

# SAT/ACT Test Preparation

Harrison High School's approach to bringing high quality SAT and ACT test preparation to students is comprehensive. Our programs are led by certified Harrison teachers with the support from experts in the field.

We offer several options to our students ensuring students have multiple opportunities to engage in preparation at no cost to families.

Our preparation includes:

- Elective course offerings that can be scheduled during the school day,
- After school sessions during the spring semester,
- Summer Academies,
- On-line practice tool,
- On-line SAT/ACT tutorial through Naviance: Family Connection,
- Administration of and guidance before, during, and after the PSAT (practice SAT) and the PLAN (practice ACT) tests, and
- Integration of skills, strategies, and tasks embedded throughout the core English Language Arts and mathematics curriculum, instruction, and assessments.

In addition, students and parents are encouraged to register with and become familiar with the materials available on the College Board and ACT websites. These sites provide study guides and general test information on testing dates and registration deadlines. Students and parents can also sign-up to receive study skill tips and strategies.

**College Board—PSAT, SAT and SAT II**  
<http://www.collegeboard.com>

**ACT—PLAN and ACT**  
<http://www.actstudent.org>

**SAT/ACT VERBAL PREP**  
*Elective Course During School Day*  
Course No.: 155      Grades Offered: 10-12

**SAT/ACT MATHEMATICS PREP**  
*Elective Course During School Day*  
Course No.: 329      Grades Offered: 10-12

**SAT/ACT SPRING ACADEMY**  
*After School 10-Week Program*  
Grades Offered: 10-11

**SAT/ACT SUMMER ACADEMY**  
*Summer School 6-Week Program*  
Grades Offered: 11-12

**NAVIANCE: FAMILY CONNECTION SAT/ACT TUTORIAL**  
*Grades Offered: All*

With both SAT and ACT preparation, students can listen to a pre-recorded professional tutor explain the concepts and questions that they are struggling with, without reading through pages of intimidating text. Students will receive immediate feedback and a complete explanation for every practice question. Their performance is tracked and strengths and weaknesses are clearly indicated for review.

Students can:

- Hear audio explanations of test questions
- Access strategy guides for each test
- Complete full-length practice tests
- Receive hundreds of practice questions
- Read easy explanations to every question
- Track their strengths on each test
- Receive valuable test-taking tips
- Take practice quizzes to boost their knowledge
- Access their courses on an unlimited, 24x7 basis from any web-enabled computer

## A FEW WORDS ON COLLEGE ADMISSION AND THE GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT

While college exams play a critical role in the application process, admissions officers look at many different factors in reviewing applications, including

- A rigorous and challenging curriculum demonstrated on the transcript
- Grades earned
- Standardized test scores
- Extracurricular activities/athletics
- Application essay
- Letters of recommendation
- Intended major/field of study
- Other factors (geographic diversity, ethnic/racial diversity, socioeconomic diversity, and age diversity)

The relationship formed with your guidance counselor is an important one. Our department hosts several annual parent information evenings throughout the fall and spring to assist you in the college admissions process. More information follows.