



# Important Documents

Senior Parent Night 2024



# Standardized Testing

# SAT vs ACT

## Components of Testing



**SAT**

Reading  
Math  
Writing

\*Essay section has been  
discontinued as of June 2021



**ACT**

Reading  
Math  
English  
Science Reasoning  
\*Essay Option

# SAT vs ACT – Breakdown of Content

## SAT

- 5 reading passages
- Calculator active & inactive
- More time per question
- Questions tend to be trickier & can take time to analyze



## ACT

- 4 reading passages
- Science – Assesses critical thinking
- Math – Calculator Active
- Questions tend to be more straightforward
- Less time per question (faster pace\_)

# SAT vs ACT

## Scoring Information

### SAT

- 400–1600 Scale
- Math is 200–800 Scale
- Reading/Writing (Evidence based reading and writing) – 200–800 scale

### Both

- Both tests award +1 for correct answers and no points (+/-0) for incorrect answers
- Offer SuperScoring (the best subscore of each test will be added together to create your best highest score)

### ACT

- 1–36 Scale
- Scores from the 4 sections are averaged together for overall score
- Each section is given a subscore

# Which one should I take again?

**SAT**

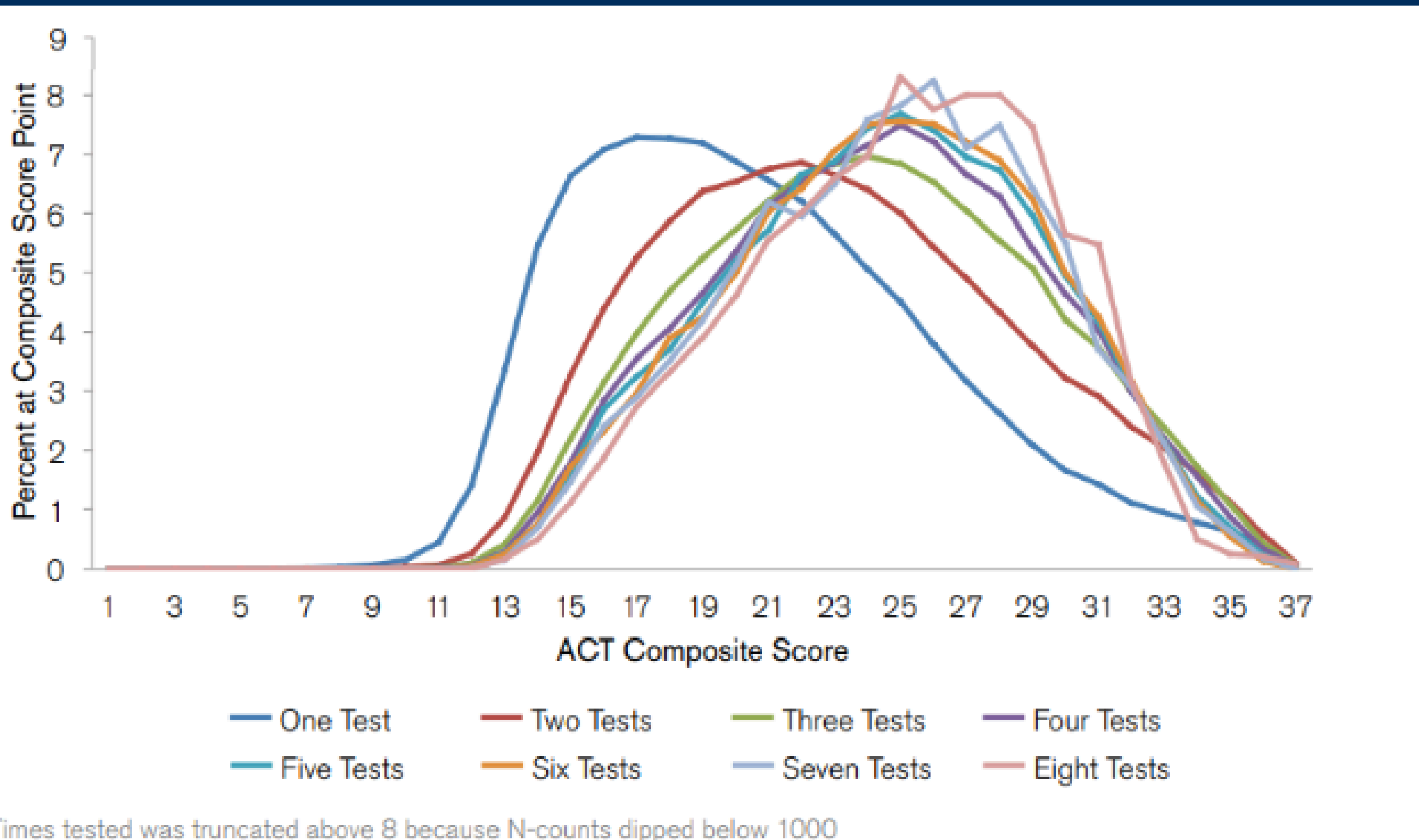


**Studies show an average of a 15 point increase on a 2nd test attempt.**

**ACT**



**50% of students show a score increase on a 2nd test attempt.**



**Table A1: SAT Total to ACT Composite.**

SAT	ACT	SAT	ACT	SAT	ACT
1600	36	1250	26	910	16
*1590	36	*1240	26	900	16
1580	36	1230	26	*890	16
1570	36	1220	25	880	16
1560	35	*1210	25	870	15
1550	35	1200	25	860	15
*1540	35	1190	24	*850	15
1530	35	*1180	24	840	15
1520	34	1170	24	830	15
1510	34	1160	24	820	14
*1500	34	1150	23	810	14
1490	34	*1140	23	*800	14
1480	33	1130	23	790	14
1470	33	1120	22	780	14
*1460	33	*1110	22	770	13
1450	33	1100	22	*760	13
1440	32	1090	21	750	13
*1430	32	*1080	21	740	13
1420	32	1070	21	730	13
1410	31	1060	21	720	12
*1400	31	1050	20	*710	12
1390	31	*1040	20	700	12
1380	30	1030	20	690	12
*1370	30	1020	19	680	11
1360	30	*1010	19	*670	11
1350	29	1000	19	660	11
*1340	29	990	19	650	11
1330	29	980	18	640	10
1320	28	*970	18	*630	10
*1310	28	960	18	620	10
1300	28	950	17	610	9
1290	27	940	17	600	9
*1280	27	*930	17	*590	9
1270	27	920	17		
1260	27				

**Table A2 : ACT Composite to SAT Total.**

ACT	SAT	SAT Range
36	1590	1570-1600
35	1540	1530-1560
34	1500	1490-1520
33	1460	1450-1480
32	1430	1420-1440
31	1400	1390-1410
30	1370	1360-1380
29	1340	1330-1350
28	1310	1300-1320
27	1280	1260-1290
26	1240	1230-1250
25	1210	1200-1220
24	1180	1160-1190
23	1140	1130-1150
22	1110	1100-1120
21	1080	1060-1090
20	1040	1030-1050
19	1010	990-1020
18	970	960-980
17	930	920-950
16	890	880-910
15	850	830-870
14	800	780-820
13	760	730-770
12	710	690-720
11	670	650-680
10	630	620-640
9	590	590-610

\*Use this SAT score when a single score point comparison is needed.

**Note:** Concordance tables for the ACT Composite were derived from concordances of the ACT sum score.







# **Sending Test Scores**

# UNC System Admissions Update

For students entering in the Fall 2025 or Spring 2026 semesters:

1. High School GPA: A minimum weighted GPA of 2.5.
2. Standardized Test Scores: Students with a weighted High School GPA greater than or equal to 2.50 and less than 2.80 are required to submit a standardized test score (ACT or SAT).

# Should I Send my test scores?

## Test Optional

A wide variety of schools have indicated they will remain test optional through this application cycle (including the UNC System).

This means test scores are not required for a complete application.

Use previous years averages to determine if you should send your score-if your score is above their average standards it is a good indicator to include your scores



## Test Blind

Test scores are NOT REQUIRED nor INCLUDED as part of the application.



# Sending Test Scores

**SAT**



**Send Scores to up to 4 colleges for FREE when you register for SAT and up to 9 days after the test**

**Send via website later for \$14**

**Each score report contains all SAT scores for superscoring**

**[collegeboard.org](https://collegeboard.org)**

**ACT**



**Send scores to up to 4 colleges for FREE when you register for the ACT.**

**Send via website later for \$18 each**

**Have to send score report from each test session if superscoring**

**[actstudent.org](https://actstudent.org)**

**AP**



**Send 1 FREE report when you set up account**

**Send via website later for \$15 each**

**Score report contains all AP scores**

**[collegeboard.org](https://collegeboard.org)**



# **Sending Transcripts**

# Transcript Update

Transcripts will be updated the end of September 2024 with updated rank and GPA.

All transcript requests will be fulfilled after this time.

## Scrib Online

Send transcripts through WCPSS. Can be sent to any entity of choice (out of state colleges, scholarship, NCAA, etc.)

Free to send on ScribOrder for current WCPSS students.

Unofficial & Official Transcripts

[wcpss.scriborder.com](http://wcpss.scriborder.com)

## Common App

Your student's school counselor uploads a transcript on your behalf that is then downloaded by the colleges that they've applied to.

[commonapp.org](http://commonapp.org)

## CFNC

Send transcripts electronically to any college or university in North Carolina.

Always free to send through CFNC.

[cfnc.org](http://cfnc.org)



# Application Components



# Application Platforms



common  
app

## Common App

- Commonapp.org
- App for phones now
- 915 participating colleges
- All use same platform only essay and supplemental questions are different
- Application fee for application

## CFNC

- CFNC.org
- NC Colleges, Community Colleges, and Universities
- Same application for each college (typically no supplemental questions)
- Application fee for each application
- Send Electronic Transcripts
- College Application Week (FREE TO APPLY OCTOBER 21-27)

## Coalition

- Coalitionforaccess.org
- 6 participating colleges in NC
- 1 application for multiple colleges

## Common Black College App

- Commonblackapp.org
- Used for HBCUs across the US
- \$20 application for up to 67 HBCUs



College  
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of North Carolina



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EDU, Inc.  
COMMON BLACK COLLEGE APPLICATION

## Profile/Info

- Personal Info
- Demographics
- Language
- Citizenship
- Household/parent information

## Stats

- High school information
- Current courses
- College courses
- GPA/Rank
- Official score reports from SAT/ACT/CollegeBoard AP

## Activities

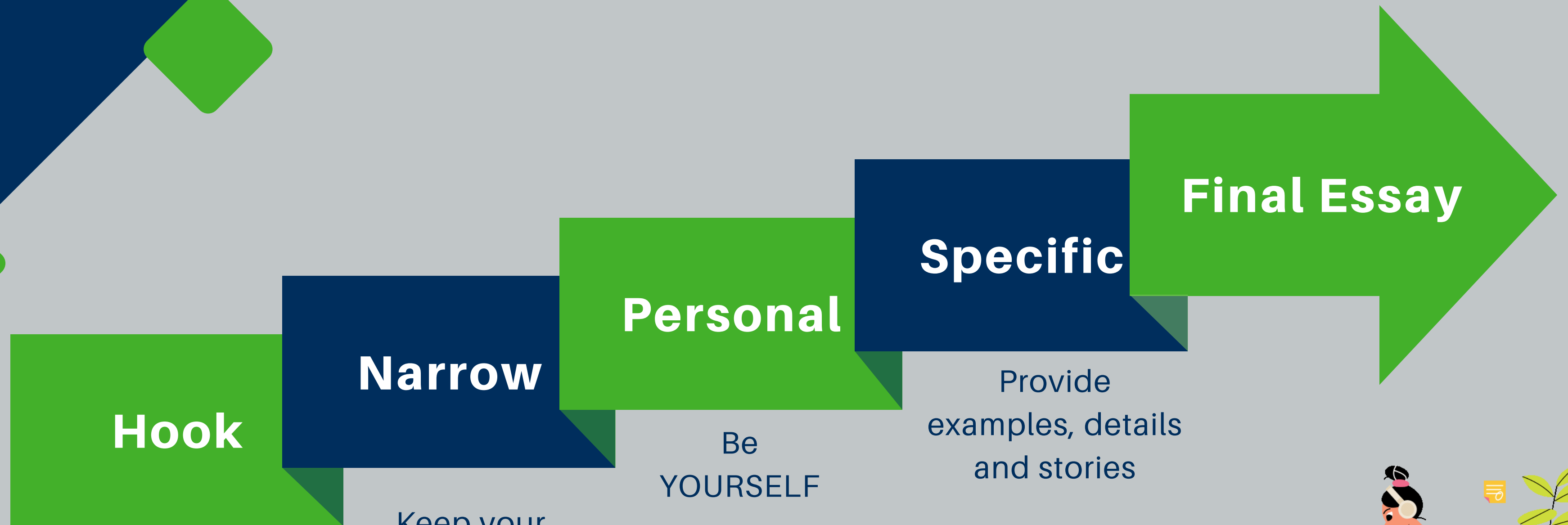
- Arts or Music
- Clubs/Community Engagement
- Family Responsibilities
- Hobbies/Sports
- Work/Volunteering
- Other meaningful experiences

## Essays

- Personal statement
- Essay Options
- Short Questions

# Application Components Overview

# Essay Reminders



Give admissions a reason to keep reading

Keep your focus

Be  
YOURSELF

Provide examples, details and stories

**Final Essay**



# Extra-Curricular Activities

## *Not using space wisely*

- "Member of varsity soccer team for 3 years"
- "Member of national honor society for 2 years"
- "Worked as hostess at Olive Garden"

VS

## *Using space wisely*

- "Attend practice and workouts 4x/week. As a captain, I led the warmups, communicated game plays, and assisted with tryouts"
- "Completed 15 hours of community serviced at local animal shelter assisting with pet adoptions and veterinary care during COVID-19"
- "Greeted customers, organized seating chart to maximize use of servers, responded to incoming phone calls, and assisted with take out orders"

# Recommendation Types

## *COUNSELOR*

- Completed by your academic counselor
- Overview of who you are as a student
- Overview of school
- Guided form
- Often required for college applications and Scholarships
- Includes a School Profile and upload of Transcript

VS

## *TEACHER*

- Completed by teacher who can best speak to your abilities
- Not necessarily the teacher who you earned an "A" with but the teacher who can best speak to your abilities
  - maybe you contributed to class discussions, lead activities, participated in extracurriculars, or worked hard to master the subject area
- Often required for college applications and scholarships

**Hamilton  
Roberts**  
**Dean of  
Students**



**Emily Simpson**  
**Counselor**  
**[A - Dev]**

**Mayra Garcia**  
**Counselor**  
**[Dew - Kap]**

**Whitley  
Butner**  
**SAP  
Coordinator**

**Amie Graham**  
**Counselor**  
**[Kar - Nag]**

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**Counselor**  
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**Counselor**  
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# Thank You

**For Attending!**