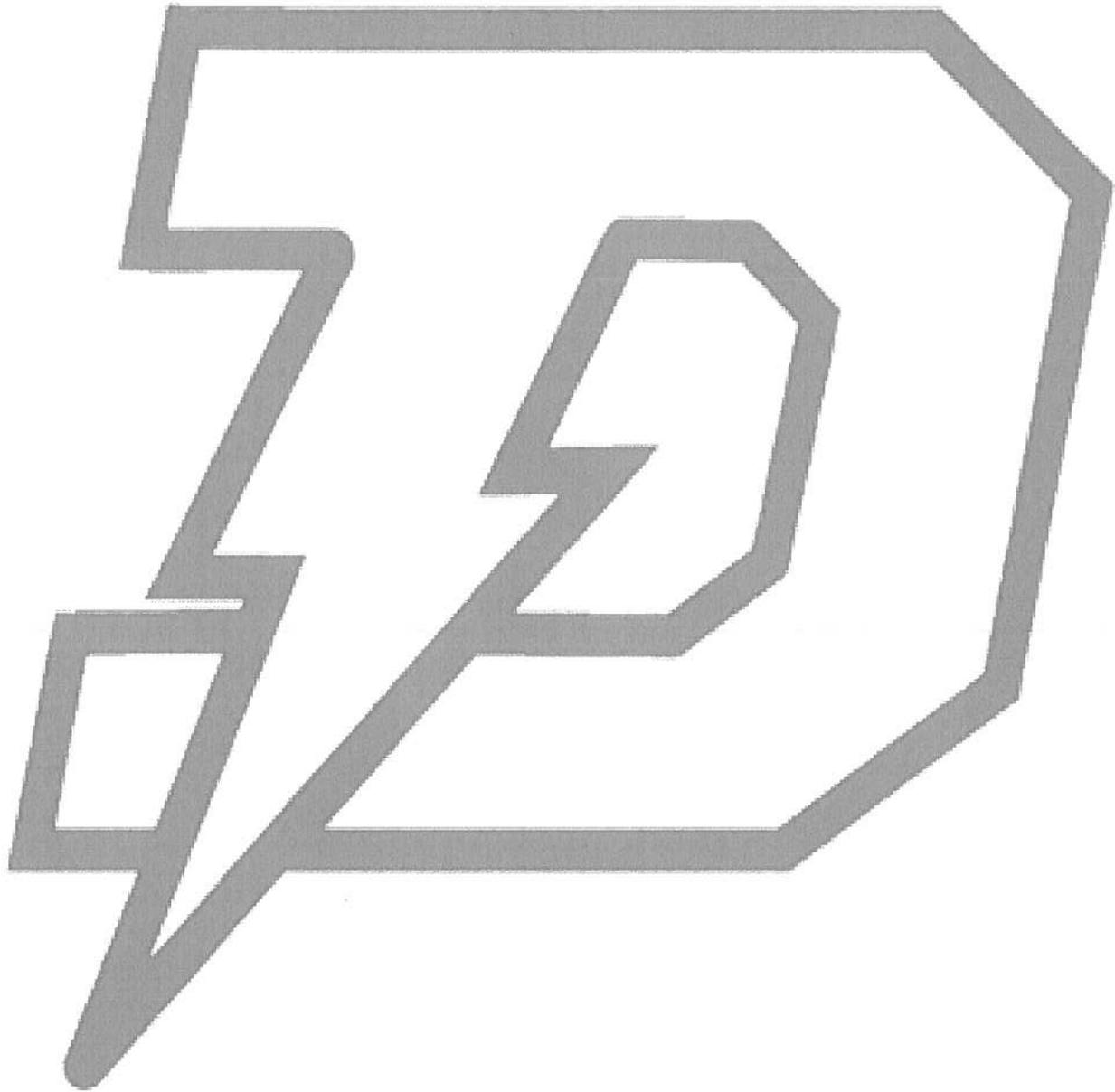


Welcome to Parent Night Class of 2020



February 7, 2019
6:00 p.m.
Dow High Cafeteria

CHARGER SPIRIT

STRENGTH•PRIDE•INTEGRITY•RESPECT•INTENSITY•TRADITION

Incoming Senior Parent Night 6:00 p.m.

- **Welcome and Introductions**
 - Dr. Steve Poole, Principal
- **Course Selection and Opportunities for Seniors**
 - Doug Bradford
 - CTE
 - Co-op
- **Michigan Merit Exam Testing**
 - Jill English
- **College Application and Funding**
 - Lori Hallberg
- **Not Ready for a 4-year Traditional College?**
 - Lori Hallberg

What to ask on a Campus Visit

Academics

- How much time do students typically spend on homework?
- What is the average class size?
- How widely used are teaching assistants?
- What do you consider the school's top three programs?
- What is the average GPA/SAT scores of current freshman?
- What makes this college special?

Academic Perks

- What opportunities are there for undergraduate research?
- How many students participate in undergraduate research?
- Is there a culminating senior year experience?
- How easy is it to meet with a professor?

Financial Aid

- What is your average financial aid package?
- What is the average college debt that students leave with?
- What work-study opportunities are there?

Graduation Track Record

- What is your four-year graduation rate?
- What is your five-year graduation rate?
- What does it take to graduate in four years?
- What percentage of freshman return for their sophomore year?

Academic Support

- What type of tutoring program do you have? Is there a writing center?
- How do you provide academic advice to students?
- What kind of learning disability resources do you have?

Outside Opportunities

- How many students get internships?
- What percentage of students study abroad?
- What type of career services do you have?

Student Life

- What kind of dorm choices are there?
- What percentage of students live on campus?
- Do most students go home on the weekend or stay on campus?
- What percentage of students belong to a sorority or fraternity?
- What activities are offered to students?
- Can freshman have a car on campus?
- What intramural sports/clubs do you offer?
- What is the surrounding community like?

Ask Yourself

- How did the staff members interact with students?
- Does the campus seem like a good size for you?
- How easy is it to get to places off campus? Are there places within walking distance?
- Do you feel comfortable and safe?
- If you move out of a dorm, what are the options in apartment complexes?

Name _____ Possible Major(s) _____

Counselor _____ Career Pathway _____

JUNIOR WORKSHEET FOR COMPARING COLLEGES

COLLEGE NAME:		
Location ✓ City ✓ Distance from home		
Size ✓ Enrollment ✓ Physical size of campus ✓ Student to faculty ratio		
Admissions ✓ Application deadline ✓ Tests required ✓ High School courses ✓ Avg. test scores, GPA ✓ Notification process		
College Costs ✓ Application fees ✓ Tuition, room & board ✓ Total Estimated Budget ✓ % receiving financial aid		
Academics ✓ Is my major offered ✓ Special requirements ✓ Student to faculty ratio ✓ Average class size		
Room & Board ✓ What types of rooms are available ✓ Are rooms wired for computers ✓ Can students bring cars ✓ Food plans offered		
Activities ✓ Clubs, organizations ✓ Greek life ✓ Athletics, intramurals ✓ Concerts ✓ Sporting events ✓ Recreation/Sports Centers		
Overall Impression ✓ Is this college a good fit for me? Why/why not?		

Michigan Merit Exam (MME): SAT, WorkKeys & M-STEP for all Juniors

MME Testing Dates for all Juniors

- **April 9: SAT (with Essay)**
 - Reading, Writing, Language, and Math
 - Timed test
 - Approximately 5 hours
 - Counts as a college entrance score
- **April 10: WorkKeys**
 - Reading, Applied Math, and Locating Information
 - Timed test
 - Approximately 3 hours - test during 1st - 3rd hours
- **April 16: M-STEP**
 - Science and Social Studies
 - Unlimited time
 - Estimated time is 1 hour

MME Make-up Dates

- **April 23: SAT make-up date**
- **April 24: WorkKeys make-up date**
- **April 17: M-STEP make-up dates**

What to Bring to SAT and WorkKeys

- Photo ID
- Number 2 pencils
- Approved calculator
- DO NOT bring a cell phone or watch with communication capacity

SAT Details

Main Components of the SAT

Reading Test (65 minutes)

- All questions are multiple choice and based on passages.
- Informational graphics, such as tables, graphs, and charts, accompany some passages— but no math is required.
- Prior topic-specific knowledge is never tested.

What the Reading Test Is Like

When you take the Reading Test, you'll read passages and interpret informational graphics. Then you'll use what you've read to answer questions.

Some questions ask you to locate a piece of information or an idea stated directly. But you'll also need to understand what the author's words imply. In other words, you have to read between the lines.

What You'll Read

The Reading Test always includes:

- One passage from a classic or contemporary work of U.S. or world literature.
- One passage or a pair of passages from either a U.S. founding document or a text in the great global conversation they inspired. The U.S. Constitution or a speech by Nelson Mandela, for example.
- A selection about economics, psychology, sociology, or some other social science.
- Two science passages (or one passage and one passage pair) that examine foundational concepts and developments in Earth science, biology, chemistry, or physics.

Writing and Language Test (35 minutes)

The SAT Writing and Language Test asks you to be an editor and improve passages that were written especially for the test — and that include deliberate errors.

Quick Facts

- All questions are multiple choice and based on passages.
- Some passages are accompanied by informational graphics, such as tables, graphs, and charts — but no math is required.
- Prior topic knowledge is never tested.

What the Writing and Language Test Is Like

To answer some questions, you'll need to look closely at a single sentence. Others require reading the entire piece and interpreting a graphic. For instance, you might be asked to choose a sentence that corrects a misinterpretation of a scientific chart or that better explains the importance of the data.

The passages you improve will range from arguments to nonfiction narratives and will be about careers, history, social studies, the humanities, and science.

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- Download the free app for Daily SAT Practice



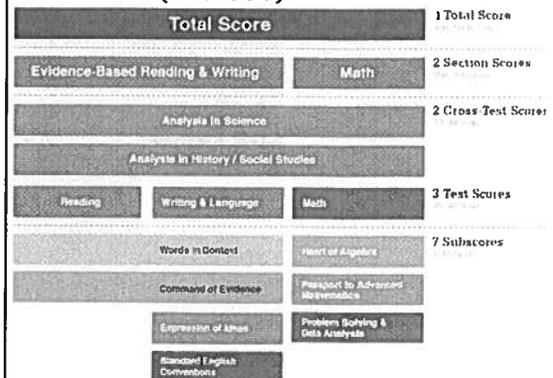
- Follow SAT on Twitter: @OfficialSAT @SATQuestion 

Test taking tips

- Practice, Practice, Practice
- There is no penalty for guessing
- Answer every question
- Build your reading stamina
- Analyze informational graphics
- Practice Editing
- Put away your calculator (some of the time)
- Check your answers if time permits

How the Test is Scored

Total score range is 400-1600
-Reading & Writing (200-800)
-Math (200-800)



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Math Test (80 minutes)

The SAT Math Test covers a range of math practices, with an emphasis on problem solving, modeling, using tools strategically, and using algebraic structure.

Quick Facts

- Most math questions will be multiple choice, but some — called grid-ins — ask you to come up with the answer rather than select the answer.
- The Math Test is divided into two portions: Math Test – Calculator and Math Test – No Calculator.
- Some parts of the test include several questions about a single scenario.

Focus

The Math Test will focus in depth on the three areas of math that play the biggest role in a wide range of college majors and careers:

- Heart of Algebra, which focuses on the mastery of linear equations and systems.
- Problem Solving and Data Analysis, which is about being quantitatively literate.
- Passport to Advanced Math, which features questions that require the manipulation of complex equations.

The Math Test also draws on Additional Topics in Math, including the geometry and trigonometry most relevant to college and career readiness.

SAT Essay (50 minutes)

The redesigned SAT Essay asks you to use your reading, analysis, and writing skills.

What You'll Do

- Read a passage.
- Explain how the author builds an argument to persuade an audience.
- Support your explanation with evidence from the passage.

The Essay Prompt

The prompt (question) shown below, or a nearly identical one, is used every time the new SAT is given.

Important:

As you read the passage below, consider how [the author] uses

- evidence, such as facts or examples, to support claims.
- reasoning to develop ideas and to connect claims and evidence.
- stylistic or persuasive elements, such as word choice or appeals to emotion, to add power to the ideas expressed.

Write an essay in which you explain how [the author] builds an argument to persuade [his/her] audience that [author's claim]. In your essay, analyze how [the author] uses one or more of the features listed above (or features of your own choice) to strengthen the logic and persuasiveness of [his/her] argument. Be sure that your analysis focuses on the most relevant features of the passage. Your essay should not explain whether you agree with [the author's] claims, but rather explain how the author builds an argument to persuade [his/her] audience.

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You can count on seeing the same prompt no matter when you take the new SAT with Essay, but the passage will be different every time.

All passages have these things in common:

- Written for a broad audience
- Argue a point
- Express subtle views on complex subjects
- Use logical reasoning and evidence to support claims
- Examine ideas, debates, or trends in the arts and sciences, or civic, cultural, or political life
- Always taken from published works

All the information you need to write your essay will be included in the passage or in notes about it.

How to Get the Most out of Khan Academy

- Go to www.midlandps.org and locate **Clever** under the Students tab. Click on



to be automatically linked to your account.

- Take some time to navigate the site under “Test Prep: New SAT”
 - You can take up to 4 free full practice tests, but space them out—don’t take them all at once.
 - You can work on specific modules to give you extra practice in targeted areas
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Another great source for SAT information:

CollegeBoard

www.collegereadiness.collegeboard.org