

# **PSAT & My College QuickStart Parent Meeting**

Destination College:

Understanding your PSAT Score

Report and how to begin planning for  
College

# So, why are we here?

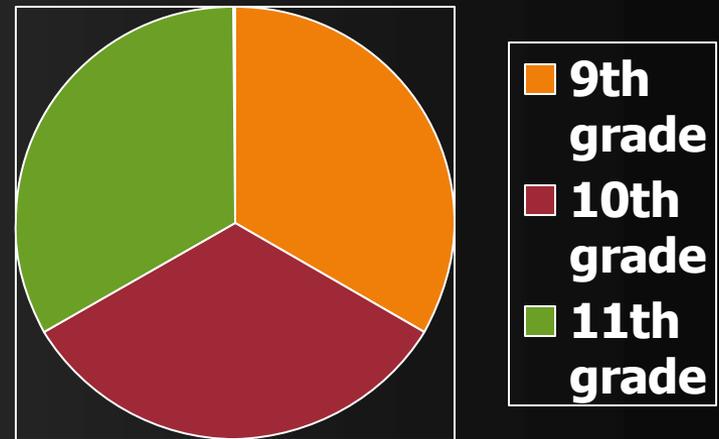
- In the past, students rarely looked past the top line of the PSAT score report.....
- The PSAT score report can be used like a blueprint for improving SAT scores.

# Take a close look at classes.....

- Colleges look closely at the curriculum a student chooses
- Be reasonable
- Pay close attention to deadlines for waivers, etc....
- Academically challenging coursework helps with SAT and ACT
- Investigate specific requirements by various colleges

# ONE THIRD!!

- Grades in 9<sup>th</sup> grade make up 1/3 of the grades on transcript sent to college
- Grades in 10<sup>th</sup> grade make up 1/3 of the grades on the transcript sent to college
- Grades in 11<sup>th</sup> grade make up 1/3 of the grades on transcript sent to college



# College Visits

- At the conclusion of 10<sup>th</sup> grade or during 11<sup>th</sup> grade, students and parents should consider visiting colleges. Visiting colleges while students are in session provides a very clear picture of the true college atmosphere. Many students visit during spring break.

# SAT and ACT

- We recommend that students take both the SAT and the ACT. Most students take the SAT once or twice during Junior year, and the ACT at least once. **NAIL THAT SCORE** prior to Senior year, as many college application deadlines are early fall.

# Include Writing

- Be sure to include the writing portion when you take the ACT. Many colleges will not accept an ACT score without the writing section.

# Redesigned SAT & PSAT

- PSAT- October 2015
- SAT- Spring 2016
  - Evidence-Based Reading and Writing
    - Reading Test
    - Writing and Language Test
  - 2. Math
  - 3. Essay (optional)

***Parent Informational Meeting in Spring***

# PSAT Junior Year

- Students must pay to take the PSAT during Junior year. In order to qualify for the National Merit Scholarship competition, students must take the PSAT during the junior year. Historically, National Merit Semi-finalists Selection index falls “around”

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# SAT Prep Classes

- Applerouth
- The Two Ladies
- Omega Learning
- Princeton Review
- And there are many more options available.....

# SAT Question of the Day???

- Did you know that on [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com) they post a SAT question of the day??
- You choose the answer, it tells you if it is correct, and even tells you how many people have answered and what % are correct

# So What's in an SAT Score?

- SAT and ACT scores are the ONE STANDARD MEASUREMENT colleges can reference when reviewing an applicant's file.
- What are SAT scores trending at the college level today.....

# In Georgia.....

- UGA: Early Action had a 1800-2060 avg



- Ga Tech: Early Action had a 2050-2240 avg



# Georgia Continued...

- Kennesaw State:

SAT avg: 1000-1180 (CR + M)



- Ga College:

Mid 50%: 1055 (CR + M)



# Georgia cont...

Valdosta State:

SAT avg: 1015 (CR + M)



Georgia Southern:

SAT avg: 1030-1180 (CR +M)



- Emory:



EMORY  
UNIVERSITY

SAT Mid 50% range: 1320-1520  
(CR + M)

# Out of State trends..

- Clemson: SAT Mid 50% 1150-1340  
(CR + M)



- UNC Chapel Hill: SAT: 1220-1420  
(CR + M)



- University of South Carolina  
SAT Avg: 1120-1280 (CR + M)

# Careful with those "AVG"

- Keep in mind that published Averages or Ranges are simply that....
- Specifics to keep in mind are "out of state" admittance rates  
(ex: UNC-Chapel Hill admits only 15-18% from out of state...so coming from GA you have to be very strong)

# How They Help

- Strong SAT and/or ACT scores can be very beneficial not only with acceptance, but with:
  - \*Scholarship Opportunities
  - \*Waiving Out of State Tuition

# So why so much emphasis on “the score”...

- For some students, the score is more important than for others
- Depending on your “dream school”, you may need to work on your score.
- **BUT MOST IMPORTANT** ...College is a match, not a trophy 😊

**Now, let's take a look at  
the PSAT Score Report  
and My College  
QuickStart**