

## **Recommendations for the timing of SAT/ACT and Subject Tests for Class of 2017**

Many parents are concerned about the change during the coming school year from the current SAT format to the New SAT format (the new one begins in March 2016). At CCPrep, we do not view this as something that should cause stress, but rather a great opportunity. The majority of students should still prepare in the summer before their Junior year and take the SAT in the fall of their Junior year. But if they do not get the score they want on that and on a retake in either December or January, then they have the opportunity to take a completely new test starting in the spring of their Junior year. This is a opportunity to have more changes and more tests to prove to colleges that you should be admitted.

We understand that each student's need may be different, these are just guidelines.

There are a few questions that need to be answered in order to determine what should be done:

1. Is your student going to be applying EA or ED to any schools in the fall? (if you don't know what EA or ED is, the answer is likely "No")
2. Is your student going to be taking any AP or IB exams in the Spring of 2016?
3. Has your student completed Algebra 1, Geometry, and Algebra 2 before the end of the 2014-2015 school year?
4. Is your student going to be too busy to prep and take the SAT/ACT in either the (A) Fall of 2015 or (B) Spring of 2016?

Advice based upon your answers from above. Please look at all answers and then hopefully you can make an informed decision on when to take the exam:

### **Question #1:**

Yes = Timing plan A, you do not need to continue with questions

No = Please continue with questions

### **Question #2:**

Yes = Timing plan A, you do not need to continue with questions

No = Please continue with questions

### **Question #3:**

Yes = Please continue with final question but Plan B is favored

No = Please continue with final question but Plan C is favored

### **Question #4:**

Busy during Fall = Plan C might be better, but you can choose to do B

Busy during Spring = Plan B

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### Plan A:

1. ACT (1st attempt) September 2015
2. SAT (1st attempt) October 2015
3. If ACT is superior, retake either December, February, or April
  1. Private school students avoid December because of finals
  2. Public school students avoid February because of finals
4. If SAT is superior, retake either December or January
  1. Private school students avoid December because of finals
  2. Public school students avoid January because of finals
5. **IF YOU WAIT UNTIL MARCH SAT, IT WILL BE THE NEW FORMAT**
  1. **You could choose to do this if you would like to try the new format as an alternative to get a higher score if you are struggling with old format.**
6. AP Exams in May 2016
7. SAT Subject Tests in June 2016

### Plan B:

1. ACT (1st attempt) September 2015
2. SAT (1st attempt) October 2015
3. If ACT is superior, retake either December, February, or April
  1. Private school students avoid December because of finals
  2. Public school students avoid February because of finals
4. If SAT is superior, retake either December or January
  1. Private school students avoid December because of finals
  2. Public school students avoid January because of finals
3. **IF YOU WAIT UNTIL MARCH, IT WILL BE THE NEW FORMAT**
  1. **You could choose to do this if you would like to try the new format as an alternative to get a higher score if you are struggling with old format.**

### Plan C:

1. SAT (1st attempt) May 2016
2. ACT (1st attempt) June 2016
3. If ACT superior, retake September 2016
4. If SAT superior, retake October 2016