



Christian Gentlemen

Intellectually Competent

Prepared to Participate in a Changing World

Physically and Emotionally Developed

Sophomore Parent College Night



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SO FAR: Freshman Year

- Two visits with counselor for course planning and to check on adjustment to Saints
 - Placed in UC/CSU curriculum and started 4 year planner
- Scoir registration in SPEECH CLASS – everyone has an account including parents
- “College going culture” throughout the school
- Goal is finding “right fit” college you



SO FAR: Sophomore Year

- PSAT (scores available at Revolution Prep)
- Meetings with Counselor:
 - Emphasis on student involvement and course planning (Fall)
 - College & Career exploration (Spring)
- Scoir In-service: During March
 - College Search
 - Career Interest Assessments
 - Activities and Awards

Involvement!



On campus

- Campus activity clubs
 - ASB (Loyal Sons, etc.)
 - Newspaper
 - National Honors Society
 - Campus Ministry
 - Mass Band
 - Eucharistic Minister
 - Reading Lector
 - Drama production
 - Actor
 - Backstage crew
 - Mock Trial
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- <https://www.sahs.org/campus-life/clubs/>

In the community

- Community service clubs
- Volunteer
- International service trips
 - Youth Day
 - Intersession
- Boy/Eagle scouts
- Summer leadership programs
 - College campus
 - ROTC



UP NEXT: Junior Year

- PSAT/NMSQT Testing and awards
- Update Scoir: “Following” colleges and “Activities and Achievements” section; Junior Survey -Preferences and Activities
- Individual family meetings – second semester*
College list, Search and Application Process
- SAT/ACT Testing (Spring)
- College Workshop – summer before 12th grade

UP NEXT: Senior Year



- Beginning with Junior Parent Night and Junior second semester activities, the senior year college activities really begin
- Important for students to begin senior year with grades intact, an updated resume of service and activities, and at least one round of test scores
- YOU ARE NOT ALONE IN THIS PROCESS –we are here to help your students and your family throughout their 4 years here.
- THERE IS A COLLEGE FOR *EVERYONE!*



What do colleges look for?

1. Courses taken and grades earned

- Has the student taken challenging courses when given the opportunity?

2. Activities and leadership

- Quality over quantity - meaningful participation

3. Essays

- What has the student learned from experiences, how has he applied what he has learned?

4. Letters of recommendation

- Teacher: What skills does the student bring to the classroom?
- Counselor: Adding context to the student's achievements

5. Test Scores

Torero Promise



- Guaranteed admission and commitment to meet 100% of demonstrated financial need
- New Eligibility Requirements Starting w/ Class of 2026
 - Weighted 3.8 GPA by the end of junior year (does not include PE or VAPA)
 - Have completed the following by end of junior year:
 - 6 semesters each of English, Math, Science
 - 4 semesters each of Religion/Philosophy, World Language, Social Studies
 - 6 semesters of Honors/AP coursework
 - Remediated any Ds or Fs
 - No disciplinary record

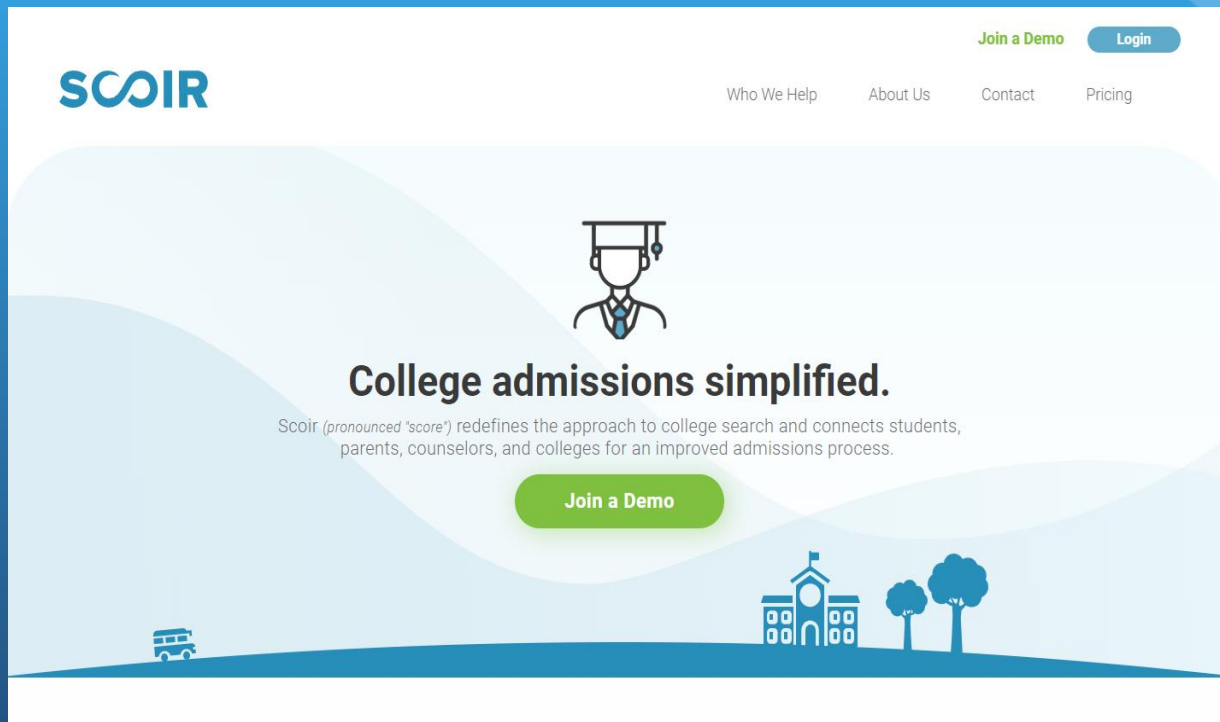


Preparing to Pay for College

- College costs vary widely
- Cost information is available in Scoir
- Average Net Price for various family incomes
- Financial Aid
 - FAFSA & CSS Profile
 - Grants
 - Scholarships
 - Work Study
 - Loans
 - College Savings Plans - 529 Plans

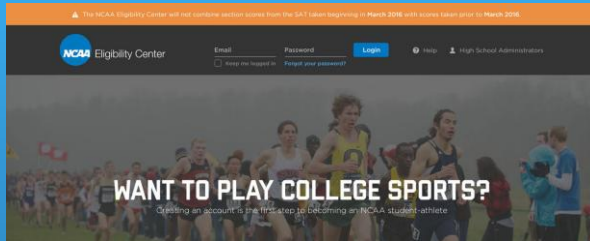
College Net-Price Calculators

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NCAA Eligibility Center

<https://web3.ncaa.org/ecwr3/>



- Used to certify that prospective college athletes are eligible to play NCAA sports at the Div 1 and Div 2 level
- Reviews academic record and amateur status
- Students can begin registering with the NCAA Eligibility Center as a high school sophomore
- **Profile** - no charge (Div III or Undecided)
- **Certification** - \$100 (Div I or Div II)



NCAA Division 1 Eligibility Requirements

- <https://web3.ncaa.org/ecwr3/>
- Minimum 2.3 GPA in core courses
- 10 of 16 core courses completed by end of 11th grade (7 of the 10 must be in English, Math and Science)
- ACT or SAT are no longer required for NCAA eligibility



Standardized Tests

- PSAT/NMSQT, SAT, ACT
- The majority of schools are now "Test-Optional"; some are "Test-free"; a few still require and SAT or ACT
- A great score can support your application and lead to merit-based scholarship opportunities
- Test-Optional Schools: www.fairtest.org

PSAT



- **Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test (October 2025)**
 - Purpose: familiarity with the questions and exact directions students will see on the official SAT
 - 9th & 10th grade - PSAT taken online at Revolution Prep website
 - 11th grade - PSAT/NMSQT taken on campus
 - Scores available in December
 - Both sections are scored out of 760 with a maximum high score of 1520
 - NMSQT: 11th grade students with qualifying scores are eligible for the National Merit Scholarship Program

SAT

ACT

- Taken Digitally
- Adaptive
- Sections:
 - Reading & Writing
 - 2 modules of 25 questions each
 - 32 minutes for each module
 - Math
 - 2 modules of 20 questions each
 - 35 minutes for each module
- Length: 2:15
- Scoring: 400-1600
- Paper or Digital Option
- English, math, reading sections required
- Science and writing sections will be optional
- Still scored 1-36
- 125 minutes for required sections



Current Test Prep

- Tried & True Tutoring for SAT & ACT (practice tests in January)
 - Practice tests scheduled for January
 - Classes encouraged for juniors (January/February)
 - Classes encouraged for seniors (August/September)
 - Reduced cost
 - Located on campus
 - Look for email announcements!
- www.revolutionprep.com
- www.collegeboard.org
- www.act.org
- www.khanacademy.org/sat
- www.kaptest.com/act



Things to Remember

- This is a developmental process, it is very early to make permanent decisions about the future
- You may be more “ready” to discuss college right now than your son. Keep it light. You can start researching the \$\$\$ now, but do not (if possible) lay it out now to your son.
- **AVOID COMPARING YOUR SITUATION WITH OTHERS.** Every student and family is unique.



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