



**TEDA**  
**International School**  
Tianjin • China

# **College Advising Information Session**

# AGENDA

- University Application Components
- TIS High School Curriculum Overview
- TIS High School Transcript
- College Board Tests (PSAT/ SAT / AP)
- Enriched Curricular Activities
- College Planning Resource
- College Planning Timeline

# Application Components

- ❖ *TIS High School Transcript (By TEDA International School)*
- ❖ **Standardized Tests**
  - I. TOEFL or IELTS
  - II. SAT or ACT
  - III. Advanced Placement (AP)
- ❖ **Personal Statement/College Essay**
- ❖ *Letters of Recommendation (By TEDA International School)*
- ❖ **Supplementary Documents (E.g., Financial Statements)**
- ❖ **Application Fee**

# TIS High School Graduation Requirement

- 4 credits of English
- 3 credits of Math
- 4 credits of Science
- 4 credits of Social Studies
- 8 credits of Electives
  - Visual/Performing Art
  - Foreign Language Other Than English
- 40 hours of school community service

# High School Courses

- **English**: English 9 – English 10 – American Lit. – British Lit. (AP English)
- **Math**: Algebra I / Geometry – Algebra II – Pre-Calculus – AP Calculus BC^
- **Science**: Biology – Chemistry – Physics/AP Physics 1 – Envi. Sic./AP Envi. Sci.
- **Social Studies**: World History I – World History II – Human Geo./AP Human Geo – Global Issue/AP Comparative Government and Politics (AP World History)
- **AP Electives**: Biology/Chemistry/Physics C: Mechanics, Computer Science (2), Microeconomics/Macroeconomics, Statistics/Psychology, 2D Art and Design
- **Non-AP Electives**: Art (3), Jazz Band, Languages Other Than English (2)

# High School Transcript

1. **HS Transcript:** a copy of applicant's official record of grades and courses from time of entrance to the end of the latest semester in high school.
2. **TIS Grading Scale** for GPA Calculation: please see the handout (most colleges recalculate GPAs based on their own grading scales)
3. Information can be interpreted from the transcript:
  - ✓ Academic *progress* through the high school
  - ✓ The *rigorousness* of courses the applicant have taken at high school
  - ✓ Has applicant *continuously challenged* himself/herself in academics by fully taking advantage of the resources provided by the high school? (2 AP courses in grade 10; 3 AP courses in grade 11 and 4 AP courses in grade 12)



# TEDA INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL HIGH SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT

2017-2018      Grade 9

SUBJECT	S1	S2	CRDT
English 9	83	85	1.00
Geometry & Trigonometry 9	83	85	1.00
World History 1	83	85	1.00
Biology 9	83	85	1.00
Art Foundation	83	85	1.00
Jazz Band	83	85	1.00
<b>Total Credits</b>			6.00

2018-2019      Grade 10

SUBJECT	S1	S2	CRDT
English 10	87	88	1.00
Algebra II	87	88	1.00
World History 2	87	88	1.00
Chemistry 10	87	88	1.00
AP Computer Science Principles	87	88	1.00
AP Microeconomics	87	88	1.00
<b>Total Credits</b>			6.00

# SAMPLE

### Grading Scale

Numerical Grade	Advanced Placement	Honors	Standard Classes
97-100	5	4.5	4
93-96	5	4.5	4
90-92	4.7	4.2	3.7
87-89	4.3	3.8	3.3
83-86	4	3.5	3
80-82	3.7	3.2	2.7
77-79	3.3	2.8	2.3
73-76	3	2.5	2
70-72	2.7	2.2	1.7
67-69	2.3	1.8	1.3
60-66	1	1	1

2019-2020      Grade 11

SUBJECT	S1	S2	CRDT
American Literature	90	91	1.00
Pre-Calculus	90	91	1.00
AP Human Geography	90	91	1.00
AP Physics 1	90	91	1.00
AP Macroeconomics	90	91	1.00
<b>Total Credits</b>			6.00

2020-2021      Grade 12

SUBJECT	S1	S2	CRDT
British Literature	92	93	1.00
AP Calculus BC	92	93	1.00
AP Comparative Government	92	93	1.00
AP Chemistry	92	93	1.00
AP Statistics	92	93	1.00
<b>Total Credits</b>			6.00

## CUMULATIVE GPA: 3.90

# College Board Standardized Test

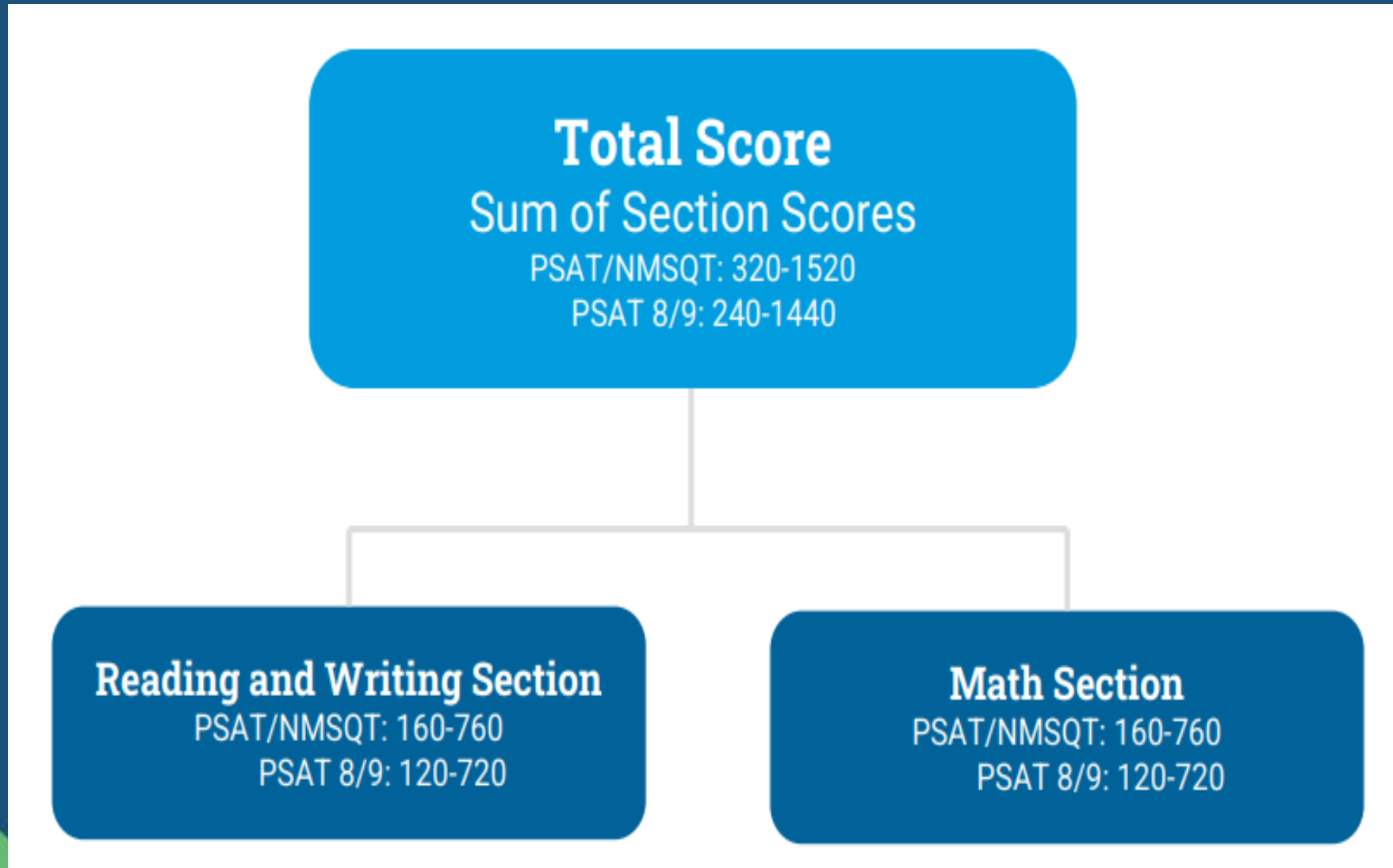
## SAT Suite of Assessments:

- ✓ SAT test is recognized globally
- ✓ Sections: English Reading and Writing; Mathematics
- ✓ WE are an SAT test center (efforts and money saved)
- ✓ WE facilitate students' readiness in SAT through several PSAT testing opportunities.



# College Board Standardized Test

## Digital PSAT Overview



# College Board Standardized Test

## Digital PSAT Overview

### Knowledge and Skills Content Domains

#### Reading and Writing

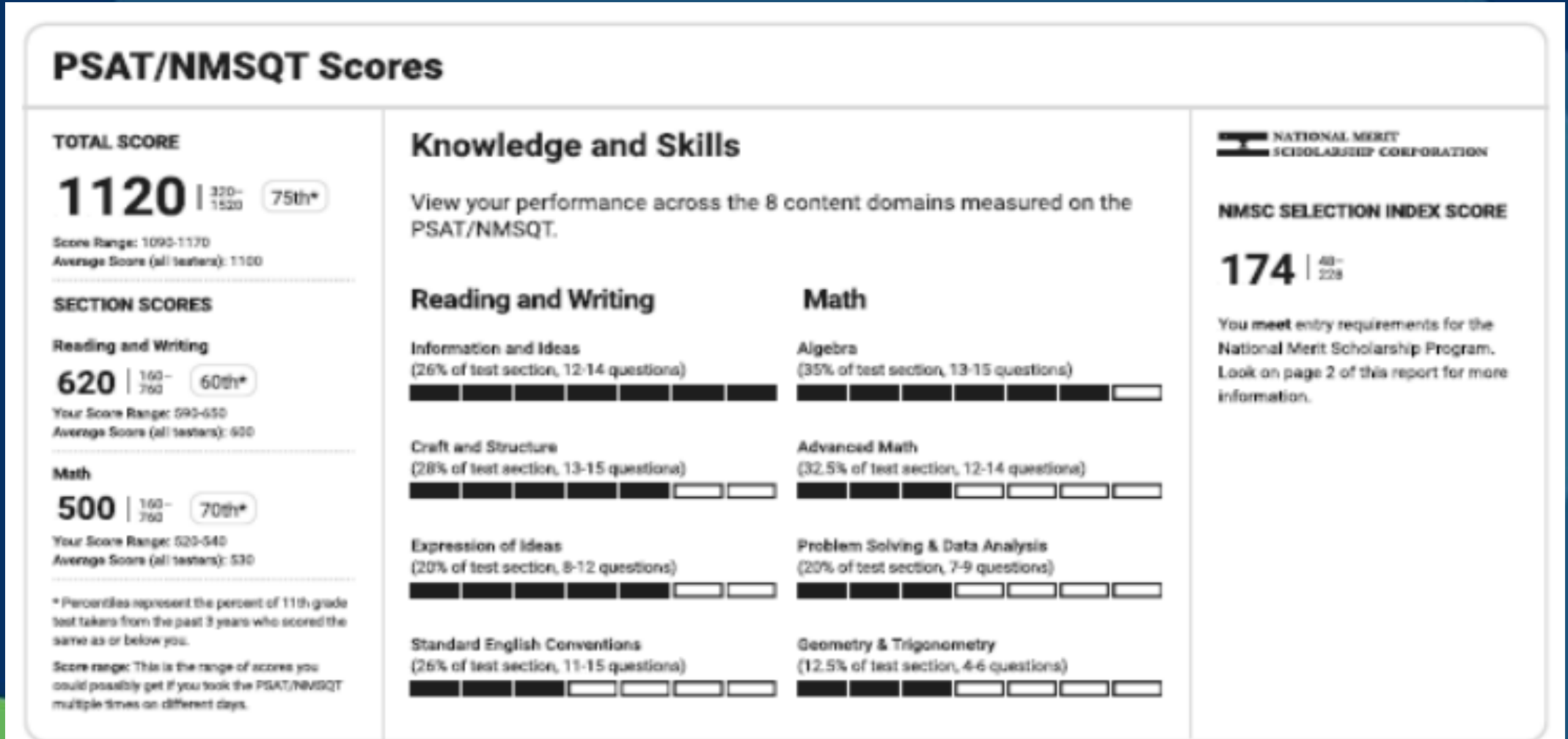
Information and Ideas  
Craft and Structure  
Explanation of Ideas  
Standard English Conventions

#### Math

Algebra  
Advanced Math  
Problem Solving and Data Analysis  
Geometry and Trigonometry

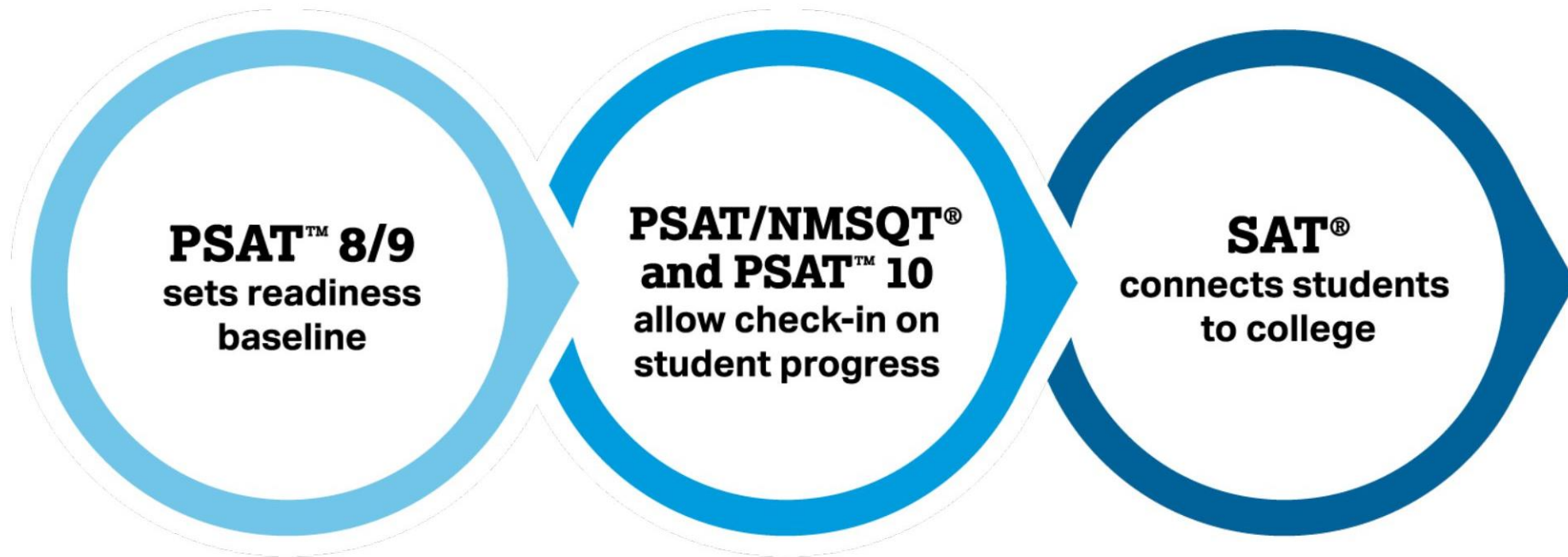
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## Understanding PSAT Paper Score Report



# College Board Standardized Test

## SAT Suite of Assessments Testing Timeline



US Grade



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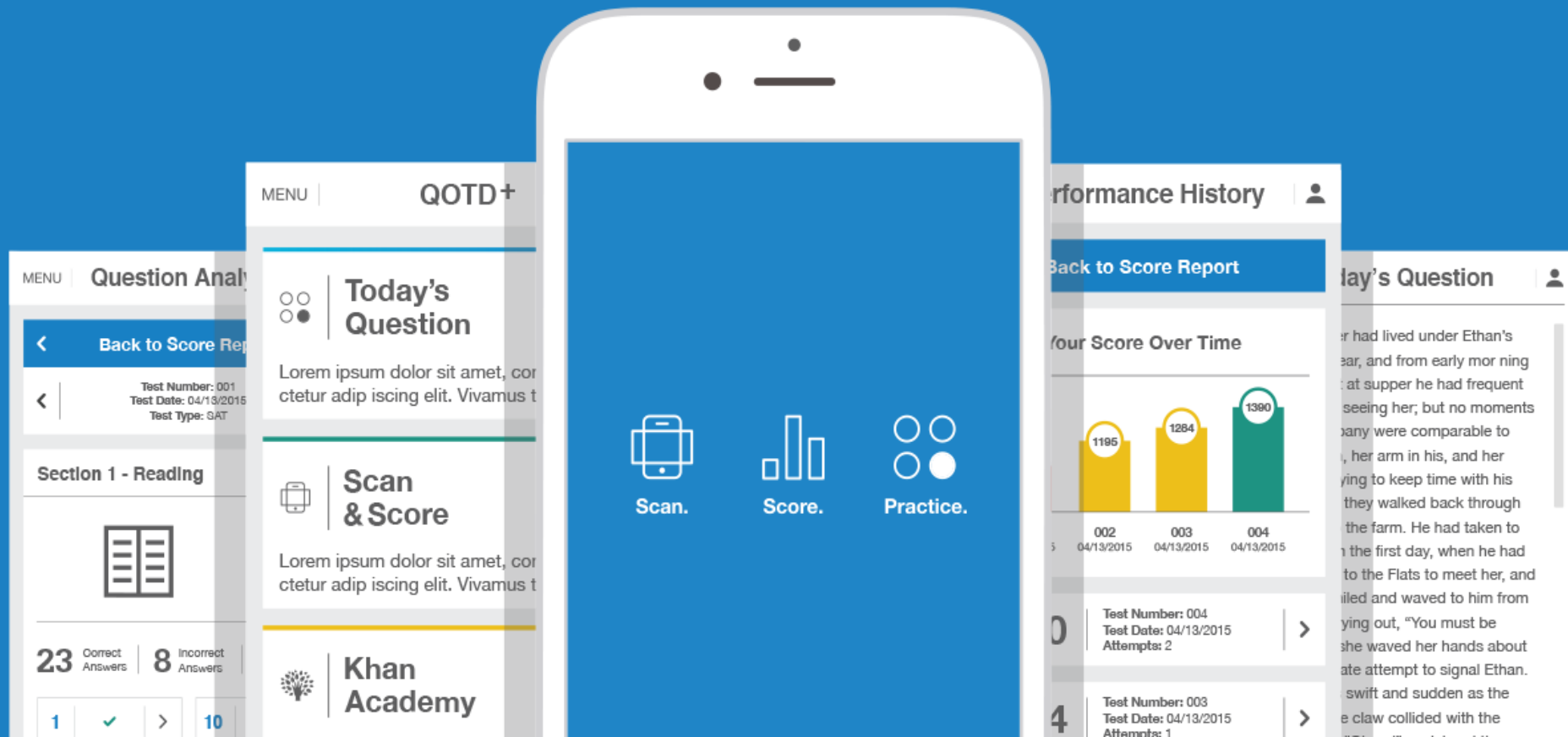
## Digital SAT Suite of Assessments Calendar:

- ✓ Digital PSAT:
  - ❖ Semester One: October
  - ❖ Semester Two: March
  
- ✓ Digital SAT:
  - ❖ Semester One: August, October, November, December
  - ❖ Semester Two: March, May, June

# Free Online Resource

## Official SAT Practice on Khan Academy

## How to Link College Board and Khan Academy Accounts





# College Board Standardized Test

Advanced Placement (AP) Program:

- ✓ Highly demanding courses (college first-year level);
- ✓ Opening doors to universities worldwide
- ✓ Stand out at university admission
- ✓ Flexible courses on students' own choices
- ✓ TIS is authorized by the College Board to administrate  
AP Exams

# 2024-2025 AP Course Offering

- AP Calculus BC
- AP Biology
- AP Environmental Science
- AP Physics 1
- AP Physics C: Mechanics
- AP World History: Modern
- AP Computer Science Principles
- AP Computer Science A
- AP Macroeconomics
- AP Psychology
- AP 2D Art and Design
- AP Chinese Language and Culture
- AP Spanish Language and Culture

# 2025 Digital AP Exam Schedule

Week 1	8 a.m. Local Time	12 p.m. Local Time
<b>Monday, May 5, 2025</b>	<b><u>Biology</u></b>	Microeconomics
<b>Tuesday, May 6, 2025</b>	Chemistry Human Geography	US Government and Politics
<b>Wednesday, May 7, 2025</b>	English Literature and Composition	Comparative Gov. & Politics <b><u>Computer Science A</u></b>
<b>Thursday, May 8, 2025</b>	Statistics	<b><u>World History: Modern</u></b>
<b>Friday, May 9, 2025</b>	United States History	<b><u>Chinese Language and Culture</u></b> <b><u>Macroeconomics</u></b>

**Friday, May 9, 2025: AP Art and Design portfolios submission deadline**

# 2025 Digital AP Exam Schedule

Week 1	8 a.m. Local Time	12 p.m. Local Time
<b>Monday, May 12, 2025</b>	<b><u>Calculus BC</u></b>	Music Theory
<b>Tuesday, May 13, 2025</b>	Precalculus	<b><u>Environmental Science</u></b>
<b>Wednesday, May 14, 2025</b>	English Language and Composition	<b><u>Physics C: Mechanics</u></b>
<b>Thursday, May 15, 2025</b>	<b><u>Spanish Language and Culture</u></b>	<b><u>Computer Science Principles</u></b>  Physics C: Electricity and Magnetism
<b>Friday, May 16, 2025</b>	<b><u>Physics 1: Algebra –Based</u></b>  Spanish Literature and Culture	<b><u>Psychology</u></b>

# Enriched Curricular Activities

## 1. Leadership:

- TIS Chapter of the National Honor Society (NHS)
- Student Government
- Model United Nations (MUN)

## 2. School Community Service:

- Walkathon Fundraiser
- High School Service-Learning Club

## 3. Athletics:

- Volleyball Season
- Basketball Season
- Football Season



# LEADERSHIP



**TIS Chapter of  
National Honor Society  
(NHS)**





**Model United Nations  
(MUN)**





# SCHOOL COMMUNITY SERVICE





# ATHLETIC PROGRAM



HS Volleyball Season: August to October

- Athletic Skills
- Teamwork Spirit

International School  
Organizations







HS Basketball Season:  
November to January/February

HS Football Season:  
February to April





# College Planning Resource



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# College Planning Resource

## College Board BigFuture: Plan for College

### Plan for College

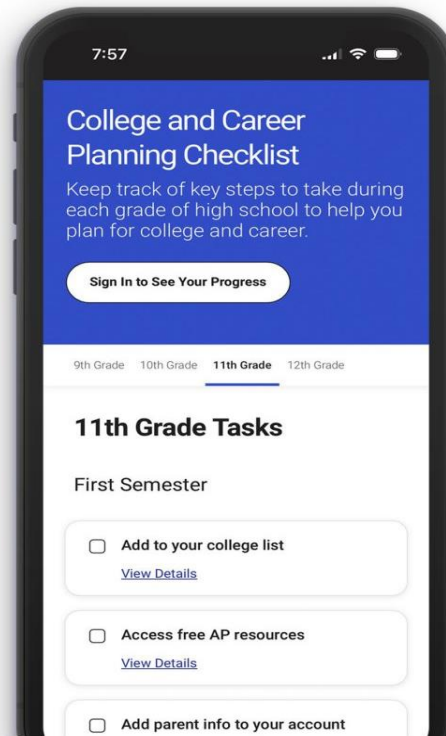


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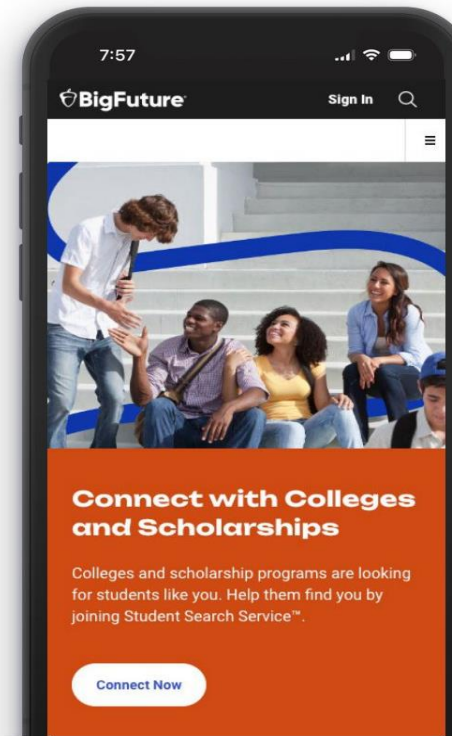
#### Personalized Planning Checklist

Steps that all students can take each year, beginning in 9th grade



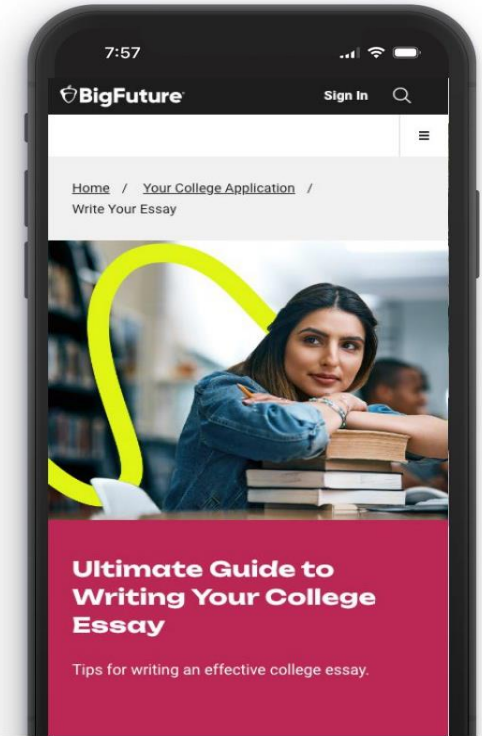
#### Student Search Service

29% more admission offers for Search students compared to similar students who do not join



#### Informative Videos and Articles

Resources from partners including JED Foundation, Khan Academy®, and RoadTrip Nation





# College Planning Timeline

## Gr. 9

GPA  
TOEFL/IELTS Prep.  
Activities  
PSAT 8/9  
AP Exam (if applicable)

## Gr. 10

GPA  
TOEFL/IELTS  
PSAT/NMSQT  
PSAT 10  
SAT Preparation  
AP Exams  
Activities

## Gr. 11

GPA  
PSAT/NMSQT  
SAT  
AP Exams  
Activities  
TOEFL/IELTS (if applicable)

## Gr. 12

GPA  
SAT  
College Application  
AP Exams

**Thank you**