
PSAT Results & Early College Planning

— Informational Session —
BHS Counseling Department

How BHS Prepares Students for College & Career

- **Curriculum**

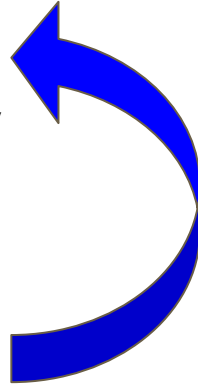
- Connecticut Common Core Standards (CCCS)
- Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS)
- State Social Studies frameworks

- **Instruction**

- Gradual Release of Responsibility

- **Assessment**

- Common across courses
- STAR Math and Reading
- PSAT
- SAT



Comprehensive School Counseling Program

- **9th Grade**

- Transition to High School
- Learning Styles/Study Skills
- Club Fair
- PSAT

- **10th Grade**

- Transcript Review and Goal Setting
- Resume Development
- Career Exploration
- Career Fair
- PSAT

- **11th Grade**

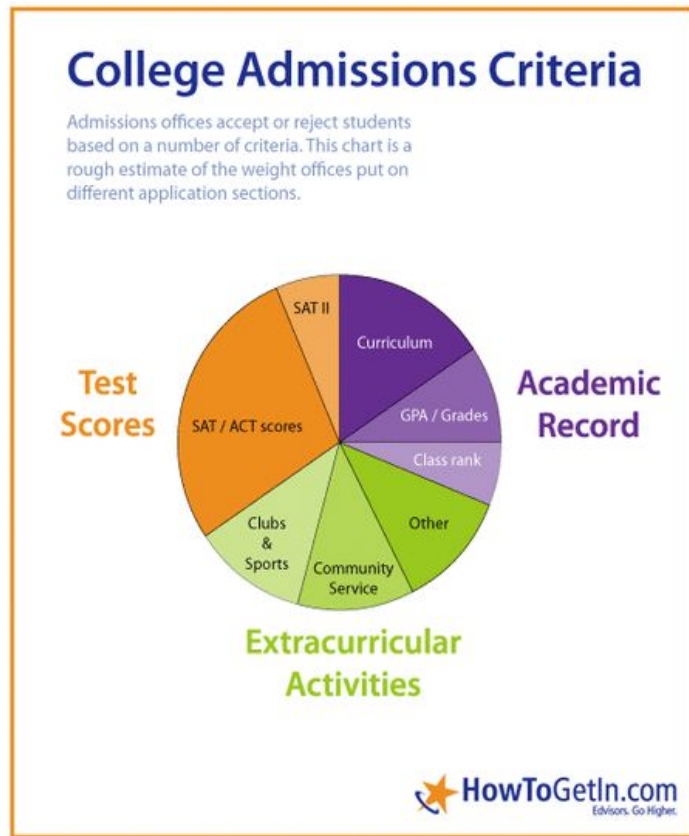
- Post High School Planning
- College & Career Exploration
- Individual Junior Advisement Meetings
- Resume Development
- College Essay Development
- PSAT & SAT

- **12th Grade**

- Post High School Planning
- College Application Process
- Funding College
- Transition to Post High School Path

College Admissions Overview

- Rigor of Curriculum
- Grades
- Admissions Test Scores
- College Essay
- Letters of Recommendation
- Extracurricular Activities & Community Service
- Supplemental Materials (e.g., auditions, portfolios)
- Interview



Overview of College Admissions Testing

- Most colleges/universities require college admissions testing (SAT or ACT)
- Some of the most selective colleges/universities require SAT Subject Tests (SAT II Tests)
- Some colleges/universities are test optional (**fairtest.org**)



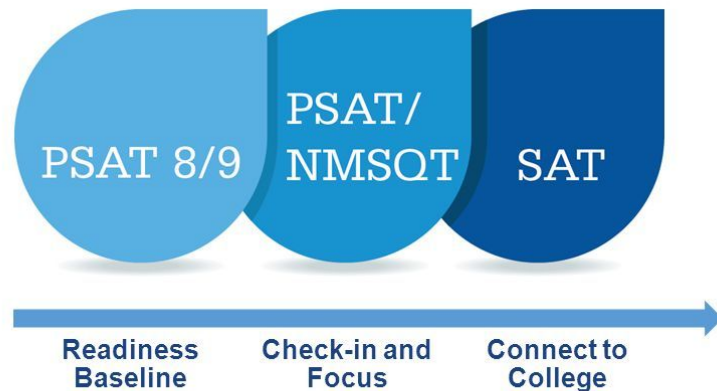
A word cloud of Connecticut colleges and universities that are test optional. The text is arranged in a roughly circular shape. The largest text is "CT Test Optional Schools" in dark blue. Other schools listed include Wesleyan, Sacred Heart, Connecticut College, Quinnipiac, Saint Joseph, Mitchell, Fairfield, Trinity, Goodwin, Eastern, Western, and Charter Oak. The colors of the text vary, including shades of blue, green, and purple.

Wesleyan Sacred Heart
Connecticut College
CT Test Optional Schools
Quinnipiac Saint Joseph Mitchell
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Goodwin Eastern Western
Charter Oak

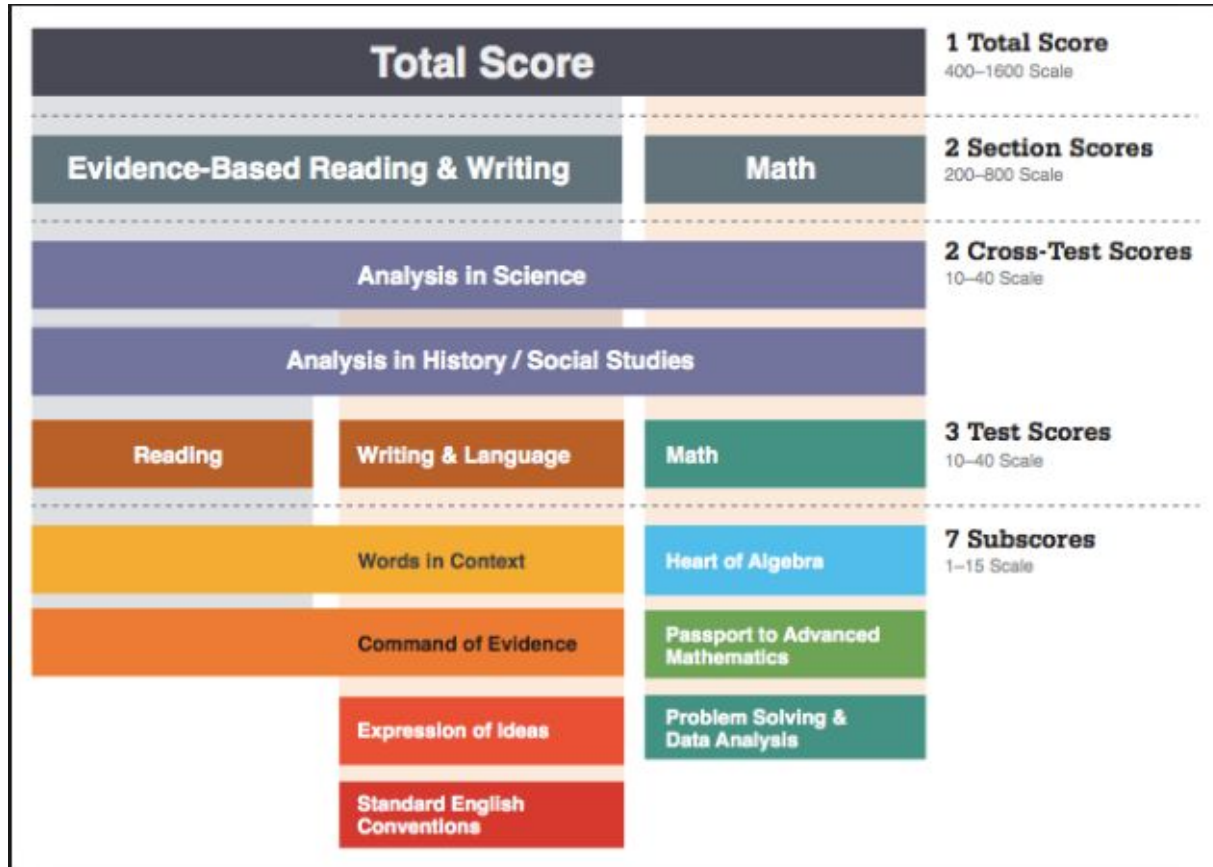
Introduction to PSAT

- All 9th, 10th, and 11th grade students take in the fall at BHS
- Exposes students to the SAT
- Provides results which can be used as a resource to prepare for the SAT
- Used to determine National Merit Scholarship eligibility for 11th graders

The SAT® Suite of Assessments

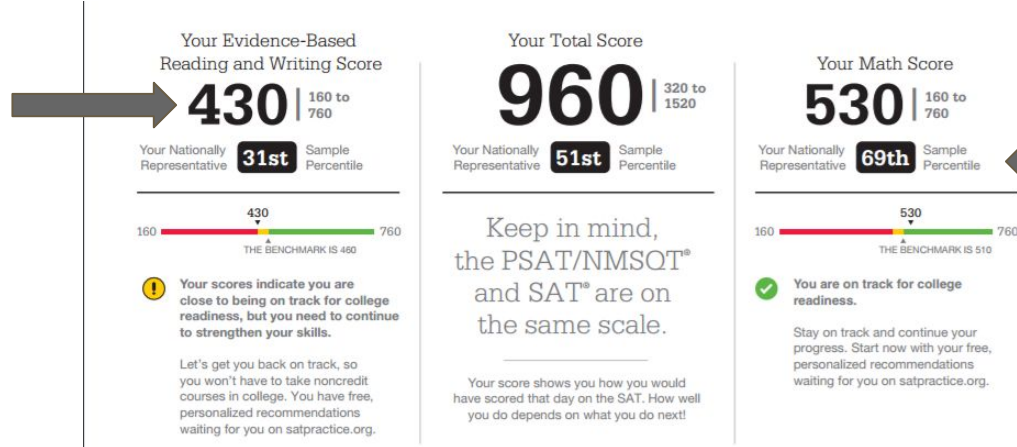


SAT & PSAT Scores



PSAT - Scores & What They Mean

Section
Scores &
Total Score



Score
Percentiles

Test Scores
& Subscores



- Need to strengthen skills
- Approaching Benchmark
- Meet or exceed Benchmark

PSAT - Scores & What They Mean

National Merit Scholarship Corporation

National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC) conducts the National Merit Scholarship Program, an academic competition for recognition and college scholarships. To designate students who qualify for recognition in the 2018 competition, NMSC will consider the 2015 PSAT/NMSTSM. Selection Index scores of some 1.6 million test-takers (usually high school juniors) who meet program entry requirements. For more information, please visit: www.nationalmerit.org.

If any of your responses to NMSC's "Entry Requirements" questions (see right-hand column) are inaccurate or there has been a change in plans that may affect program entry, write immediately to:

National Merit Scholarship Corporation
Attn: Scholarship Administration
1200 Sherman Avenue, Suite 200
Evanston, IL 60201-4887

Include your name and home address along with your high school name, address, and six-digit code number.

Your NMSC Selection Index
139

NMSC uses a Selection Index based on PSAT/NMST scores as an initial screen of students who enter the scholarship programs. To calculate your Selection Index, double the sum of your Reading, Writing and Language, and Math Test scores.

Eligibility Information
If your Selection Index places you among the 50,000 high scorers who qualify for National Merit Scholarship Program recognition, you will be notified next September.

Entry Requirements
(Information you provided on your answer sheet)

High school student:
YES

Year to complete high school and enroll full-time in college:
2018

Years to be spent in grades 9-12:
4

U.S. Citizenship:
YES

Your Scores: Next Steps
Additional skills and improvement suggestions can be found in your online score report.

Your score indicates that you are already likely able to:

Reading Test
Improve your skills by focusing on the following suggestions:

- Revise text as needed to improve the exactness or content appropriateness of word choices within somewhat challenging texts
- Retain or add information or ideas to a place of a text to support claims or points in somewhat challenging text
- Revise somewhat challenging text to ensure that information is presented in the most logical order

23
8 to 38

Writing and Language Test

- Draw reasonable conclusions from somewhat challenging texts
- Describe the overall structure of a somewhat challenging text
- Identify claims and counterclaims explicitly stated in a somewhat challenging passage

20
8 to 38

Math Test

- Interpret a linear inequality in one variable with rational coefficients that represents a context. Select the equation of a line of best fit and interpret the slope and intercept of the line in the context of the situation (when a linear model is appropriate)
- Interpret sample statistics understanding and using margin of error
- Solve and interpret a quadratic function or equation that represents a context and requires multiple steps
- Calculate and interpret frequency distributions using tables and other representational methods

26.5
8 to 38

Get more next steps online
studentscores.collegeboard.org

SAT Practice
Connect to Khan Academy for FREE, world-class SAT practice on satpractice.org.

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See which AP courses may be good matches for you.

Register for the SAT
Select an SAT test date and register for it now.

National Merit
Scholarship
(nationalmerit.org)

Areas of
Strength

Areas Needing
Improvement

More Resources

PSAT - Scores & What They Mean

Question-Level
Feedback



4	B	A	■ ■ ■	WIC	
5	C	✓	■ ■ ■		
6	D	✓	■ ■ ■		
7	B	✓	■ ■ ■	COE	
8	A	✓	■ ■ ■	WIC	
9	D	✓	■ ■ ■	WIC	
10	A	✓	■ ■ ■		HSS
11	D	C	■ ■ ■	WIC	HSS
12	D	B	■ ■ ■	WIC	HSS
13	D	A	■ ■ ■	COE	HSS
14	A	C	■ ■ ■		HSS
15	C	B	■ ■ ■	COE	HSS
16	B	C	■ ■ ■		HSS
17	D	C	■ ■ ■		HSS
18	B	D	■ ■ ■		HSS
19	A	✓	■ ■ ■	SCI	
20	C	✓	■ ■ ■	SCI	
21	B	D	■ ■ ■	COE	SCI
22	D	✓	■ ■ ■	SCI	
23	B	D	■ ■ ■	SCI	
24	D	✓	■ ■ ■	WIC	SCI
25	C	✓	■ ■ ■	WIC	SCI
26	B	A	■ ■ ■		SCI
27	B	C	■ ■ ■		SCI
28	A	C	■ ■ ■	COE	SCI
29	D	A	■ ■ ■	WIC	HSS
30	B	A	■ ■ ■		HSS
31	D	✓	■ ■ ■	COE	HSS
32	A	✓	■ ■ ■		HSS
33	C	✓	■ ■ ■	COE	HSS
34	A	B	■ ■ ■	WIC	HSS
35	A	B	■ ■ ■		HSS
36	C	O	■ ■ ■		HSS
37	B	C	■ ■ ■		HSS
38	C	D	■ ■ ■		HSS
39	C	✓	■ ■ ■	SCI	
40	C	✓	■ ■ ■		SCI
41	B	✓	■ ■ ■		SCI
42	B	✓	■ ■ ■	COE	SCI
43	A	B	■ ■ ■		SCI
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View Questions
& Answer
Explanations



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See the questions, and the
answer explanations, online
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Ima B. Student 2016, Grade: 11th Grade

4	C	A	■ ■ ■	SEC	
5	B	D	■ ■ ■	SEC	
6	B	D	■ ■ ■	COE, EOI	HSS
7	A	D	■ ■ ■	WIC, EOI	HSS
8	B	C	■ ■ ■	EOI	HSS
9	A	B	■ ■ ■	WIC, EOI	HSS
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20	B	✓	■ ■ ■	PAM	
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22	D	C	■ ■ ■	PAM	
23	D	C	■ ■ ■	HOA	SCI
24	C	O	■ ■ ■	PAM	SCI
25	B	A	■ ■ ■	PSD	SCI
26	D	✓	■ ■ ■	PAM	
27	D	A	■ ■ ■	HOA	

Question #	Correct	Your Answer	Difficulty	Subscore	Cross-Test Score
28	65		60 ■ ■ ■	HOA	
29	6, 12		2 ■ ■ ■	PAM	
30	1368		0 ■ ■ ■	PSD	HSS
31	85		75 ■ ■ ■	PSD	HSS

Math Test-No Calculator

Question #	Correct	Your Answer	Difficulty	Subscore	Cross-Test Score
1	D	✓	■ ■ ■	PAM	
2	A	✓	■ ■ ■	PAM	SCI
3	B	✓	■ ■ ■	PAM	
4	C	B	■ ■ ■	PAM	
5	C	✓	■ ■ ■	HOA	
6	B	✓	■ ■ ■	HOA	SCI
7	A	✓	■ ■ ■	HOA	
Question #	Correct	Your Answer	Difficulty	Subscore	Cross-Test Score
8	B	C	■ ■ ■	HOA	
9	C	✓	■ ■ ■	HOA	
10	D	✓	■ ■ ■	HOA	HSS
11	A	C	■ ■ ■		
12	C	✓	■ ■ ■	PAM	
13	B	A	■ ■ ■	PAM	
Question #	Correct	Your Answer	Difficulty	Subscore	Cross-Test Score
14	2		0 ■ ■ ■	HOA	
15	90		80 ■ ■ ■	HOA	
16	1		2 ■ ■ ■	PAM	
17	0	✓	■ ■ ■	PAM	

Subscore

COE Command of Evidence
WIC Words in Context
EOI Expression of Ideas
SEC Standard English Conventions
HOA Heart of Algebra
PSD Problem Solving and Data Analysis
PAM Passport to Advanced Math

Key

✓ Correct
○ Omitted
U Unscored
■ ■ ■ Easy
■ ■ ■ Medium
■ ■ ■ Hard

Cross-Test Score

HSS Analysis in History/Social Studies
SCI Analysis in Science

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PSAT - What now? Khan Academy



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Create or log in to your CollegeBoard account to view your scores and begin using Khan Academy.

The screenshot shows the CollegeBoard dashboard for a user named Ima. The top navigation bar includes links for SAT, PSAT/NMSQT, AP, College Search, Professionals, and More. The main content area displays the user's most recent score for the SAT with Essay, dated March 6, 2016, for 11th Grade. The scores are: Total Score 1010, Evidence-Based Reading and Writing 490, and Math 520. There are buttons for 'View Details' and 'Register for SAT'. A sidebar on the right contains links for 'Practice for SAT on Khan Academy', 'Make a College Plan', and 'Roadmap to Careers'. A large grey arrow points from the text 'Create or log in to your CollegeBoard account...' to the 'Register for SAT' button.

Score	Section
1010	Total Score
490	Evidence-Based Reading and Writing
520	Math

SAT vs ACT

(adapted from collegeboard.org)

Structure and Timing	SAT	ACT
Testing time	3 hours + 50 minute essay (optional)	2 hours 55 minutes + 40 minute essay (optional)
Structure	3 test + optional essay Reading Test 65 minutes, 52 questions Writing and Language 35 minutes, 44 questions Math Test 80 minutes, 58 questions	4 tests + optional essay Reading Test 35 minutes, 40 questions English Test 45 minutes, 75 questions Math Test 60 minutes, 60 questions Science Test 35 minutes, 40 questions
Number of questions	154	215
Time per question	1 minute, 10 seconds	49 seconds
Score range	Composite: 400-1600	Composite 1-36

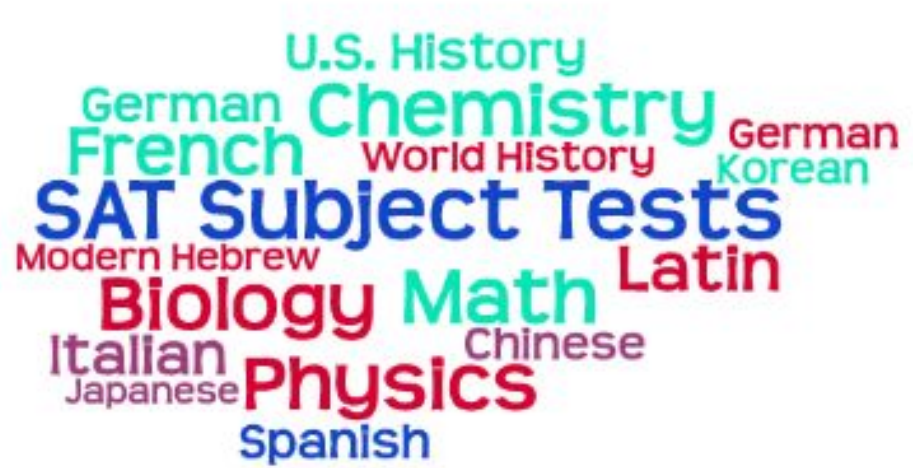
SAT vs ACT

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Features	SAT	ACT
Tests the vocabulary you'll use	Yes	Yes
Everyday math formulas provided	Yes	No
Essay is optional	Yes	Yes
Penalty for guessing	No	No

SAT Subject Tests (SAT II)

- College admission exams on specific subjects
- You choose which tests best showcase your strengths
- 1 hour long (up to 3 tests can be taken on a given date)
- Multiple choice
- **List of colleges that use subject tests**



Comparing Scores Among CT Schools

COLLEGES	 <p>Western Connecticut State University Danbury, CT</p>	 <p>Central Connecticut State University New Britain, CT</p>	 <p>University of Connecticut Storrs, CT</p>
	<p>Somewhat selective 57% of applicants admitted</p> <p>Requirements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SAT Reasoning Test or ACT: Recommended • SAT Subject Tests: Consider If Submitted <p>New SAT Scores ?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Math: 490-570 • Evidence Based Reading & Writing: 500-610 • Reading Test: 25-30 <p>Old SAT Scores ?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Critical Reading: 450-550 • Math: 450-540 • Writing: 450-560 <p>ACT Composite Scores</p> <p>--</p>	<p>Somewhat selective 59% of applicants admitted</p> <p>Requirements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Essay(s): Required • SAT Reasoning Test or ACT: Required <p>New SAT Scores ?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Math: 500-570 • Evidence Based Reading & Writing: 510-610 • Reading Test: 25-30 <p>Old SAT Scores ?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Critical Reading: 460-550 • Math: 460-550 • Writing: 460-550 <p>ACT Composite Scores</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 20-24 	<p>Somewhat selective 53% of applicants admitted</p> <p>Requirements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Essay(s): Required • SAT Reasoning Test or ACT: Required <p>New SAT Scores ?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Math: 600-720 • Evidence Based Reading & Writing: 610-700 • Reading Test: 30-35 <p>Old SAT Scores ?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Critical Reading: 550-650 • Math: 580-690 • Writing: 550-650 <p>ACT Composite Scores</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 26-31

*Chart generated using Big Future section of CollegeBoard

Frequently Asked Questions

- **Should I take the SAT, ACT, or both?**
 - Colleges will accept either the SAT or ACT.
 - We recommend students take one SAT and ACT and then focus on the test on which they performed better and retest as needed.
- **How many times should I take them?**
 - Simply retesting will not necessarily improve scores.
 - We recommend that students complete some type of targeted test preparation/intervention in order to see score improvement.
- **Should I take a test with an essay?**
 - Some of the more selective colleges require the SAT/ACT with essay.
 - Some students like to have that score just in case a school requires it.

Frequently Asked Questions

- **What will colleges see?**
 - Most colleges utilize *Score Choice* and will only see the scores you choose to send them.
- **What is superscoring?**
 - Combining section scores from different test dates to create a new “superscore”
 - Most colleges will superscore the SAT; some will superscore the ACT.
- **How can I compare an SAT score with an ACT score?**
 - Collegeboard.org → Concordance tables & score converter
- **What can I do as a parent to help my student?**
 - Help ease students’ anxiety about the tests
 - Help students determine if test prep is needed and the best option

Suggested Testing Timeline

Freshman & Sophomore Year	Fall - PSAT Test
Junior Year	Fall - PSAT Test
	Winter/Spring - Use PSAT results to prepare for SAT
	March 21 - SAT in School (No registration required)
	December-June - Take ACT
	Spring/Summer - Take SAT/ACT with Writing and SAT Subject Tests (if needed)
Senior Year	Fall - Retest if needed

Connecticut SAT School Day

- March 21, 2018
- Given in school
- No cost
- School will register students
- Evidence-Based Reading & Writing & Math Sections
- No essay
- Scores can be sent to colleges just like any other SAT test

How to Register

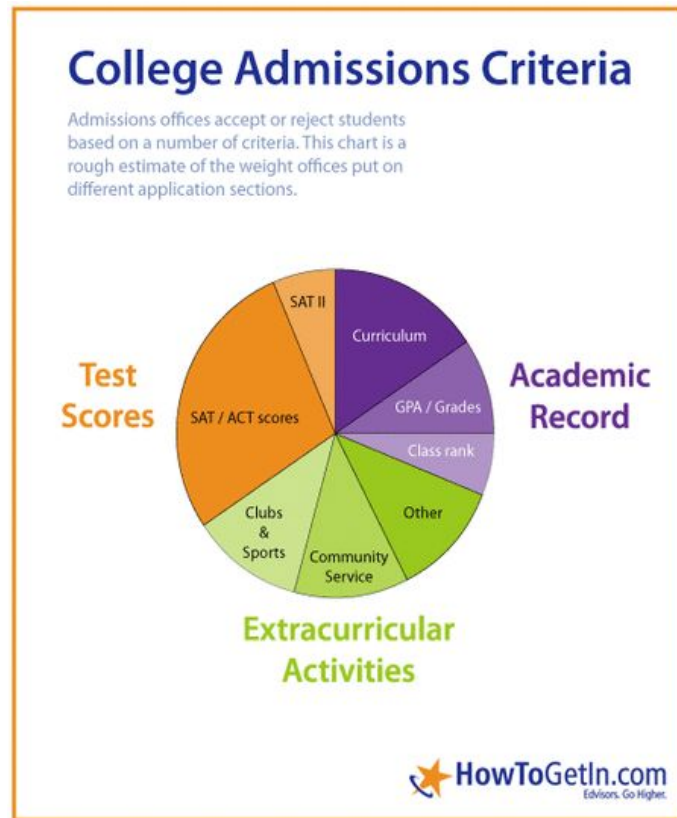
- Register for **SAT and SAT Subject Tests** at **CollegeBoard.org**
- Register for **ACT** at **ACT.org**
- Fee waivers are available to those participating in the free/reduced lunch program - **Talk with your school counselor if you are enrolled.** (Counselors don't have access to this information and therefore don't contact families.)

Test Prep Options

- Khan Academy
- CollegeBoard.org and ACT.org
- More test prep resources on BHS School Counseling website
- Local test prep companies
 - Group/classroom settings
 - Weekend bootcamps
 - Individual tutoring
- **Use PSAT Results & knowledge of yourself as a learner to choose which test prep method is best for you!**

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*College is a match to be made,
not a prize to be won.*

“For many of these young people, the biggest single stressor is that they never get to the point where they can say, “I’ve done enough, and now I can stop.” There’s always one more activity, one more thing to do in order to get into a top college. Kids have a sense that they’re not measuring up. The pressure is relentless and getting worse.”

“Why Are More American Teenagers Than Ever Suffering from Severe Anxiety?” Benoit Denizet-Lewis

Transcript & Grades

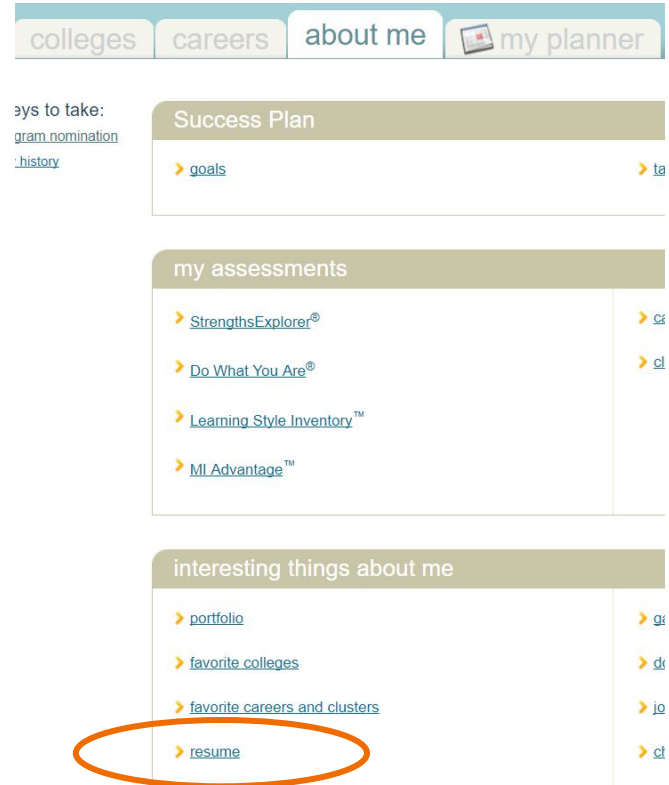
- Seniors applying to college will send transcripts that show:
 - 9th, 10th, and 11th grade courses and final grades
 - 9th, 10th, and 11th GPA **AND** Cumulative GPA (weighted)
 - Senior Year Courses
- Colleges don't just look at the GPA; they also consider the rigor or a student's curriculum.
 - Students should challenge themselves appropriately and consider courses related to an anticipated field of study.
 - Senior year courses are also taken into consideration.

Transcript & Grades

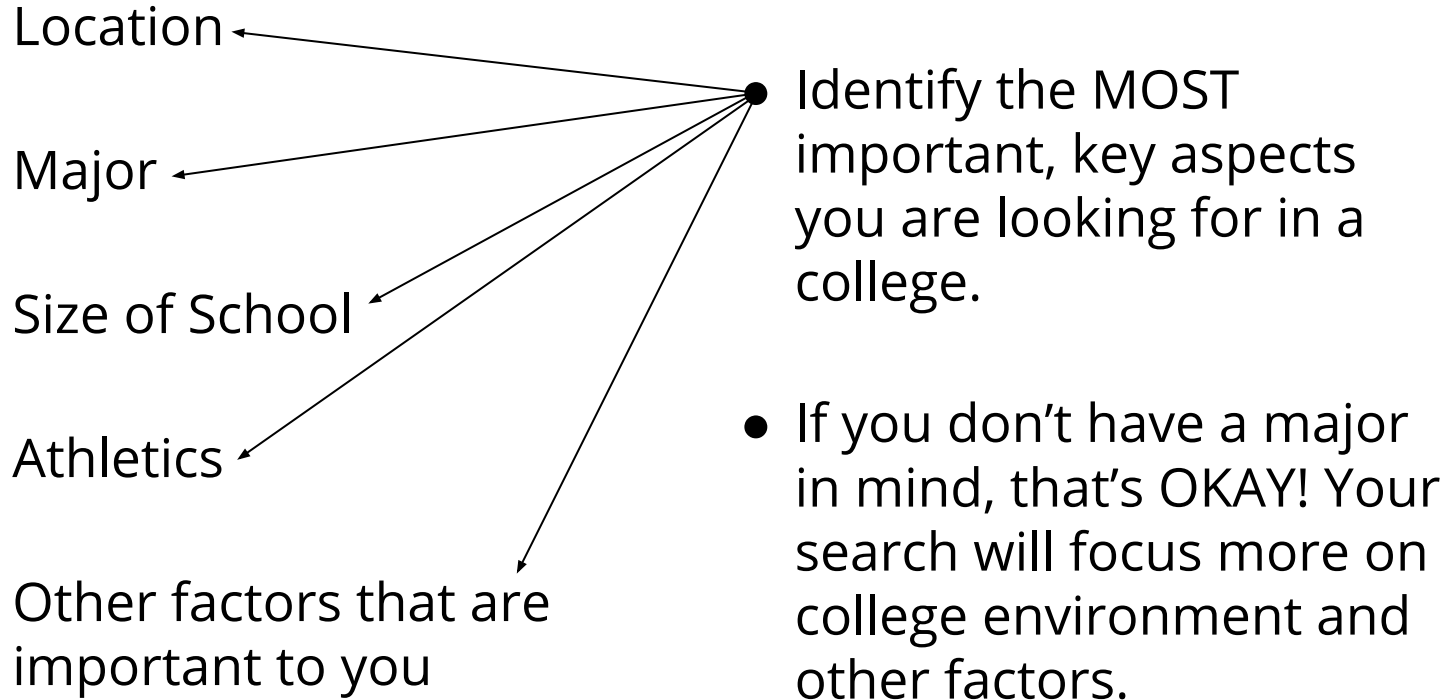
- Senior year matters!
 - Some colleges will want to see first quarter and/or first semester grades.
- The school will also report decile ranking when sending transcripts.
 - Based on cumulative GPA
 - Shows where you rank in class (i.e., top 10%, top 20%, top 30%, etc.)

Extracurricular Involvement

- Colleges want students who will be active, engaged members of the campus community.
- It's about quality, not quantity.
- Students should seek out opportunities for extracurricular involvement and community service that align with their interests. **Check the School Counseling website for updated opportunities.**
- Keep resume updated in Naviance.



Starting the College Search



“Goldilocks Search”

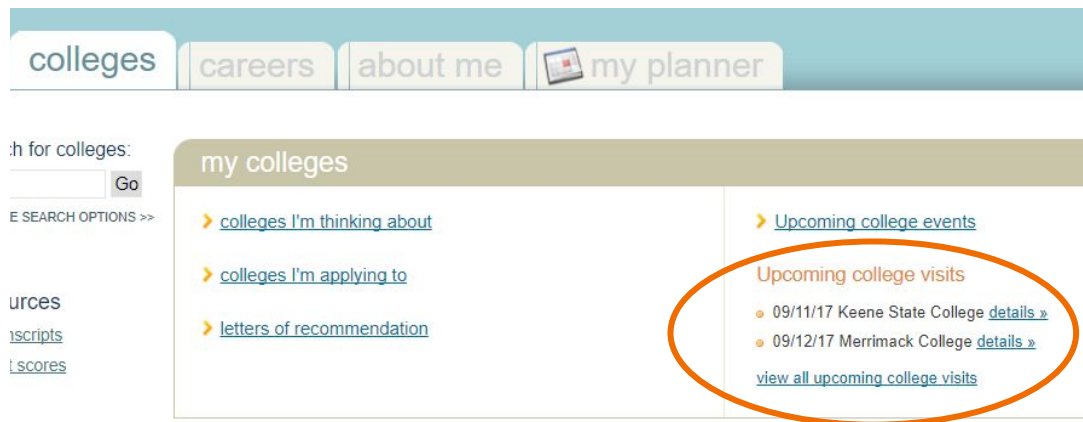
- Visit a small, medium, and large size school.
- Visit both a private and public school.
- Go on tours with your friends ... check out schools you might not have considered!
- Start a broad search with an open mind. Look at a wide range of schools.
- *What are you looking for?* You don't know until you start to look!

College Visits

- April vacation is a great time to start looking at schools! Make your list of all the schools you want to see, and visit their websites for information about tour options and dates.
- In addition to taking a tour, consider scheduling an appointment with an admissions counselor if possible.
- Make a list of possible questions and DO YOUR RESEARCH in advance!

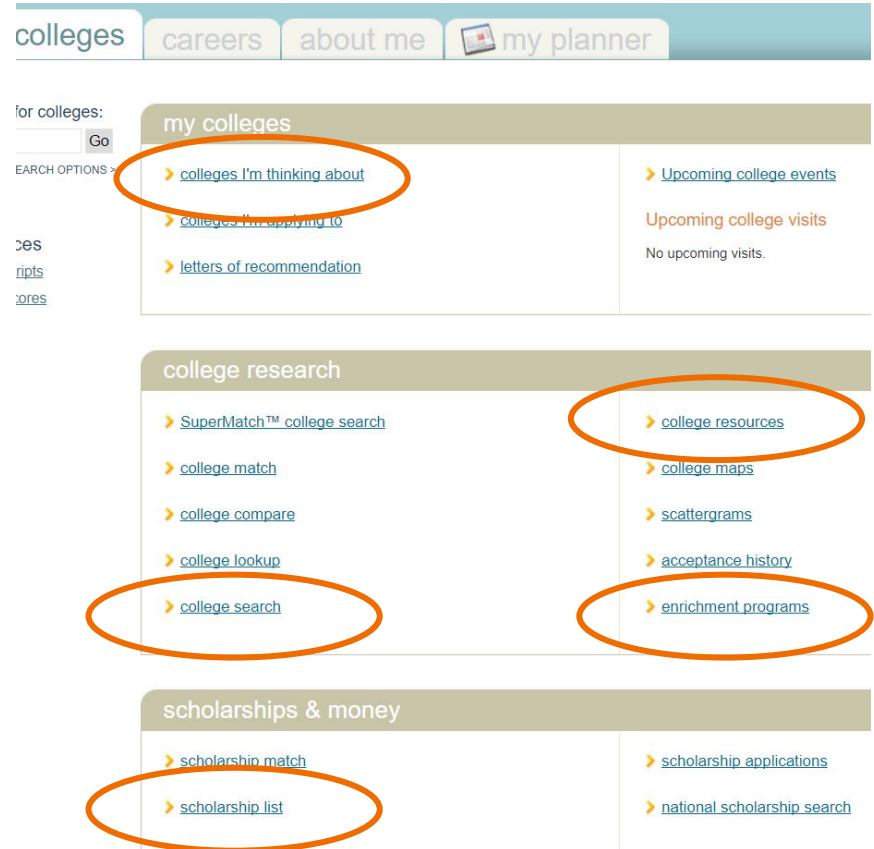
College Fairs & College Rep Visits

- Local college fairs are great opportunities to speak with representatives from a wide variety of schools. The Danbury Mall usually hosts one in October.
- In the fall many college representatives will visit BHS. Sign up on Naviance to speak with the people who will most likely be reviewing your application.



Naviance

- Using the **Colleges tab** you can:
 - Conduct a College Search
 - Examine scattergrams to help determine chances of admissions
 - Add schools of interest to the “Colleges I’m Thinking About” list
 - Search for scholarships and summer/enrichment opportunities (also on Counseling Dept website)
 - Explore majors and careers



Naviance - Scattergrams

Step 1:
Type in the name of a college, or use the college search tool to generate a list of results.

home colleges careers about me

search for colleges:

Go

[MORE SEARCH OPTIONS >>](#)

college lookup

Name
Western Connecticut State University

Step 2:
Select the college

Western Connecticut State University 
Danbury, CT, US | wcsu.edu

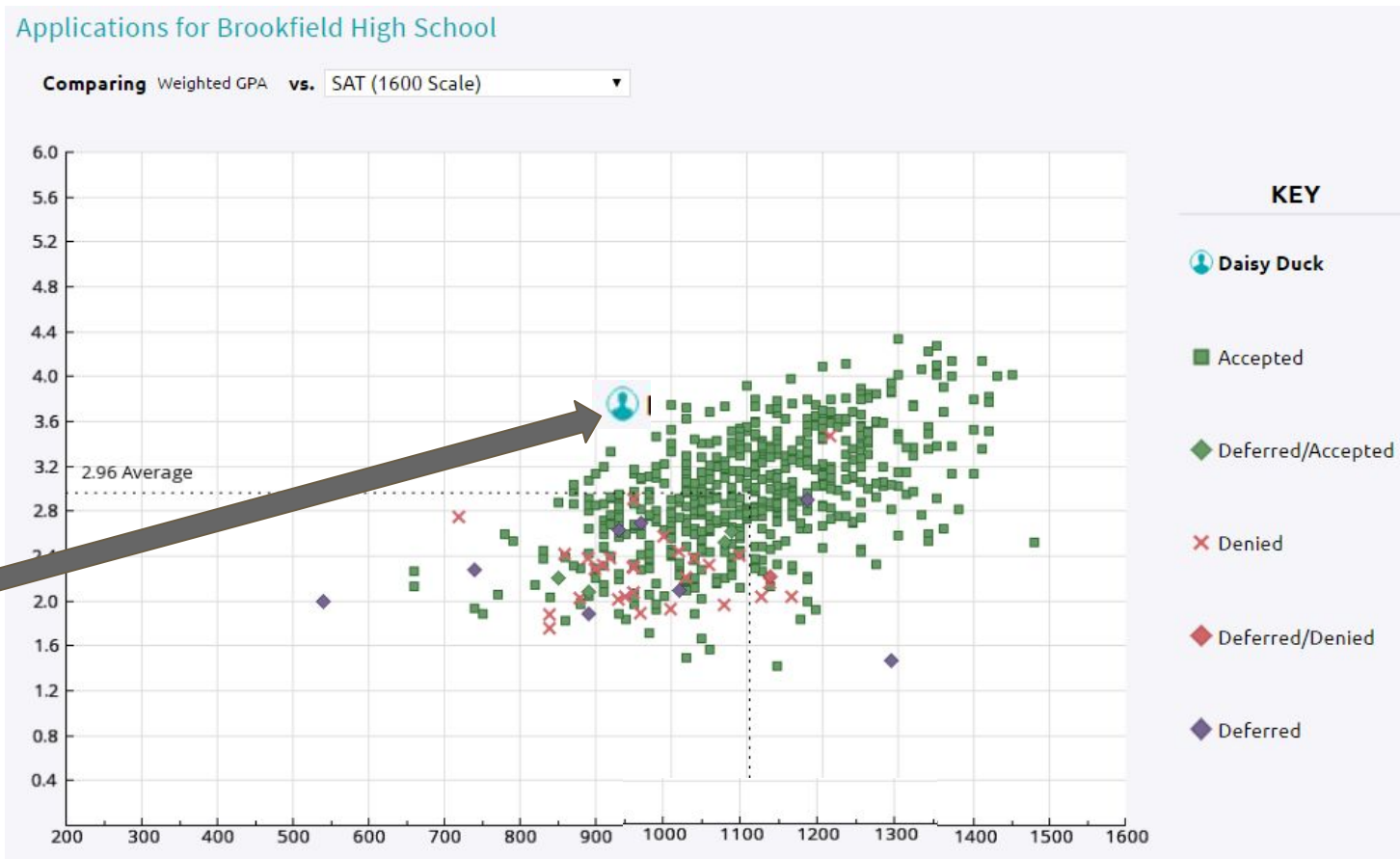
Communicate  Apply online

Step 3:
Click on the Admissions Tab

 [Studies](#) [Student Life](#) [Admissions](#)

Naviance - Scattergrams

Step 4:
View BHS
applicants'
admission
status based
on GPA +
test scores &
see where
you are in
the chart.



Additional Resources

- CollegeBoard
 - *Use the **BigFuture** section to access information on planning for college, finding colleges, exploring majors and careers, getting application advice, and paying for college
 - *Explore AP test options
- Rugg's list: Ask your counselor for a copy of the best schools for a specific major.
- US News
- Fiske Guide
- Princeton Review
- 350 Best Colleges: Princeton Review

New England Regional Tuition Break Program

- **Get comparable in-state tuition at out-of-state schools.** Some majors that are not offered by a CT State College are eligible for a reduced tuition amount at other New England region state schools.
- **Visit www.nebhe.org** to see a list of participating schools in the New England region, as well as eligible majors for CT residents.
- ***Some of the majors:*** Architecture (BFA), Business Psychology, Cinema Production, Creative Writing (BFA), Dance, Entrepreneurship, Ethnic and Gender Studies, Fashion Design & Retailing, Film Media/Studies, Game Design, Homeland Security, Meteorology, Music Business, Photography

Connecticut Transfer Ticket Program

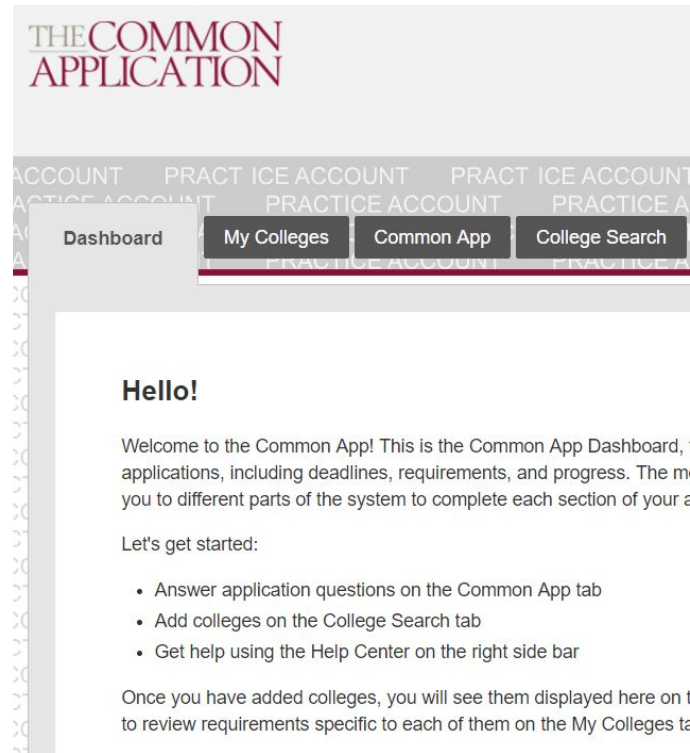
- Begin at CT community college
- Complete 2 years (earn Associate's Degree)
- Maintain 2.0 GPA
- Transfer to CT state school (i.e., Western, Southern, Central, or Eastern)
- Complete 2 more years to earn Bachelor's Degree
- 26 Available Majors
- <http://www.ct.edu/transfer/tickets>

Financial Aid

- We'll host a **Financial Aid Night** in the fall with more detailed information.
- **FAFSA** – www.fafsa.ed.gov
 - an application required to be considered for grants, loans and work study
- **CSS Profile** – www.collegeboard.org
 - an application required by some private schools to help them determine eligibility for financial aid
- **Scholarships**
 - Research scholarships using the School Counseling website, websites of the colleges you are considering, and Naviance.

Common App

- One standardized online application (with supplemental requirements for each school)
- Accepted by over 600 colleges/universities
 - Naviance will note if a school is a Common App school.
- Rising seniors can begin filling out the application in August before senior year.
- Essay component - Students will draft an essay in their junior English class.



Student Athletes

- In order to be eligible for DI and DII athletics, you must register with the NCAA Eligibility Center - **www.eligibilitycenter.org**
- By the end of Grade 11
 - Register with the NCAA Eligibility Center. Once you've registered, Mrs. Sanchez will be notified to send your transcript.
 - Submit SAT/ACT scores to the NCAA using code 9999.
- High school coaches can be a great resource throughout this process.
- When visiting colleges, consider reaching out to coaches to set up a meeting.

Other Tips for the College Search Process

- **Create an appropriate personal e-mail address** that can be used to receive and organize information from colleges.
- **Be mindful of social media posts.** Some colleges review applicants' social media accounts as part of the admissions process.
- **Students should take the lead on their college search process.** They should reach out to college representatives, ask questions during their tours, and complete their own applications. Counselors are here to support students through this process.

Next Steps

9th Graders

- *Link PSAT scores to Khan Academy to prepare for 10th grade PSAT
- *Get involved in extracurriculars
- *Develop strong study skills and seek out extra help if needed
- *Work with teachers & counselor to develop 10th grade schedule
- *Meet with counselor during second semester to review the year and plan for next year

10th Graders

- *Review PSAT results & use Khan to prepare for 11th grade PSAT
- *Continue extracurricular involvement and consider new opportunities
- *Keep resume updated
- *Work with teachers & counselor to develop 11th grade schedule
- *Begin career exploration in school and through outside research and experiences

11th Graders

- *Review PSAT results and consider test prep options
- *Develop testing timeline and consider taking ACT
- *Meet with Mrs. Lungariello for individual junior advisement
- *Begin college search process through research and visits
- *Work with teachers & counselor to develop 12th grade schedule

Thank you for attending!

Refer to the Counseling Department website for updated information about [scholarships](#) and [student opportunities](#).

Follow us on Twitter [@CounselorBobcat](#) for info and tips about the college application process and scholarships.



We are here to help!

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