such as Blackberries, pagers, PDAs, cameras or other photographic equipment, or separate timers of any kind.** We strongly advise you not to bring them.

▫ **Use breaks to eat or drink any snacks you have brought with you.** You will have several breaks during the test. Use them to relax and eat a snack so you can stay focused.

▫ Work only on the section you are supposed to be working on. You're not allowed to go back to a section once that section has ended. You also can't start the next section if you finish a section early.

▫ Do easier questions first. You earn just as many points for easy questions as you do for hard ones.

▫ Make sure you use a No. 2 pencil on the answer sheet. It is very important that you fill in the entire circle darkly and completely. If you change your response, erase it as completely as possible. **It is very important that you follow these instructions when filling out your answer sheet.**

▫ Use all of your time. Students around you may close up their test books and rest their heads on their desks, but you know better. Go back to review problems you weren't quite sure about the first time. Or, if you skipped any hard problems use the time to try to work them out.

▫ Stay positive and focused. Keep your mind on your work, not your score.

▫ Try not to worry about whether you "nailed it" or "blew it." Know you did your best—and celebrate. You deserve it.

Good Luck!

Combined SAT / ACT Test Dates: 2010 - 2011

2010 - 2011 Test Dates	Test	U.S. Registration Deadlines*	
		Regular	Late
September 11, 2010	ACT	August 6, 2010	August 20, 2010
October 9, 2010	SAT &	September 10 ,2010	September 24, 2010
October 13 & 16, 2010	PSAT	Check with School Guidance Office	
October 23, 2010	ACT	September 17, 2010	October 1, 2010
November 6, 2010	SAT	October 8, 2010	October 22, 2010
December 4, 2010	SAT & Subject Tests	November 5, 2010	November 19, 2010
December 11, 2010	ACT	November 5, 2010	November 19, 2010
January 22, 2011	SAT	December 23, 2010	January 7, 2011
February 12, 2011 (except New York)	ACT	January 7, 2011	January 21, 2011
March 12, 2011	SAT only	February 11, 2011	February 25, 2011
April 9, 2011	ACT	March 4, 2011	March 18, 2011
May 7, 2011	SAT	April 8, 2011	April 22, 2011
June 4, 2011	SAT	May 6, 2011	May 20, 2011
June 12, 2011	ACT	May 6, 2011	May 20, 2011