



Welcome

Welcome sophomore & junior
parents!!!

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College Fairs

Tri School College Night will be held
Oct. 17th from 6:45 pm- 8:30 pm at
Servite



College Rep Visits

Each year Connelly has college admission representatives visit

Sophomores, Juniors are invited to attend these presentations at lunch or during conference

Schedule will be announced as confirmed



What Colleges Want

- * Applications / Essays / Extracurriculars (25%)
 - Standardized Tests (25%)
 - Transcripts (courses, grades, etc) (50%)



SAT

Format

- Math
- Critical reading
- Writing

Total time: 3 hrs and 45 min

Test is based on reasoning and logic

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SAT Math

- Basic math concepts through algebra II



SAT Writing

Multiple Choice-Grammar

Essay

Critical Reading



SAT Scoring

- Each section is scaled from 200-800
- National average is about 500 per section
 - Perfect score is 2400
- You receive one correct point per correct answer
- $\frac{1}{4}$ a point is taken away for each incorrect multiple choice answer



ACT

Based closer on the curriculum in high school rather than reasoning and logic



ACT Format

4 SECTIONS

- English
- Reading
- Math
- Science

Total test time is 2 hrs and 55 min or 3 hrs and 25 min if you choose to take the writing portion



ACT Scoring

Each section is scored on a scale of 1-36

The sections are averaged to obtain your total score

National average is about 21

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ACT Math

*pre-algebra

- Elementary algebra
- Intermediate algebra
- Coordinate geometry
 - Plane geometry
 - trig



ACT English

Usage & Mechanics

Rhetorical Skills



ACT Reading

Reading Comprehension

Passage Types



ACT vs SAT

ACT

science reasoning section

math includes trig

all multiple choice

no guessing penalty

math = 25% of score

easy/hard questions mixed

SAT

no science section

no trig

question types vary

guessing penalty

math = 33% of score

questions go from easy to hard



Testing Timeline

- All Sophomores will be taking the PLAN in October at Connelly
- Sophomore year take diagnostic tests for SAT and ACT
- Juniors take the PSAT in October at Connelly
- Jan-June of Junior year begin taking the SAT or ACT
- All testing should be finished by Dec. of senior year



Registration

SAT Registration

Register with college board

www.collegeboard.com

ACT Registration

Register with ACT

www.ACT.org

Register about 6 weeks prior to the test



Taking the tests over

No penalty for taking the test multiple times

Scores may improve



Courses

- Every student at Connelly takes college prep courses
- She should take AP or honors courses if she is eligible and can do well in them



A-G Requirements

No Ds or Fs. All D grades should be made up to be UC eligible.

- History/Social Science-2 yrs
- English- 4yrs
- Math 3 yrs (4 preferred)
- Lab Science- 2yrs (3 preferred)
- Foreign Lang- 2 yrs (3 preferred)
- Visual/Performing Arts- 1 yr
- College Prep Elective- 1 yr



Grades

- 10th & 11th grades are grades used for calculating GPA for UC & Cal States
- Unique GPA made up of only A-G courses



Extras

Activities

- Better to choose a few and make an impact
- Demonstrate leadership and dedication
- Follow through

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Choosing a School

- Explore a variety of school
- Choose schools based on individual fit



Helpful Websites

www.csumentor.edu

www.universityofcalifornia.edu

www.commonapp.org



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Thank you

Thank you for coming!!!