

Introduction to College Admission Testing

Dougherty Valley High School



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Common Questions, Individualized Answers

SENSIBLE QUESTIONS ABOUT TESTING

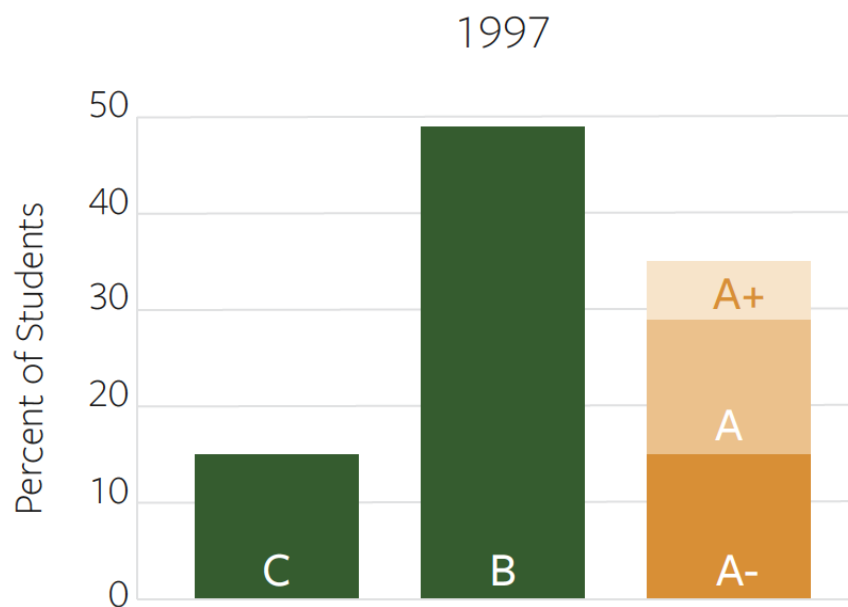
PRACTICAL

- Do I need to take admission tests?
- Should I take the SAT, ACT, or both?
- Is the SAT or ACT essay necessary?
- Are Subject Tests required or expected?
- Does the ACT replace Subject Tests?

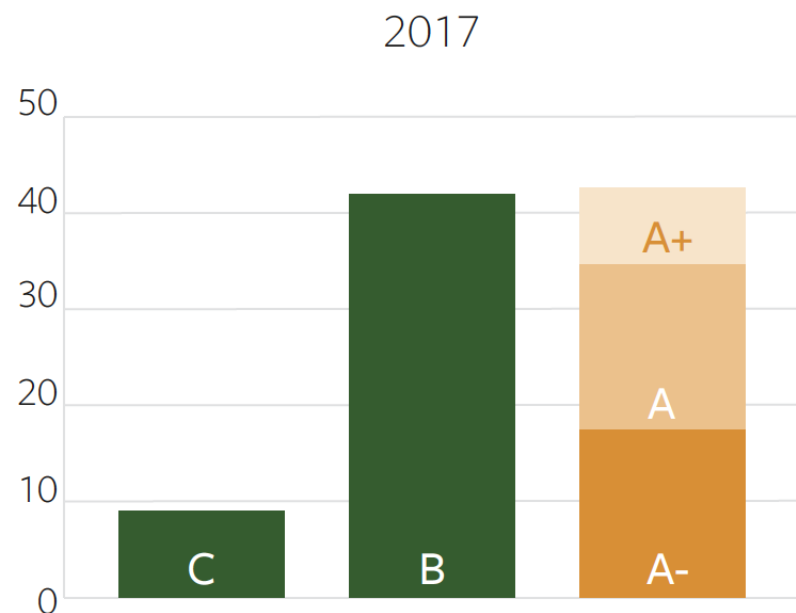
TACTICAL

- If optional, should I submit my scores?
- When should I begin/end my testing & prep?
- How many times should I test?
- Which colleges require reporting **all** scores?
- Do colleges combine scores across dates?

Why Standardized Tests?

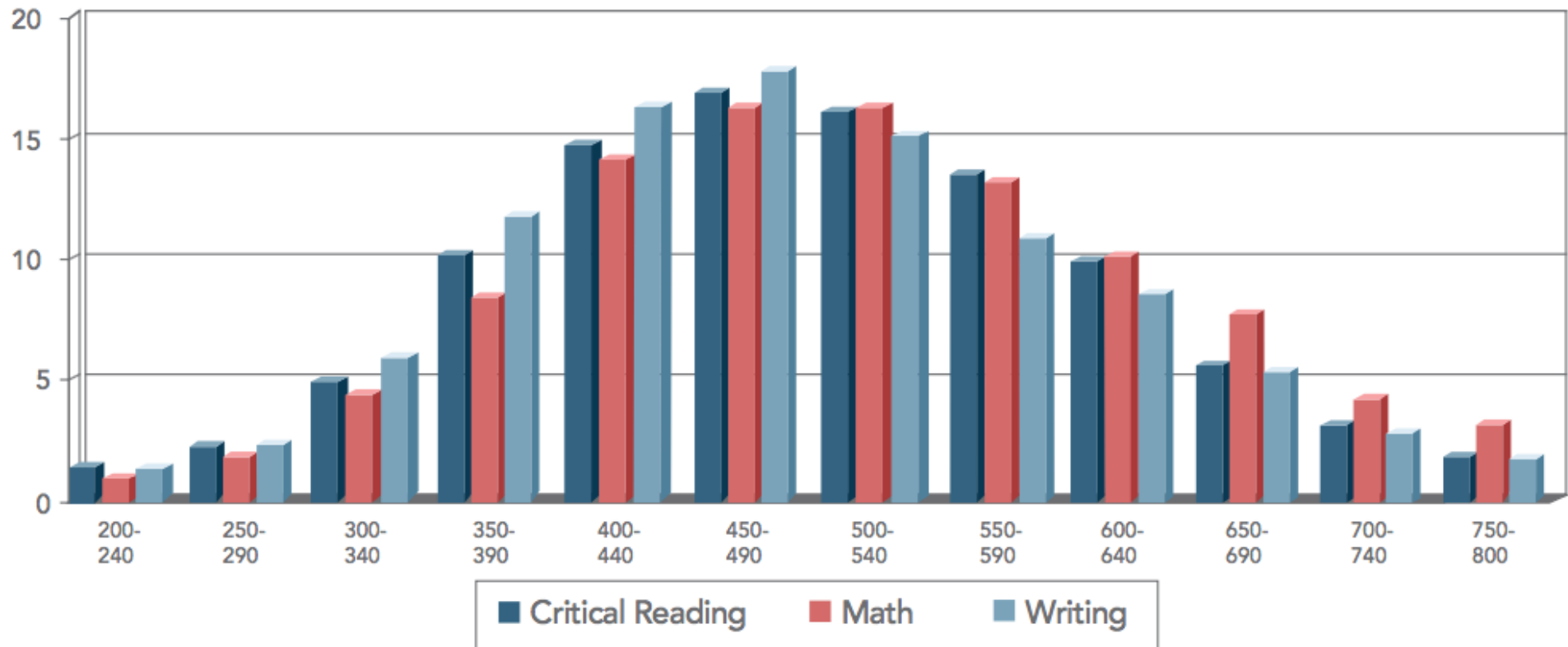


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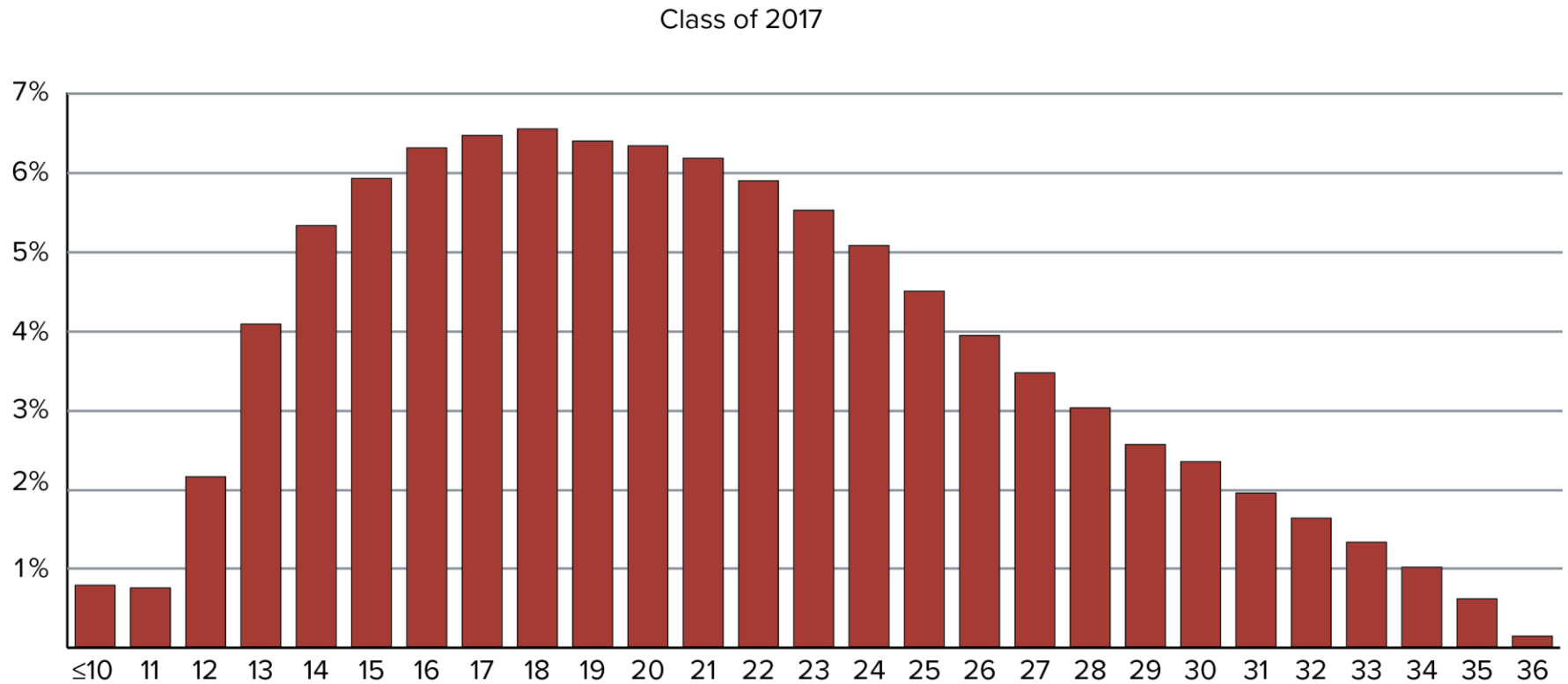


Test Score Distribution is Steady

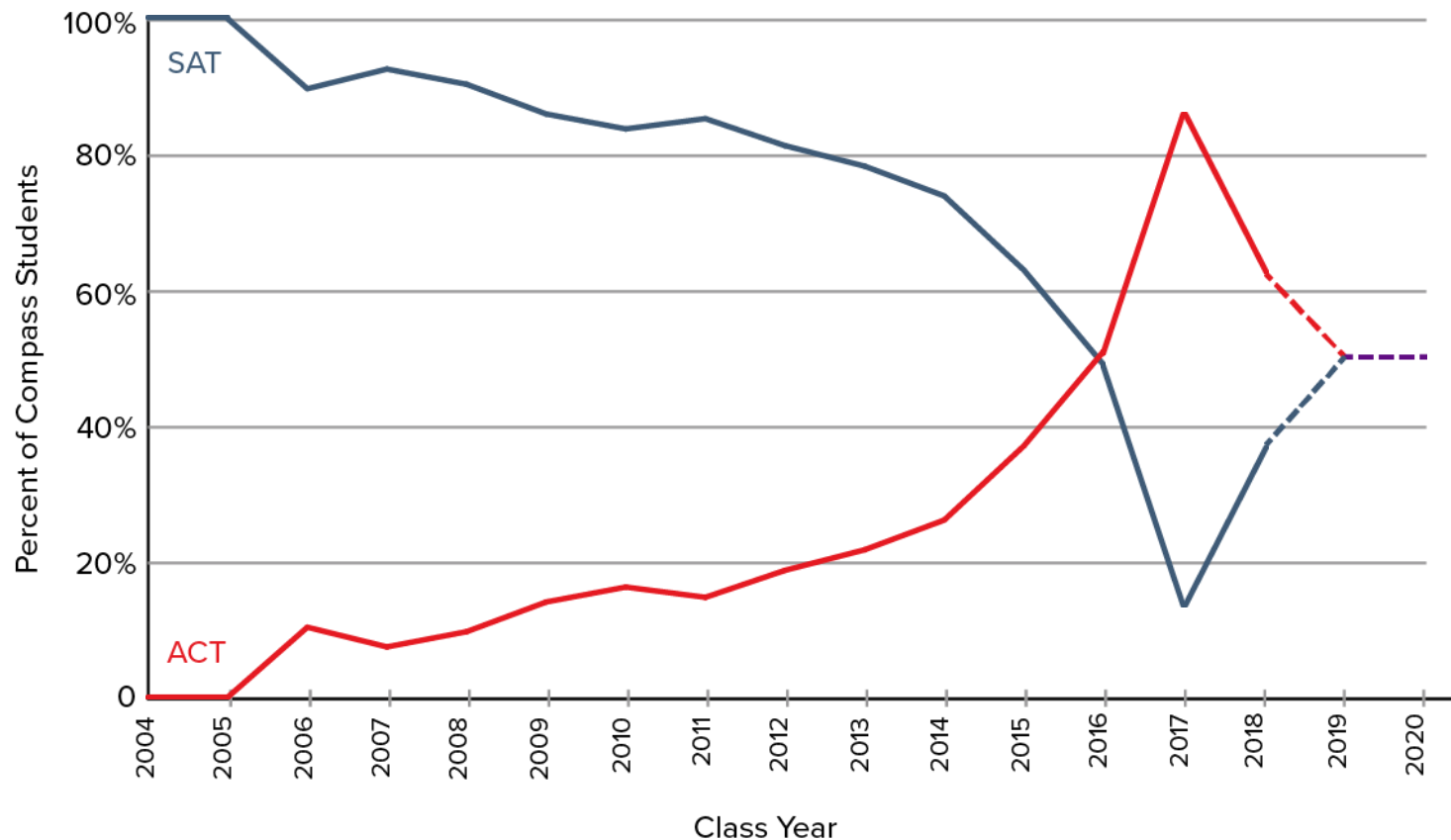
SAT



Test Scores Remain Predictable



SAT / ACT Preference



SAT vs ACT:

Length and Structure



SAT

READING

65 minutes
5 Passages, 52 Q's

BREAK

Writing and
Language
35 minutes
4 passages, 44 Q's

BREAK

Math
No Calc.
25 minutes
20 Q's

Math
with Calculator
55 minutes
38 Q's

Testing Time: 3 Hours 50 minutes

Optional Essay
50 minutes

ACT

English

45 minutes
5 passages, 75 Q's

BREAK

Math

60 minutes
60 Q's

BREAK

READING

35 minutes
4 Passages, 40 Q's

Science

35 minutes
7 Passages, 40 Q's

Testing Time: 3 Hours 35 minutes

Optional Writing
40 minutes













WHO STILL REQUIRES THE ACT / SAT ESSAY? (2016)

BROWN	DUKE	NORTHWESTERN	TUFTS
CAL TECH	GEORGETOWN	NYU	UCs
CLAREMONT MCKENNA	HARVARD	PENN	USC
COLUMBIA	JOHNS HOPKINS	PRINCETON	US MILITARY ACADEMY
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Weighing Math Topics Differently

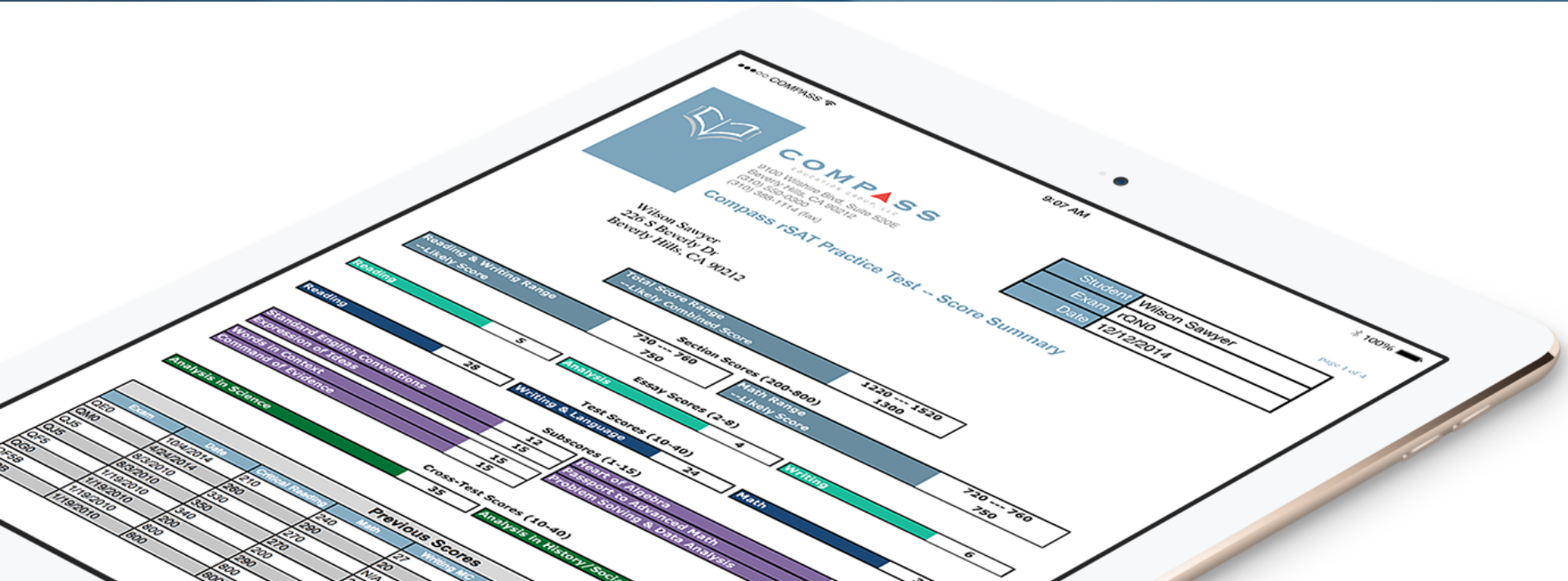
Algebra	Geometry			SAT	ACT
Simplifying Equivalent Expressions	Data and Probability	Area and Perimeter			
Exponential Change	Geometry	Area and Perimeter Visualizations			
Quadratic Formulas	Two-Way Tables	Right Angle Triangles			
Parabolas	Mean, Median, and Mode	Triangle Area			

See **pages 44-45** of Compass Guide

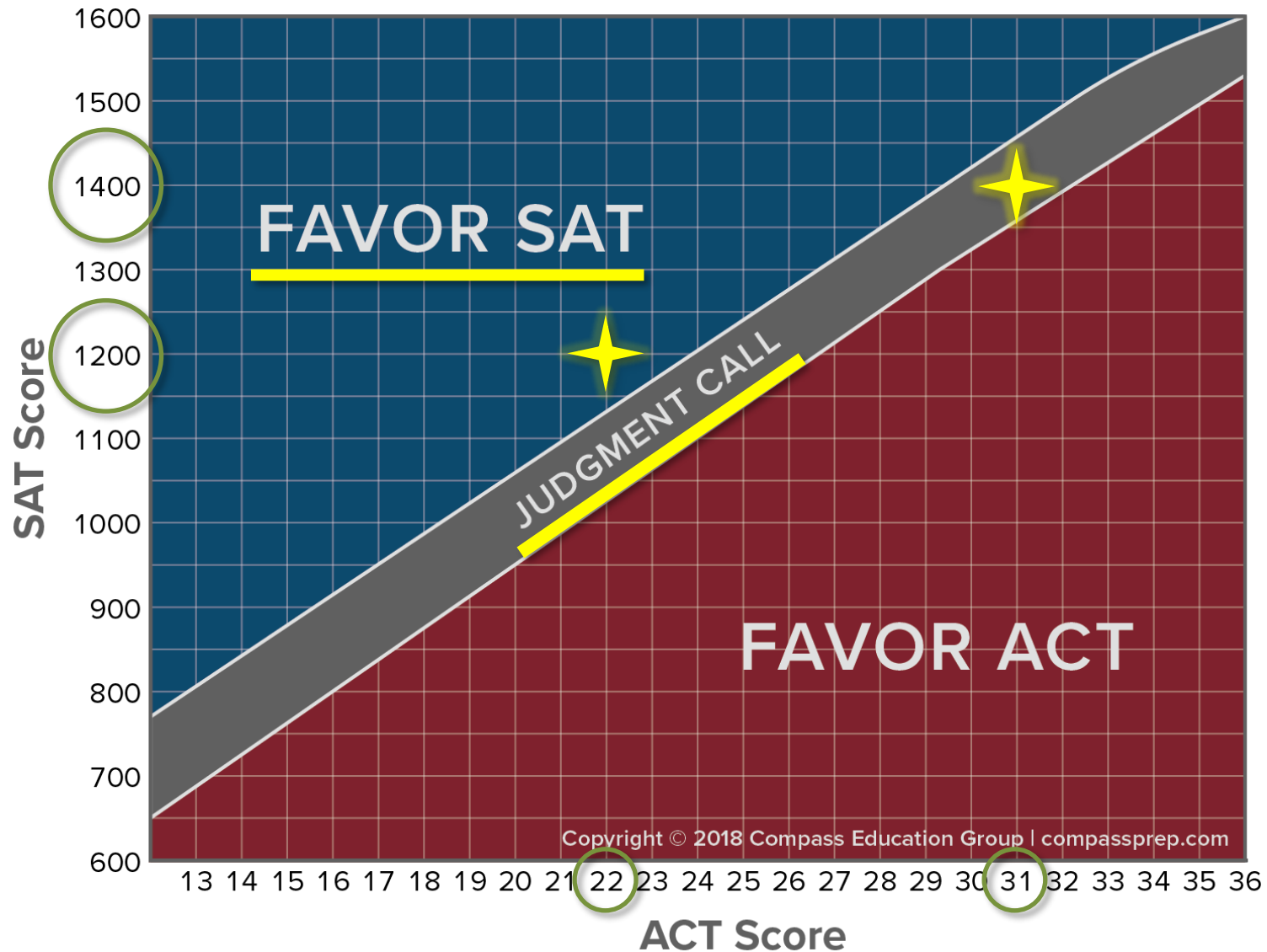
DIAGNOSTIC TESTING

Weekend Mornings Year-Round

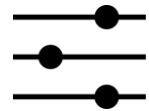
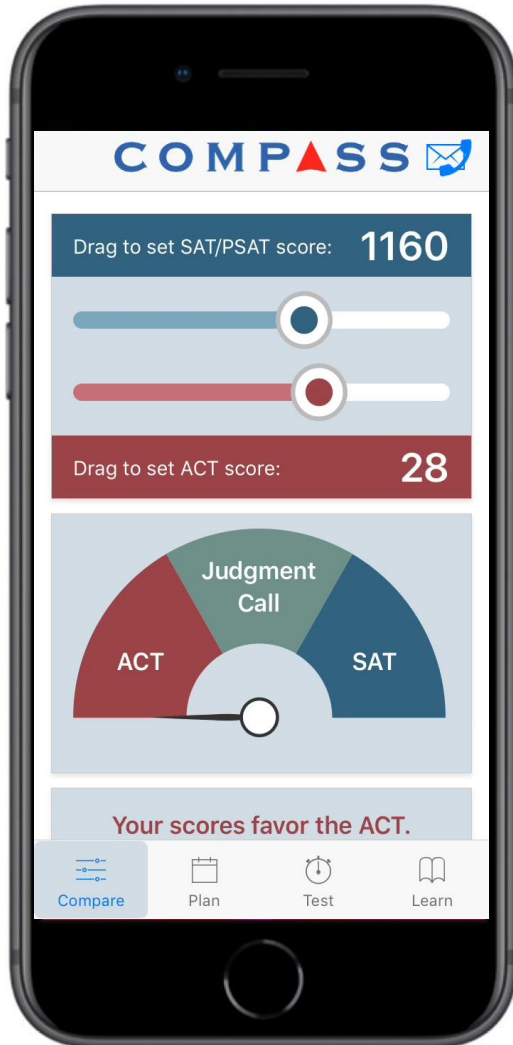
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SAT vs ACT Comparison



Compare Your Scores on the App



Compare:

Compare your SAT and ACT Scores

Equivalent ACT & P/SAT scores

Tests' length, structure, and content



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Sample Tailored Timelines

EARLY

SAT: > 1200
ACT: > 25
1 in 6 Students

Formal Prep
Summer and/or Fall

SAT or ACT
Winter

Subject Tests
Late Spring

Re-Test (TBD)
Summer / Early Fall

TRADITIONAL

SAT: 900-1200
ACT: 17-25
1 in 2 Students

Two Phase Prep
Summer & Winter

SAT or ACT
Early Spring

Subject Tests
Late Spring

Re-Test (TBD)
Summer / Fall

DEFERRED

SAT: < 900
ACT: < 17
1 in 3 students

Formal Prep
Winter & Spring

SAT or ACT
Late Spring

Refresher Prep
Summer

Re-Test
Late Fall

A Sensible Timeline

- ✓ 11th grade Fall: **PSAT** (& Practice ACT)
- ✓ 11th grade Spring: **SAT** (March, May, June) **or** **ACT** (Feb, April, June)
- ✓ Late Spring: **Subject Tests?** (May or June)
- ✓ Early Summer: **Refine college list, score goals, and re-testing plans**
 - ✓ August SAT
- ✓ 12th grade Fall : **Last-chance testing** (Sept, Oct, Nov, or Dec)

April ACT	
English	26
Math	27
Reading	27
Science	23
Composite	26

September ACT	
English	29
Math	25
Reading	24
Science	27
Composite	26

Super-scored ACT	
English	29
Math	27
Reading	27
Science	27
Composite	28

What is ACT Section Re-testing?

First, the Answers . . .

- Starts September 2020
- Students may **re-take** sections of their choosing (one or multiple)
- Paper version must be taken first, full test
- Section re-take only available via computer-based format

ACT Section Re-testing

But There Are Still Questions . . .

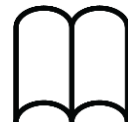
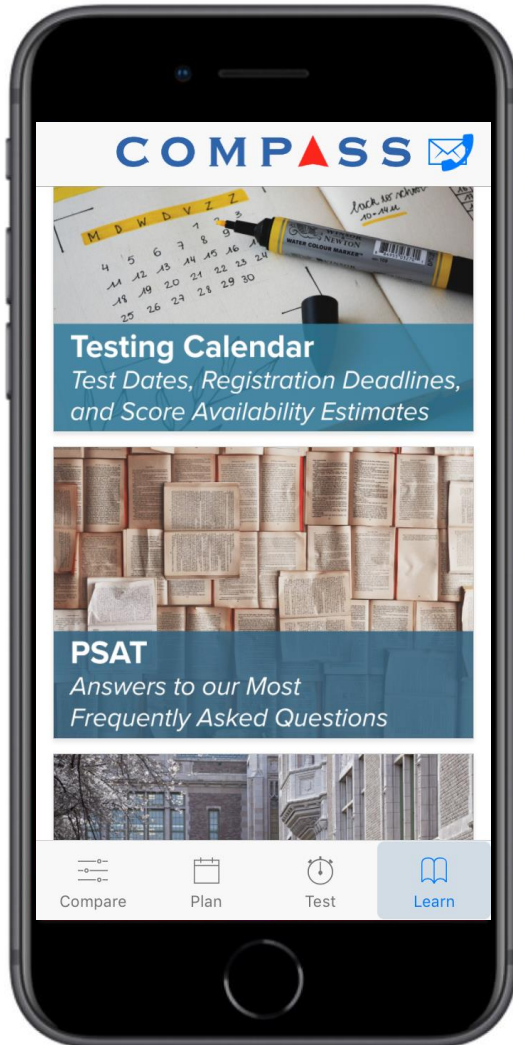
- Which colleges will accept single-section scores?
- Which test centers will offer computer-based testing?
- Is it a smart test taking strategy anyway?

ACT Section Re-testing

➤ *Guidance for students*

- **CLASS OF 2021**
 - **Available senior fall, but...**
 - YOU MUST BE COMFORTABLE WITH DIGITAL TESTING
 - UNCERTAIN AVAILABILITY: TEST SITES AND COMPUTERS
 - STILL WAITING ON FEEDBACK FROM COLLEGES
- **CLASS OF 2022+**
 - **Watch how colleges react; wait for initial administrations**
 - **Anticipate limited availability**
 - **If embraced unilaterally, net effect of section re-testing may be negligible**

Track College Testing Policies on the Compass Prep App



Learn:

Subject Test Policies

Super Scoring Colleges

Score Choice Colleges

SAT / ACT Essay Requirements

Self-Reporting Scores



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What Do Test Scores Reflect?

Content
Knowledge

Command of
Strategies

Emotional
Discipline

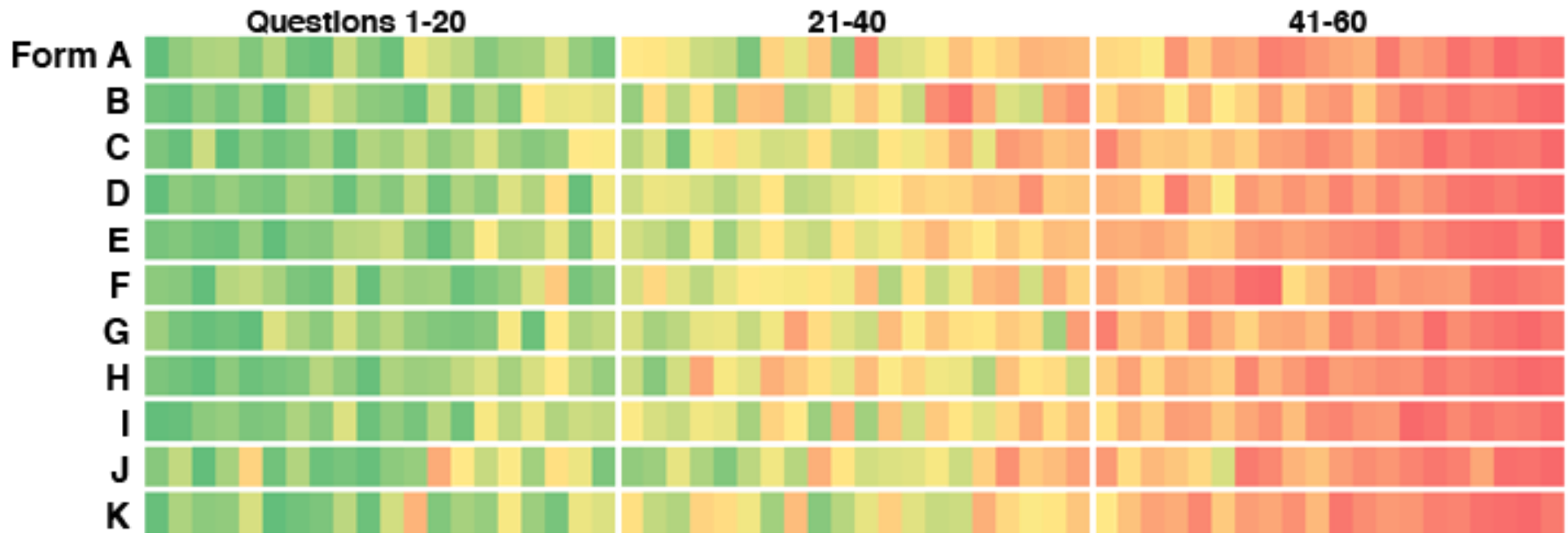
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ACT English: Difficulty Distribution



Data reflects performance of several thousand ACT takers on 11 different tests.

ACT Math: Difficulty Distribution

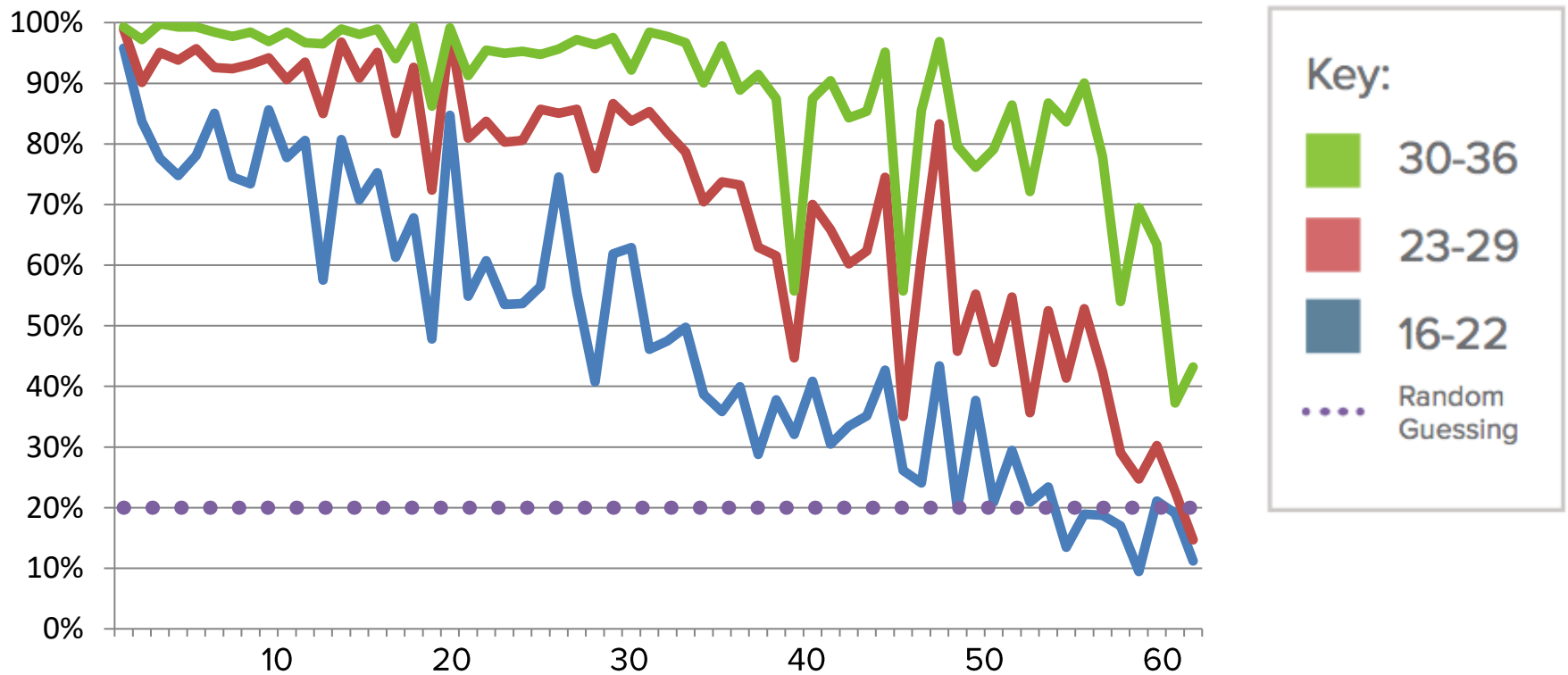


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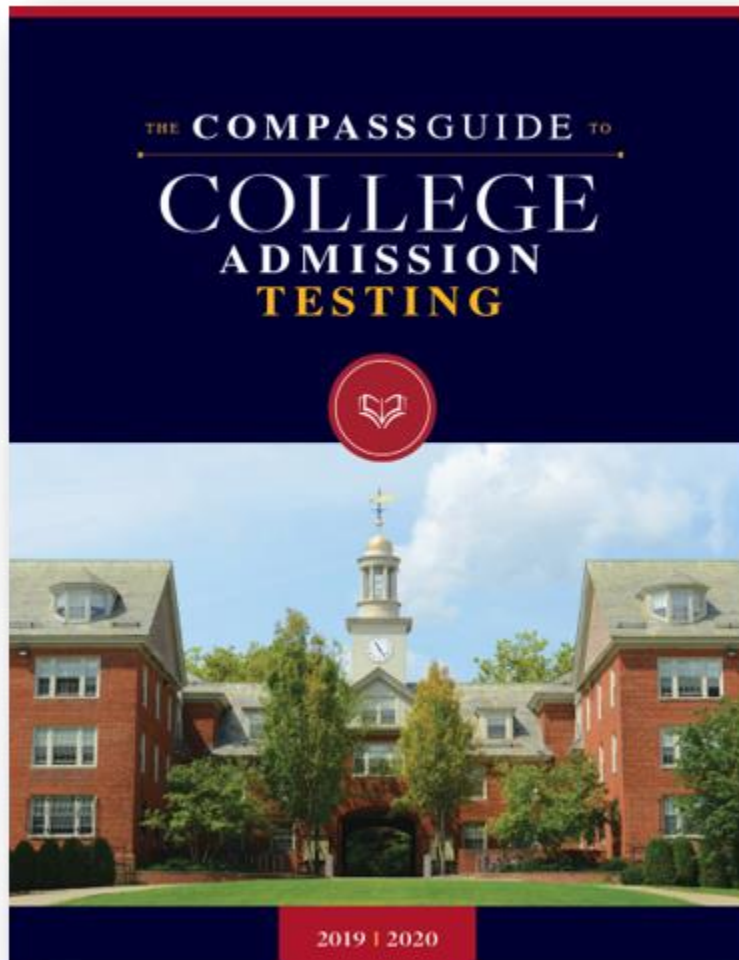
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ACT Math: Where to Invest Effort

**Percentage of Possible Points
(By Student Score Range)**




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Subject Tests: Status Quo

- ▲ **“Guessing Penalty”** is still in effect
- ▲ 200-800 scale; 1 hour per test (up to 3 in one day)
- ▲ “Softer” scale but “Tougher” testing pool
- ▲ Cannot take SAT and Subject Tests on same date
- ▲ Compass App: Detailed policies by college

A person is sitting on a dark, rocky cliff or ledge, looking out over a vast, hazy landscape under a blue sky. The person is silhouetted against the lighter background.

Subject Tests: Added Value For Some

- ▲ Literature
- ▲ Math Level 2 or Math Level 1
- ▲ U.S. History, World History
- ▲ Biology (E/M), Chemistry, and Physics
- ▲ French, Chinese, German, Spanish, Modern Hebrew, Italian, Japanese, Korean, and Latin

2006: 44 COLLEGES REQUIRE THE SAT SUBJECT TESTS

AMHERST	COLUMBIA	HAVERFORD	UC DAVIS	UVA
BARNARD	CONNECTICUT COLLEGE	HOLY CROSS	UC IRVINE	VASSAR
BOSTON COLLEGE	CORNELL	MIT	UCLA	WASHINGTON & LEE
BOSTON UNIVERSITY	DARTMOUTH	POMONA	UC MERCED	WELLESLEY
BRANDEIS	DUKE	PRINCETON	UC RIVERSIDE	WESLEYAN
BROWN	FRANKLIN OLIN	RICE	UC SAN DIEGO	WILLIAMS
BRYN MAWR	GEORGETOWN	SWARTHMORE	UC SANTA BARBARA	WPI
CALTECH	HARVARD	TULANE	UC SANTA CRUZ	YALE
CARNEGIE MELLON	HARVEY MUDD	UC BERKELEY	UPENN	

2018: 3 COLLEGES REQUIRE THE SAT SUBJECT TESTS

		MIT		
CALTECH				
	HARVEY MUDD			

“Recommends” Subject Tests

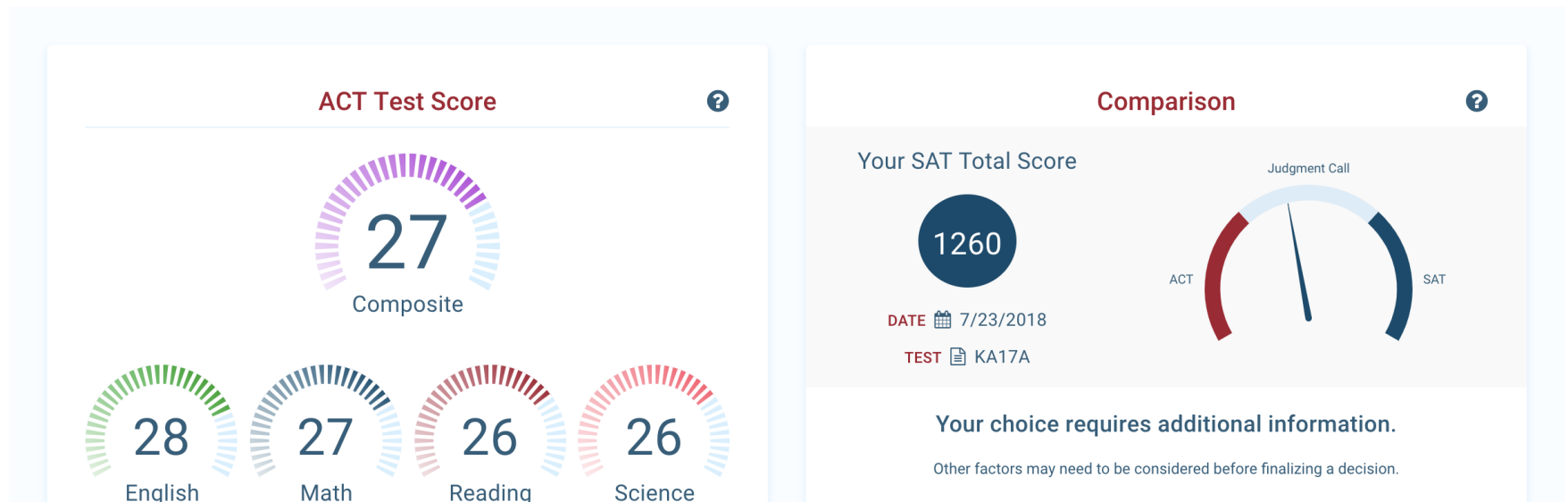
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	DUKE*			
CARNEGIE MELLON	EMORY			
	GEORGETOWN*	PRINCETON		
	HARVARD	RICE	UPENN	
				YALE

“Considers” Subject Tests

AMHERST	CLAREMONT MCKENNA	MACALESTER	STEVENS	VASSAR
BABSON	COLUMBIA	NOTRE DAME	SWARTHMORE	WAKE FOREST
BATES	CONNECTICUT	OBERLIN	UNION	WASH U
BOSTON COLLEGE	COOPER UNION	OCCIDENTAL	UCs	
BU	DAVIDSON	POMONA	U CHICAGO	WELLESLEY
BOWDOIN	FRANKLIN OLIN	REED	U MICHIGAN	WESLEYAN
BUCKNELL	GW	RPI	UNC	WILLIAM AND MARY
CARLETON	JOHNS HOPKINS	SMITH	UVA	WPI
CASE WESTERN	KENYON	STANFORD	VANDERBILT	

Score Reports

SAT/ACT Comparison



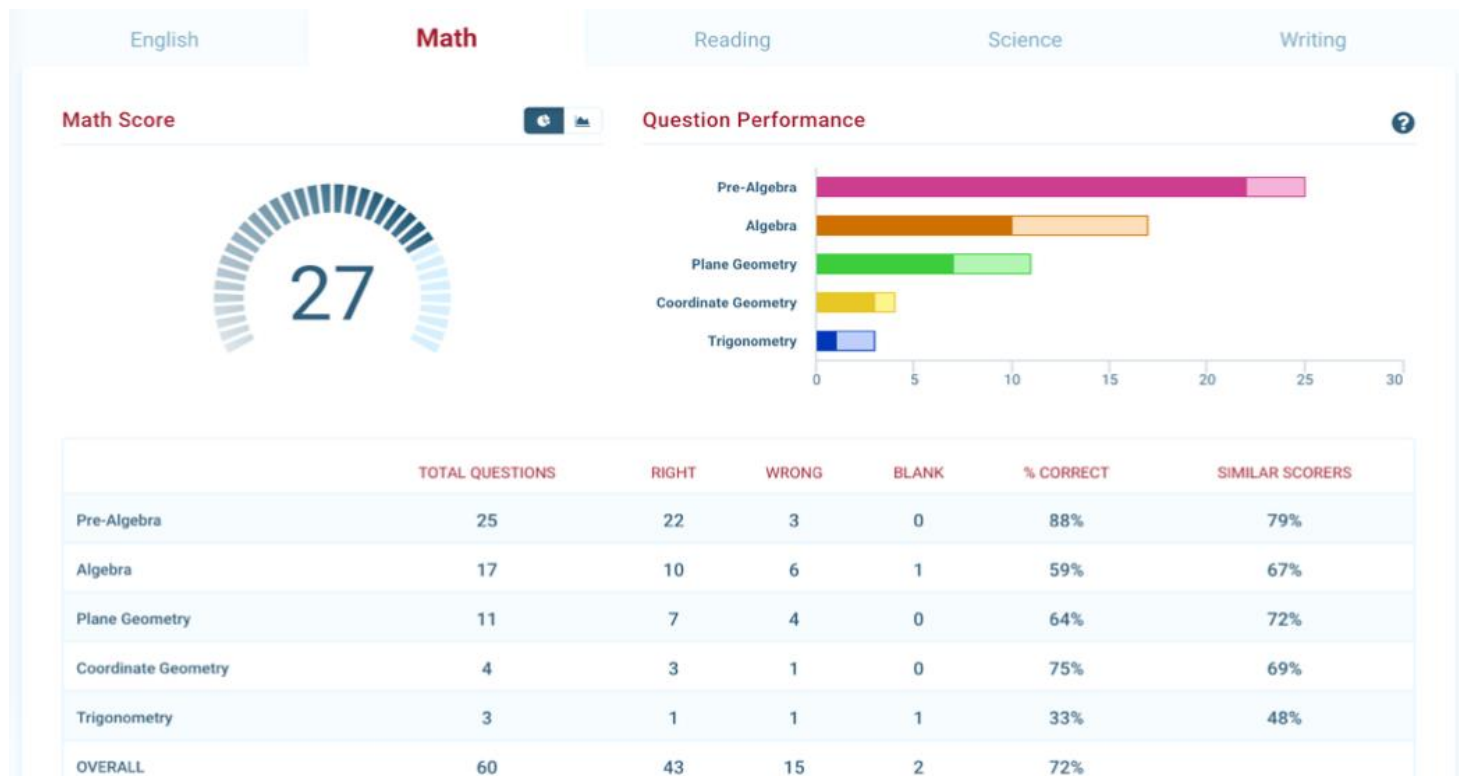
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Percentile Ranking



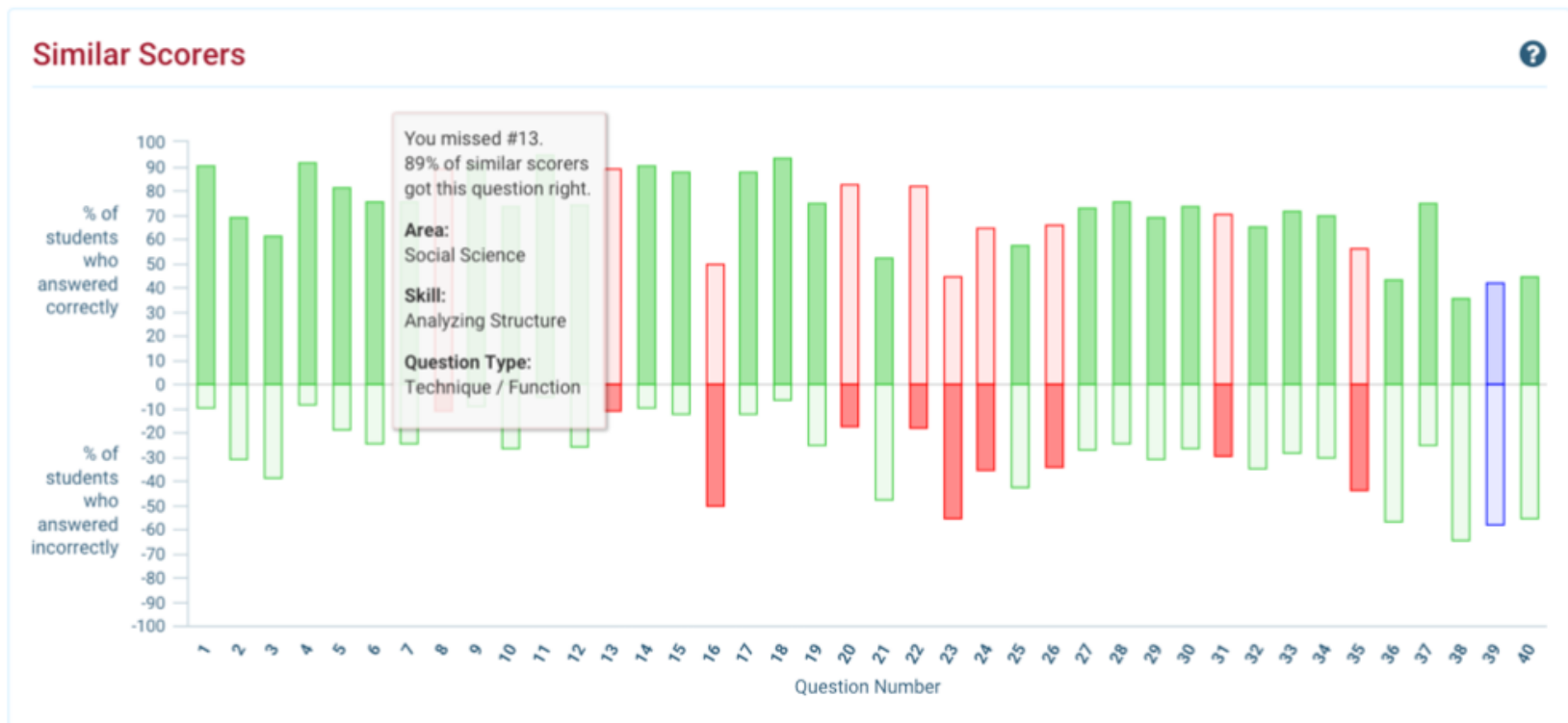
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Content Analysis



Score Reports

Similar Scorers Performance



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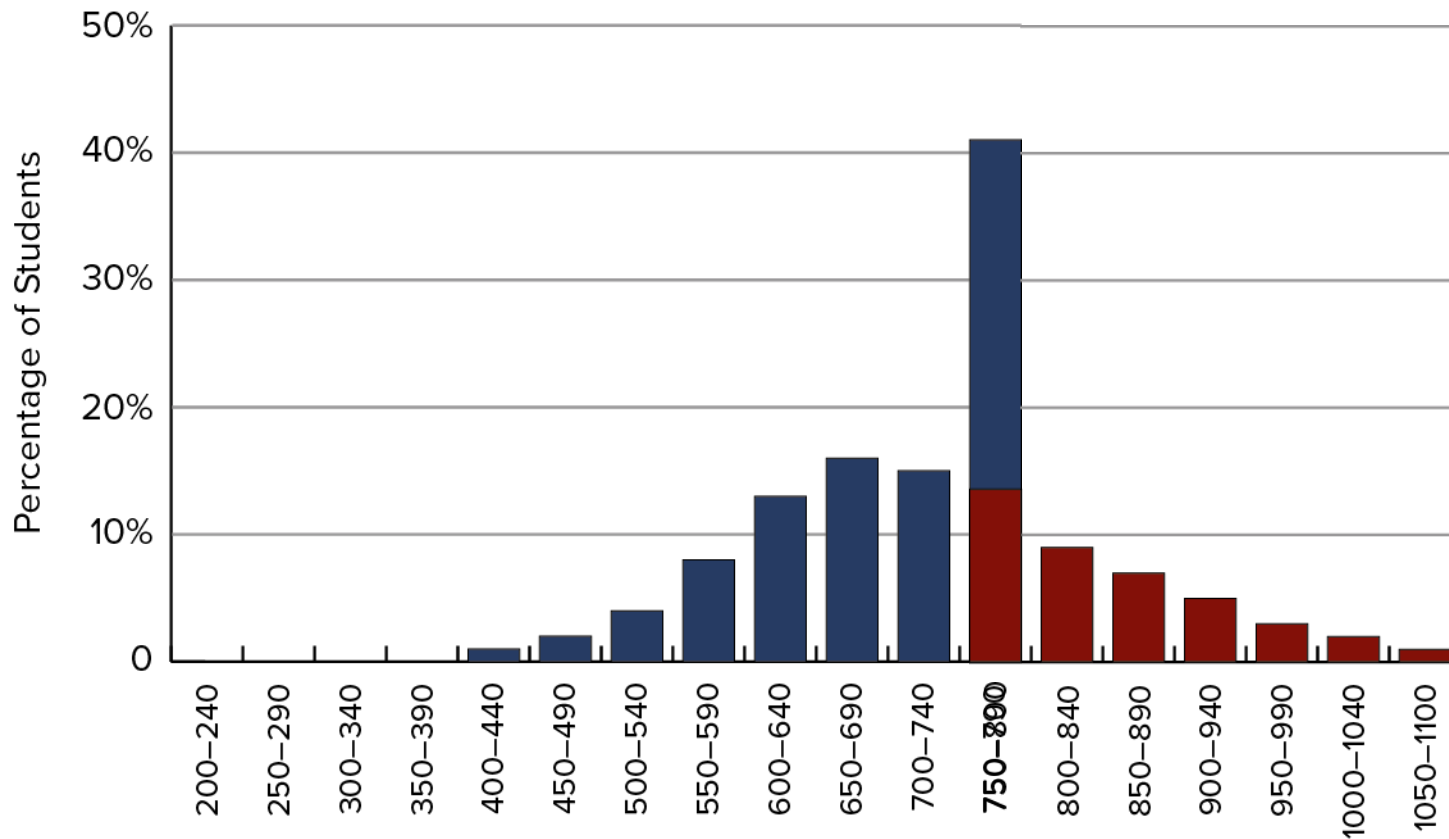
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SAT Subject Test: Math Level 2

Math Level 2 Subject Test





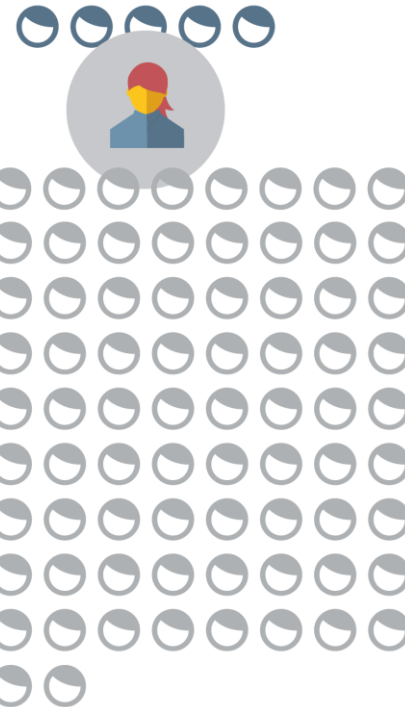
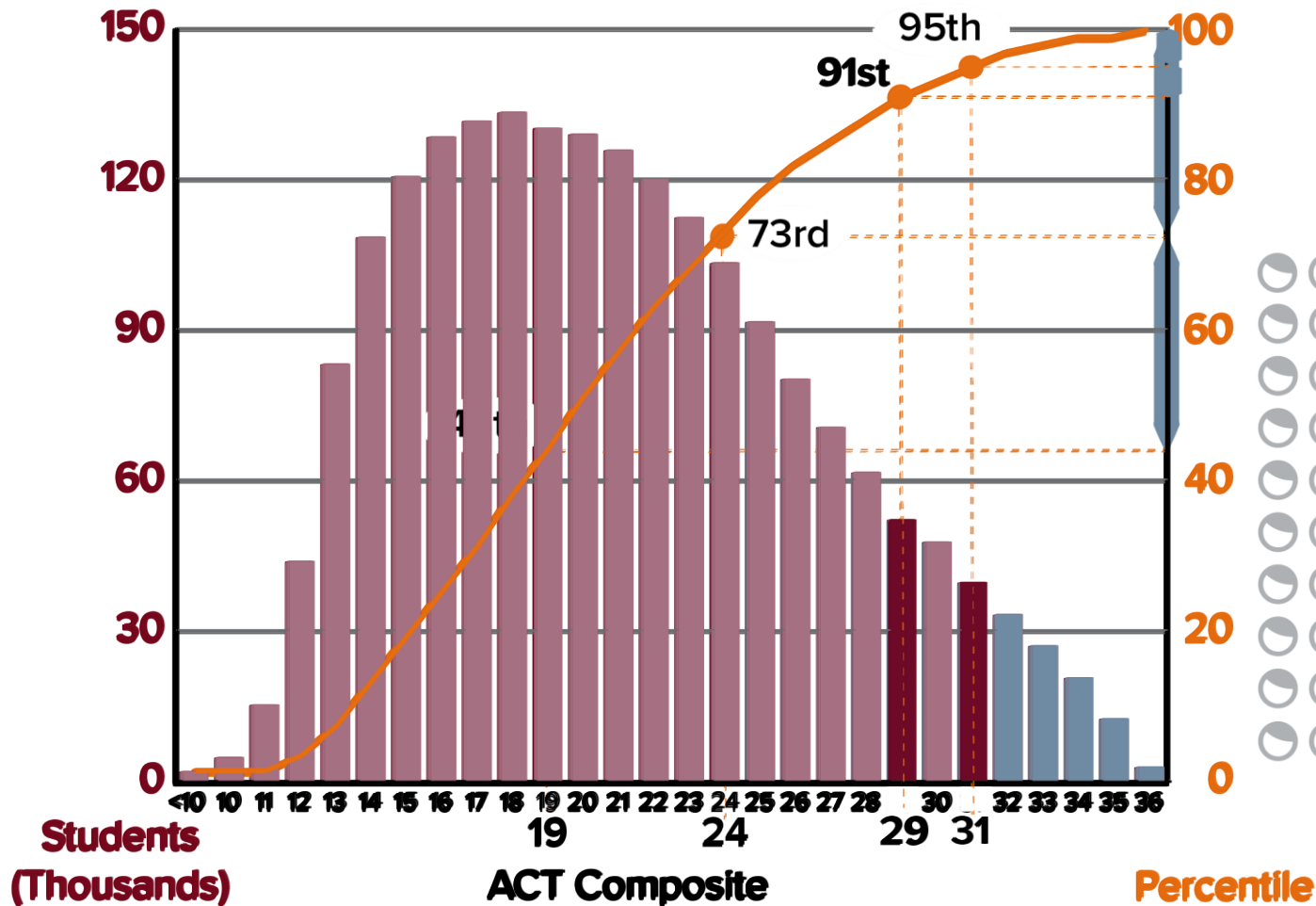
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Practice ACT at Saint Francis

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