



**Inside the PSAT, SAT, & ACT Revisions**

**KAPLAN** TEST PREP

# Welcome!

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# Updated ACT Overview

Category	Features
 <b>Scoring</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ No changes to 1-36 scoring</li><li>▪ New scores reported</li><li>✓ ELA</li><li>✓ STEM</li><li>✓ Career Readiness</li><li>✓ Text Complexity</li></ul>
 <b>Math</b>	More probability & statistics
 <b>Reading</b>	New paired passages

# Updated ACT Overview

Category	Features
 <b>Essay</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Now requires analysis of 3 different perspectives</li><li>▪ More scores provided</li><li>✓ Ideas and analysis</li><li>✓ Development and support</li><li>✓ Organization</li><li>✓ Language use</li></ul>

# New SAT Overview

Category	Features
 <b>Structure</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Evidence-based Reading &amp; Writing</li><li>▪ Math</li><li>▪ Optional Essay</li></ul>
 <b>Timing</b>	3 hours + 50 minutes with Optional Essay
 <b>Scoring</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Now scored on a scale of 1600</li><li>▪ New optional Essay scored separately</li><li>▪ No more guessing penalty</li></ul>

# Scoring Details

## Composite Score

- Sum of the two Area Scores
- Range of 400 - 1600

## Area Score

- Math
- Range of 200 - 800




## Area Score

- Evidence-Based Reading + Writing
- Range of 200 - 800


## Test & Cross-Test Scores

- 3 Test Scores: Math, Reading, and Writing & Language
- 2 Cross-Test Scores: Science, History/Social Studies
- Range of 10 - 40

# New SAT Overview


Category	Features
 <p data-bbox="355 576 649 839"><b>Evidence-based Reading &amp; Writing</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="819 425 1837 591">■ Reading and Writing combined into new Evidence-Based Reading and Writing Area</li><li data-bbox="819 611 1812 701">✓ Passage topics include US and World Literature, History/Social Studies, and Sciences</li><li data-bbox="819 739 1271 786">■ Reading details:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="826 811 1367 843">✓ 500 - 750 word passages</li><li data-bbox="826 862 1097 895">✓ 65 minutes</li></ul></li><li data-bbox="819 929 1599 976">■ Writing and Language details:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="826 996 1367 1029">✓ 400 - 500 word passages</li><li data-bbox="826 1048 1097 1080">✓ 35 minutes</li></ul></li></ul>

# New SAT Overview




Category	Features
 <b>Math</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Three areas of concentrated focus:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ Problem solving and data analysis</li><li>✓ “The Heart of Algebra”</li><li>✓ “Passport to Advanced Math”</li></ul></li> <li>▪ New enhanced grid-in (Item Sets)<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ Multi-step student constructed response question</li></ul></li> <li>▪ 80 minutes<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ 25 minutes without a calculator</li><li>✓ 55 minutes with a calculator</li></ul></li></ul>



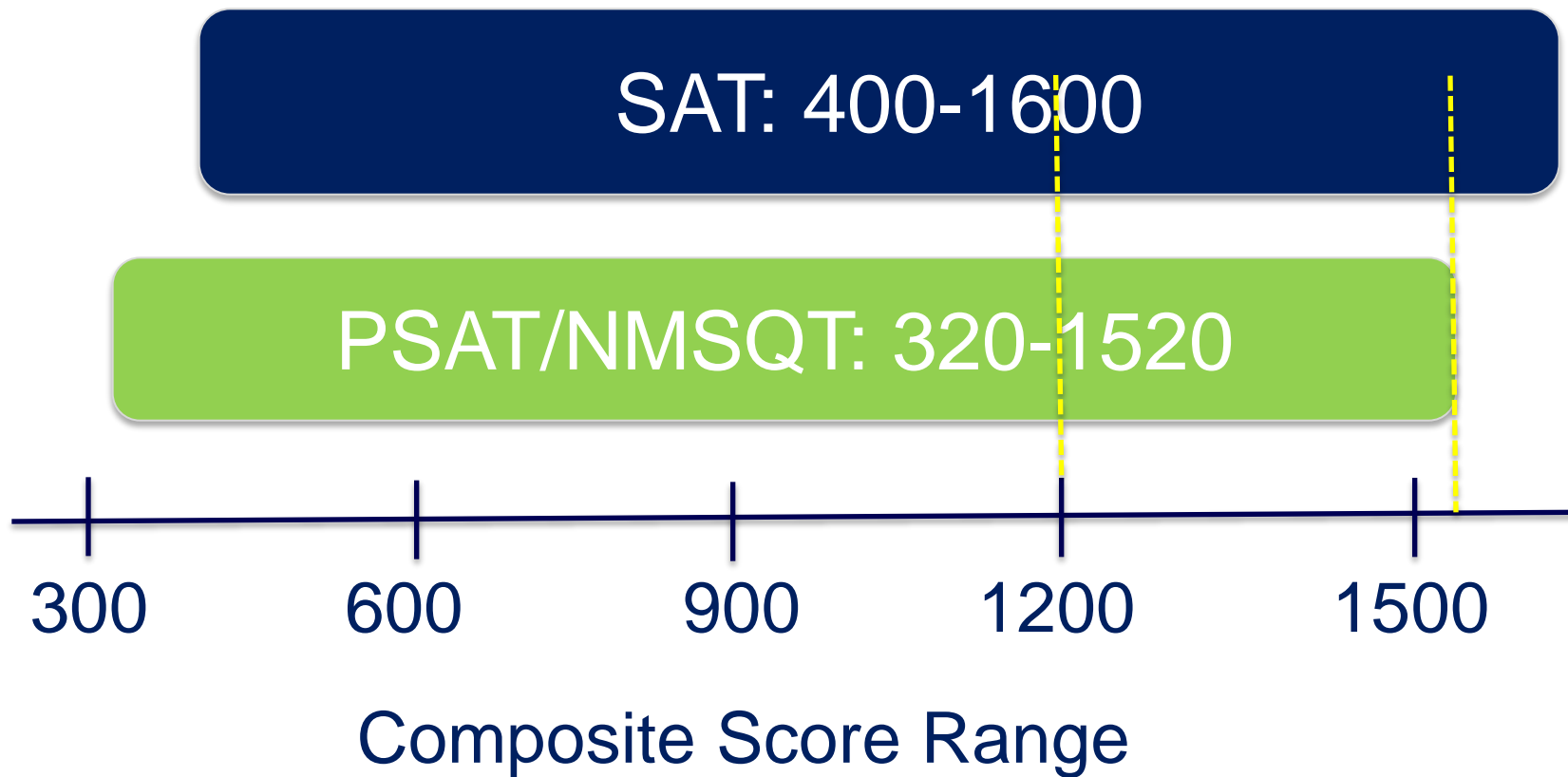
# New SAT Overview

Category	Features
 <b>Essay</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Optional</li><li>▪ 50 minutes</li><li>▪ Read &amp; analyze a 650-750 word document</li><li>▪ Write about how the author builds an argument</li><li>▪ Tests reading, analysis, and writing skills</li></ul>

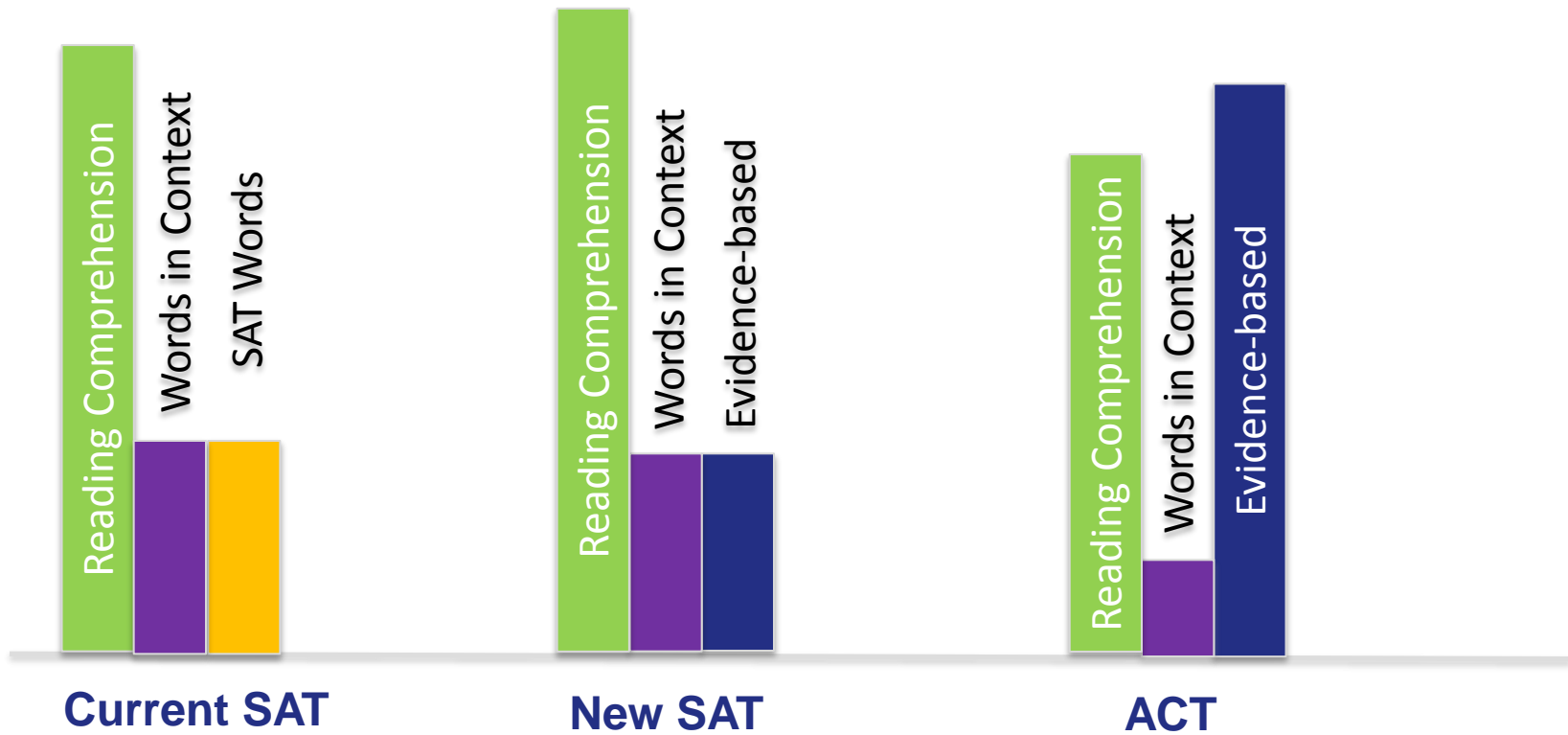
# PSAT/NMSQT Overview

Category	Features
 <b>Structure</b>	Aligned with the New SAT, and almost the same length
 <b>Timing</b>	2 hours, 45 minutes
 <b>Scoring</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Now scored on a scale of 320-1520</li><li>▪ No more guessing penalty</li></ul>

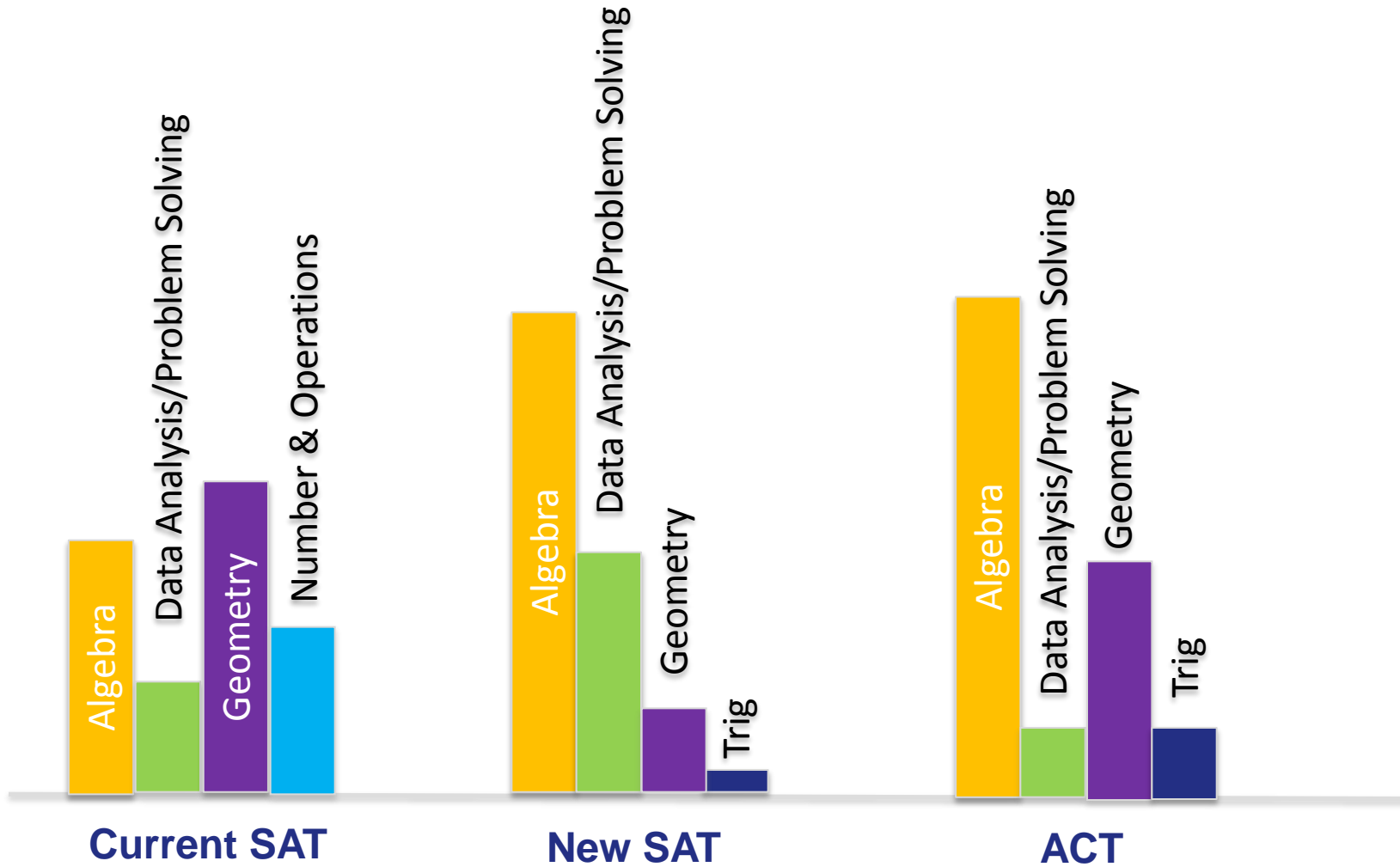
# PSAT & New SAT Scoring



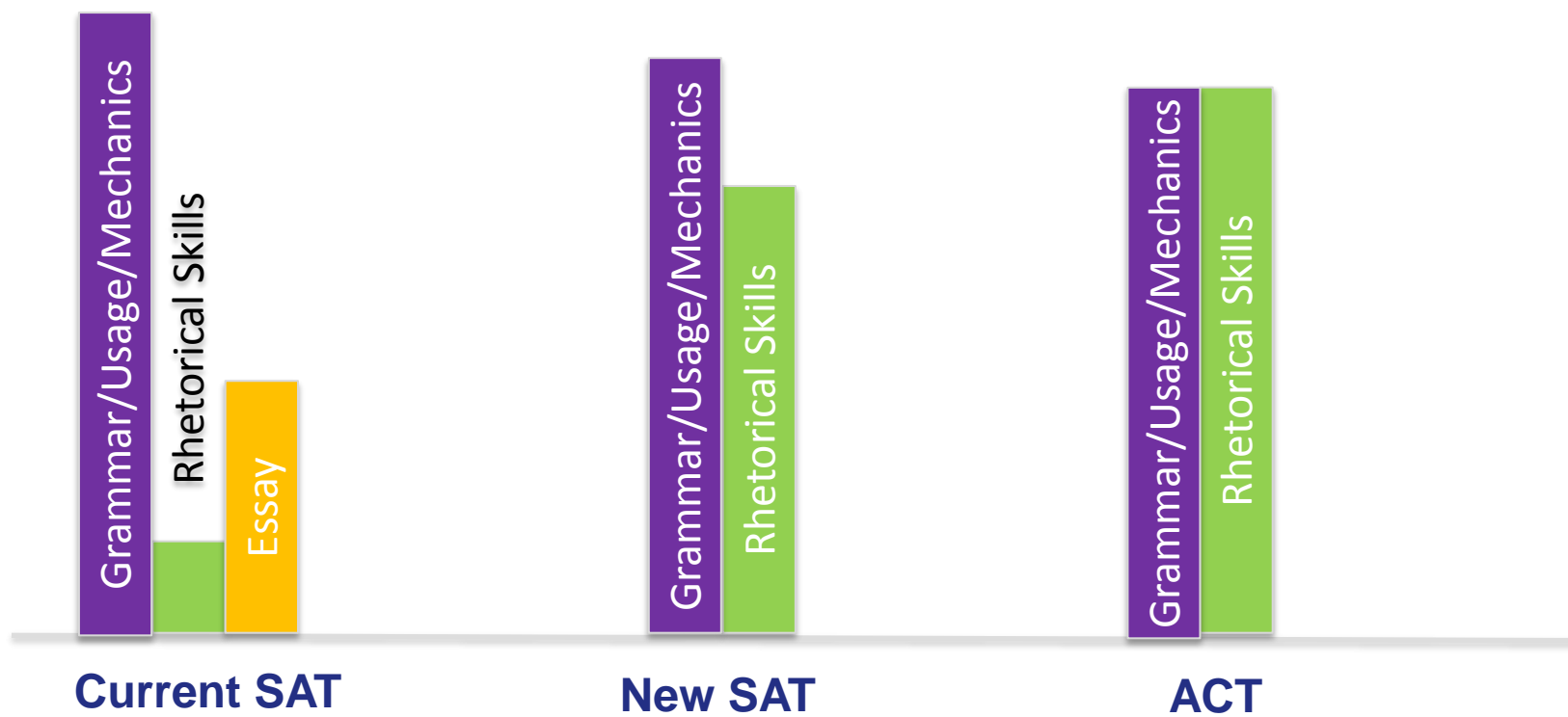
# Reading Skills Tested



# Math Skills Tested



# Writing Skills Tested



# New SAT and ACT: 5 Key Differences



1. The New SAT has a greater focus on History & Social Studies passages
2. Both focus on Algebra, but the New SAT has a greater emphasis on Data Analysis & Problem Solving
3. The ACT requires more Science reading
4. The New SAT requires more mental math
5. The New SAT has grid-in questions, and an extended thinking grid-in question

# The New SAT & College Admissions

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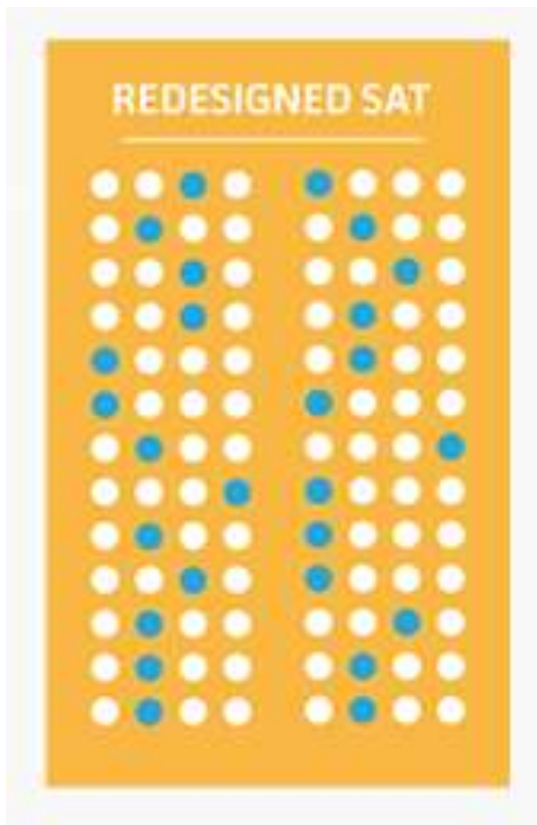
NEW!

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- First New SAT administration
- ✓ 21 days + up to 4 weeks for scores to be available
- Concordance tables
- ✓ Released in December for the PSAT and May for the SAT
- New and Old SAT scores
- ✓ Schools will accept both scores for a 3-year transition period



# New SAT: To be Determined



- Will schools “Superscore” the Old & New?
  - Probably not
- Will schools require the optional Essay?
  - Likely at competitive schools
- What impact will Test and Cross-Test Scores have on admissions?
  - Depends

# Test Change Timeline

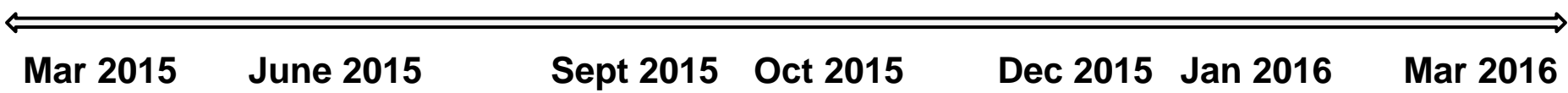
**ACT:  
Enhanced  
Scoring +  
Writing  
Test**

**PSAT:  
New Test  
Launches**

**SAT:  
New Test  
Launches**

**SAT:  
2<sup>nd</sup> to  
Last  
Current  
Test**

**SAT:  
Last  
Current  
Test**



Test Changes

# Test Options

	Class of 2017	Class of 2018 and Younger
Current SAT	✓	✗
ACT	✓	✓
New SAT	✓	✓

# Test Paths

Student Profile	Test Path
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ Early Decision</li><li>✓ APs and Subject Tests</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ SAT or ACT</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ Regular Decision</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ New SAT or ACT</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ Great Test Taker</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ New SAT, ACT, &amp; Current SAT</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ Anxious test taker</li><li>✓ Obvious strengths with one test</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ Pick one</li></ul>

# Thank you!

Questions,  
or interested in a practice test?

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