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## Standardized Tests:

How to best prepare for college

**DO NOW:** On your whiteboards, draw a picture of how you feel when someone asks you to take a standardized test.

A standardized test is a test that is administered and scored in a consistent, or standard manner.

**What standardized tests are you familiar with?**

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**What two new facts did you learn about the PSAT/PreACT?**

- 1.
- 2.

|                | SAT   | ACT   |
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| Why Take It    | Admissions; Merit-based Scholarships                      | Same!   |
| Test Structure | Reading<br>Writing & Language<br>Math<br>Essay (Optional) | English<br>Math<br>Reading<br>Science Reasoning<br>Essay (Optional) |
| Length         | 3 hr (w/o essay)  | 2 hr, 55 min (w/o essay)  |

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|            | 3 hr, 50 min (with essay)                                 | 3 hr, 40 min (w/ essay)  |
| Reading    | 5 reading passages  | 4 reading passages   |
| Science    | None  | 1 science section testing critical thinking (not skills)                       |
| Math       | Arithmetic, Algebra I & II, Geometry, Trig, Data Analysis | Arithmetic, Algebra I & II, Geometry, Trig, Probability and Statistics         |
| Calculator | Some math questions don't allow you to use one            | You can use one on all math questions  |
| Essays     | Optional; tests comprehension of complex text             | Optional. The essay will test how well you evaluate and analyze complex issues |
| Scores     | Scale 400-1600  | Scale 1-36   |

**How can you prepare for the PSAT/PreACT or SAT/ACT today?**

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**Write best practices for test taking that you've heard in class today:**

**The Good News**

**You ARE going to college** somewhere with commitment to your academics.

**You ARE already a great person, you are important, and you have worth.** Your test scores do not measure your value. Period. It's just a number.

**Your scores can increase through hard work.**

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### **Closure**

What is one thing that is still CIRCLING in your head?

What is one thing that really SQUARED with you today?

What concept came to a POINT today?