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Why is the SAT so crucial?

The answer is very obvious. The best colleges always have been choosing students with outstanding SAT scores. However, the need to achieve high SAT scores became even more important due to the higher number of highly qualified college applicants.

Why are there so many people applying to college?

To explain this question, we need to examine the United States history. Before, World War II, only a handful of rich or smart students had thought about going to college. However, things began to change after World War II in 1945. After tens of thousands of GIs came home, there were not enough jobs for everyone. So, the government introduced what was known as the GI Bill which allowed veterans to get a college education through government grants. Hence, a college education became more accessible after 1945. Then when the children of these veterans (the baby boomers) became old enough to go to college, it was almost natural for them to consider college as a viable option. Now, the children of the baby boomers are applying to colleges in a greater number than ever before.

Higher number of better qualified applicants

Because of the increased competition to get into a “dream college,” students are trying harder than ever before to make their applications stand out. This means that students are taking more AP courses, and engaging in more extracurricular activities. Twenty years ago, taking two or three AP courses would have been sufficient to apply to the top tiered schools. But now students need to take at least 4-5 AP courses just to feel safe.

A higher SAT score is the key

These days, not even a perfect 2400 score on the SAT will guarantee a place in a prestigious Ivy League School like Harvard or Yale. In fact, Harvard rejected 1,100 student applicants with perfect 800 scores on the SAT math exam. Yale rejected several applicants with a perfect 2400 scores on the SAT. However, taking AP courses and committing yourself to extraordinary extracurricular activities takes years of effort and preparation. If you're a junior or senior without outstanding academic achievements, the only chance you have of getting into your dream college is to attain the best possible scores on the SAT. And even if you're only a freshman or sophomore, think about your competitors who are burning the midnight oil so that they can get the elusive perfect 2400 scores on the SAT. In truth, unless you're a genius, it takes years of preparation to score very high on the SAT.

How to Write a Good College Application Essay By Janet Morrissey, NY Times

Here are some tips compiled from experts for writing that all-important application essay, which can often mean the difference between getting accepted — or rejected — by the school of your choice.

The essay is your megaphone — your view of the world and your ambitions. It's not just a resume or a regurgitation of everything you've done. It needs to tell a story with passion, using personal, entertaining anecdotes that showcase your character, your interests, your values, your life experiences, your views of the world, your ambitions and even your sense of humor.

Emphasize volunteer work or other ways you've helped people or made your community a better place. It helps if the activity is related to the subject you want to study. For example, Christopher Rim of Command Education Group, which coaches students, remembers that one student who wanted to become a dentist, set up a nonprofit and held fund-raisers to distribute toothbrushes, toothpaste and other dental products to homeless shelters. Admissions staff members want to know how your presence will make the college a better place.

Mention internships, summer courses, extracurricular activities or lab work that show steps you've taken to learn and understand your field of interest. That will help show you know the field you've chosen to study and are passionate about it.

Explain with knowledge and passion why you want to study at this particular college rather than at others. Tell why the school's size, curriculum, social atmosphere, location, professors or history influenced your choice.

Correct spelling, grammar and punctuation are critical. Use grammar, syntax and writing with a level of sophistication that shows you're ready for college. Never use text-style abbreviations or rude or profane language.

After the essay is submitted, check your email and voice mail daily to make sure you see and respond promptly to messages from admissions staff members. Many students check only texts and sometimes miss emails asking follow-up questions or requesting an interview.

Hafeez Lakhani of Lakhani Coaching summed up the essay this way: “Every college is like a dinner table. What will make you the most interesting contributor to that dinner table conversation?” A good essay, rich with anecdotes and personality, will answer those questions and stand out from the pile.

University of Washington Freshmen by the Numbers

	All applicants	WA residents
Applied	45,911	13,117
Admitted	22,351	7,459
Enrolled	7,141	4,444

	All admits	WA residents
High school GPA	3.71–3.95	3.71–3.96
ACT	27–32	26–32
SAT (ERW+M)	1250–1430	1210–1410
SAT ERW	610–700	600–700
SAT Math	630–760	600–720

Top Colleges with the Highest SAT Scores

Rank	School	EBRW	Math	Composite
1	California Institute of Technology	780	790	1570
2	University of Chicago	770	780	1550
2	Vanderbilt University	770	780	1550
3	Duke University	760	780	1540
3	Harvard University	770	770	1540
3	Yale University	770	770	1540
4	Columbia University	760	770	1530
4	MIT	750	780	1530
4	Princeton University	760	770	1530
4	Stanford University	760	770	1530
4	Northwestern University	760	770	1530
4	Washington Univ. in St. Louis	760	770	1530
5	Harvey Mudd College	740	780	1520
5	Rice University	750	770	1520
6	University of Pennsylvania	750	760	1510
7	Amherst College	750	750	1500
7	Brown University	750	750	1500
7	Cornell University	740	760	1500
8	Dartmouth University	740	750	1490
8	Pomona College	740	750	1490
8	Tufts University	740	750	1490
8	University of Notre Dame	740	750	1490
9	Swarthmore College	740	740	1480
9	Williams College	750	730	1480
9	Carleton College	740	740	1480