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|  Prepared for ChangeYou've heard a lot about the changes to the PSAT, SAT, and ACT tests. But what's the best plan for your students? Read on for our suggestions.**PSAT and SAT****image1**   Photo Credit: The College BoardLike it or not, the College Board is changing the PSAT and SAT — a lot. The redesigned PSAT (rPSAT) and SAT (rSAT) will be rolled out in the next school year. As a nonprofit organization, Doorway to College Foundation (D2CF) was invited to the College Board offices in New York City this past December for their Transparency Summit, where we learned new information about the upcoming tests. (Two of our leadership team are tiny specks in the fourth row in the photo above.)**Most Impact on the Class of 2017**The first administration of the rSAT will be in March of 2016. Until then, students will take the cSAT (current SAT). This change has the greatest impact on the class of 2017, as next year's juniors will have to decide between the cSAT or the rSAT, if they wish to take the SAT at all. The class of 2018 will take the rSAT.**What to Expect about Scores and Reporting**Students who choose to take the rSAT in the spring of 2016 can expect the following:* The rSAT is a very different test than the cSAT. We don't know yet how well students of varying ability levels will score on the rSAT. Colleges won't know quite what to think of the test scores for some time, either.
* The redesigned test scale is back to a maximum of 1600. Current scores are on a 2400 total scale. Instead of separate Critical Reading and Writing scores, students will receive an Evidence-Based Reading and Writing subscore. They will continue to receive a Math subscore.
* Students should not expect to see their March test scores until early May. "The March scoring will be delayed to allow for the proper statistical analysis to be performed, as is common for any new exam," a College Board official recently told Doorway to College.  "There will also be a slight delay in May and June score reporting, though it will not be as long as the March delay." Patience will be required.

**Which Test(s) Should Students Take?**We've polled several of our trusted school partners and learned that many are unsure what to recommend to students, including whether to take the redesigned PSAT and SAT tests or take the ACT instead. Here are some options for your students to consider:Class of 2016 (next year's SENIORS):Seniors who still need/want an SAT score can still take the cSAT in the fall of 2015.Class of 2017 (next year's JUNIORS) Options:* Fall 2015: rPSAT; Spring 2016: rSAT
* Fall 2015 or early Spring 2015: ACT (as practice); late Spring 2016: ACT
* Fall 2015: cSAT (as practice); January 2016: cSAT

Class of 2018 (next year's SOPHOMORES)Fall 2015: rPSAT (as practice if students are strong test-takers and have the prospect of doing well on the NMSQT)Fall 2016: rPSAT (NMSQT or as practice for the SAT); January 2017: rSATIf you have questions about the differences between rPSAT and the cPSAT or the rSAT and the cSAT, please send them to answers@doorwaytocollege.com. Watch for a page about these changes on our website soon.**Which *ZAPS* Class?**Students who will take the rPSAT should sign up for a *ZAPS* rPSAT seminar at school or through the local community education agency, as applicable. We will also be offering rPSAT webinars for those who don't have an rPSAT seminar at their school.Seniors who will be taking the cSAT in Fall 2015 can enroll in the current *ZAPS* SAT strategy webinars. *ZAPS* cSAT classes will be phased out and replaced with *ZAPS* rSAT seminars after the January 2016 administration of the cSAT.**Let's Not Forget the ACT**The only major content change to the ACT is the essay. You can find a summary of the changes to the ACT at [www.doorwaytocollege.com/act-updates.](http://www.doorwaytocollege.com/e1t/c/%2AW7Y1CWW9kfg6mVyb2Sh1Jv9kF0/%2AW3NgWpJ7b-n15W7zVL6g948J2B0/5/f18dQhb0SmhV8XJ8yvW7Kp5SB2qwv27N1V1fChqBWQmMf572xXD6prW39Dr-N8pCDJLW97cPHf51sY1cW7nwyph6cfBysW7nwMJH51TzHPW61Cj4D1njVcMW61SSZm7dDxTNW7mWsnX7dzcsSW51vDDW56vHg5W69NG1w6Pr3nqW1Tcntw1njMtBW6H5J8353X_ZpW52Ylfx3_8mplW9fgwMT4fdn4vN5l4Klhvdh_8N8475807hMDBW5K1n4d4cqB7-W83Bn_y1S2rrLW54hkdt2L57TmW2Pymdr7t13lmN8VrfGg42m34W319cLT1TpTKgW6Wwqqt2R0S0hW3qFbtH57D6J-W58SS4V1C8fwyW7p3C-_3MYtL8W4GshG-45Ly2MVkwRPg8pZg_gW2JCX9V4fb7KRW2KCprw1GmjjWN7SQvdFT6MS4W8rY3Sz5JNMbGW7fHRTG7yfsp2W25kLmd4GKYXVW5Sd57Z8S6ZcBN4YNRgp-yQjb111) Our test specialists will address the new essay in the *ZAPPING the ACT* strategy seminars this fall.**Free Tools for Your School Families**We have introduced two new series of e-books for college-bound students. These include both free and low-cost e-books. The resources listed below are free. I encourage you to share these with your students and their parents.**Student Athlete Series**[#1 Goal-Setting for Student Athletes ... and Their Parents](http://www.doorwaytocollege.com/e1t/c/%2AW7Y1CWW9kfg6mVyb2Sh1Jv9kF0/%2AW7f9TK34tpSmjW7TYVqF6NMFxs0/5/f18dQhb0Sjv48YHtdnW7Kp5SB2qwv27N1V1fChqBWQmMf5j9zXD6prW39Dr-N8pCDJLW97cPHf51sY1cW7nwyph6cfBysW7nwMJH8yG8xtW6RwV_m1nb4Z7W6QQLmh6RwHrZW1xbYvk6R2JXBW25Nycw7dChrhW6PVJWy625bx1W6Gj8TS6bVy-5W25hjVh83KHrFN7J39qM1g6j-W49WVsf2Z5RTnW77PPhG94q7cqW6VKJl21hC_8gW5lppHt30ZYRPW838w1S7DVRGbW2lq-SJ7Hwp28W229M1g2qflMGW6wZmy55fdCYnW3p8f514d3PrfVnG67X6VvPLyW8NkF1S2rJF8ZW3mFzBy2XVfrFW4P-xvW6ByvZlW4Nf39f7jlsnQW5TVljq8rCJftW49kJ936fVZ9gW1Q68w61MMh8vW3gvKr38q516JN1ktSqHQJv0ZW2cwHHd5xHh6gW714h8Z1nxZ-mN96-JtZh2hkcW7zM7jq87Ldm_W1qzl344Y_SkCW5-phQ93X7hWqf835Ysc11)[#2 The Division Decision: Which NCAA Division Is Right for You?](http://www.doorwaytocollege.com/e1t/c/%2AW7Y1CWW9kfg6mVyb2Sh1Jv9kF0/%2AW8QNZWF2FjmG0W67xrl56f9F9z0/5/f18dQhb0S5fg8XJ93YW7Kp5SB2qwv27N1V1fChqBWQmMf5htFXD6prW39Dr-N8pCDJLW97cPHf51sY1cW7nwyph6cfBysW7nwMJH1x4f9BW7cVKJw6Qj-09W3xsqYJ2HVTVLW4DqHqz6dgmw3W4yv2r03MlV4BW4-TPrs2KQ2YYW6lD20249WVtrW3VVg3w1c-yhtW31by0s8hz0YsW806yj370ml3sW3qcXG45nJrFZW3H2lxL1SjfzjW2WdWVy9dqSDPW6B_s6Z6kbxX6VtyNS95TZ5w6W89LtPn82S4S1W1VmKVK91CCNRW6C25zs8bw5sCW668mmD7jWyxqN1hkXtTGYS5JVtprBN5SCFjCW18x3jn2DbVk7W5Dhs636vKbGKW3CVWzH8csLSqW1036y75w7sDbW5y3FKd5gQyjxW5KYzfR5Fv76LW3vBB9q19rcTfW7ghfPD7ZMxptW5S3yv71vNY74W83SXSx7wHDf_W2_zHYL3KdpBfV3Zm578_LFC1102) **College Prep Series**[College Entrance Exams: Is Your Child Ready](http://www.doorwaytocollege.com/e1t/c/%2AW7Y1CWW9kfg6mVyb2Sh1Jv9kF0/%2AW4fFqLR7cJC4-W6S4kqF6P13zD0/5/f18dQhb0SbTX8XJ93YW7Kp5SB2qwv27N1V1fChqBWQmMf5lrFXD6prW39Dr-N8pCDJLW97cPHf51sY1cW7nwyph6cfBysW7nwMJH4VJBLrW6QbrrV6Q1R6SVbXTGr1xl3qJW6R82gN2yBrkwW61VvpQ1nrQcmW2yBqys29jL8WW5Z8p8W35scSjW7bqQP37JtTqnW3CCrHW35rgClW94-4T07sLbJlW3dv1Ss3M3Kx5W60Rkcx4Dk-THN5pnHTsz74JcVYSX-57m_B1RW5c8d-S3785fHVDP0y33hbHk0W5D6JWb50wy8SN2ygqQ-NCJGZW8y3S1x4LV34JVbHBFt73MbP_W15c1hC25gVwQW7cXsts4rb7XhW61PXc82hXD5VW8djfpx2xHVYqW4sK5nl9hPVgqW7gs7nJ15kHfWW7mH-sQ49kJ93W6fVZ9g1Q68w6W1MMh8v3gvKr3W8q516J1ktQHkW5D35Xk3jKb89W6jx-G21Kf55QW7zKRd922s1_xW58gckx5Nm_VvW4bG2859krtsVW2hnbtH8h9v2BVzqLwF351njNf3mxHPH04)[Raise Your Score: Tips for Success on the ACT and SAT](http://www.doorwaytocollege.com/e1t/c/%2AW7Y1CWW9kfg6mVyb2Sh1Jv9kF0/%2AW8vjFP010nRHHW8hKy6k8HBqDK0/5/f18dQhb0Sjv88XJ8QKW7Kp5SB2qwv27N1V1fChqBWQmMf598jXD6prW39Dr-N8pCDJLW97cPHf51sY1cW7nwyph6cfBysW7nwMJH1n9WMyW6QQLmh6RwVJrW7mWtNc6RXswjW1mbWpd51TzHPW51fh3n7cMKxKW61SSZm7dDxTNW7mWsnX7dzcsSW51vDDW56vHg5W69NG1w6Pr3nqW1Tcntw1njMtBW6H5H5953X_ZpW52Ylfx3_8mplW9fgwMT4fPpNFW6dwyn91Gg3-zW6fL-Wn5KnBrrW4d5_Pn2sP0qzW76WSxL7t5GlfW2N2K0H5p9W61W2sdbLv6d0xG1W8j8D4078kcB_W75-ZrS1B-nPrV6QD257r_dgKW9ft16S1yg8b0V51WzL52DWFLW7r28v93MYtL8W4GshG-45Ly2MVkwRPg8pZg_gV3q36D5VXzPRW1Q6zcc1kr_DqW1McdTk4J35SnW2N3wyS8TT-BkVz488Q5RlZdDW6Wn2mp2S6fLhVxVQJ32DGHJMW7RgBFW5vy7td111)[College Applications: Top 10 Common Mistakes Your Student Must Avoid](http://www.doorwaytocollege.com/e1t/c/%2AW7Y1CWW9kfg6mVyb2Sh1Jv9kF0/%2AW5D5XCV7N6z2zW55XvHv2V40Bs0/5/f18dQhb0S1W92dYTs8LvNJ3CYMmWW7RzD8x2YtjszW88Ss1l55PhhRW3VHXYb2qGTrSVJ563j83lZrnW95klgW46SGvmVSrSjW12Nbs1W9l71jz42z7C-W7T5xPy6YqPgcW72r9wb83gHD9W3NDc0p5xxHkJW51wqcQ4cLtRWW3r8xfR5rJH5gW231GzM6skTsMMJ6XQKjcJ78W5k11-92YwsJ2W47K2B68zpkyPW3FkM0n77tBcPW8j_l697xsY9nW5S_rTW54m6MCW5yFbJb22jndvW3HZ8wr5vnmxjV9JJhz20HryzN7FCk0Qfn6-_W4r92RV8M1kLTW69RWRP7YLp8zW1HfJ8M6qn8tTW2Hl2mK3t0xcWW2w6psm3rms7nW4V015-3KDnJQW3FP_zT7dpW30W34rSvg2FYXbJW20bjnZ3f-5SkW5zRbvq115RRdW67c1jz4_HlRXN4fFTZ8q-_-mW562J9K5TlcFNW8S_S1q99HbwyN2rRSf45Rgl0N1cvXDS-nbhNMtKC27793h5W5ppm-V675MzVW3w9yfM9f87hFW8hQmw14FyCMYW4yVXmJ3n6rKvf3X6Vls04)Thank you once again for trusting us as your partners in your students' success. 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