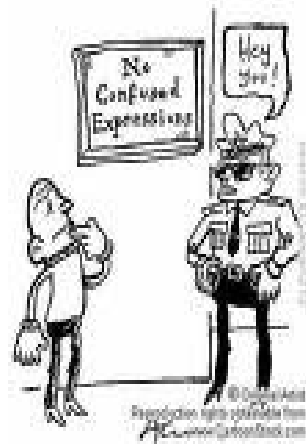


ACT, SAT OR WHAT?



There are two college entrance exams

- ❖ The Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) –an aptitude test
- ❖ The American College Test (ACT)—an achievement test





What is the ACT?

The ACT is the American College Test. Many students on the West Coast and Midwestern US take this test and it is accepted at most colleges in lieu of the SAT.

Why suggest ACT rather than the SAT

The ACT is an achievement test

- ❖ Familiar format/content
- ❖ Confidence and security
- ❖ Less stress
- ❖ No mandatory essay
- ❖ Our students do well



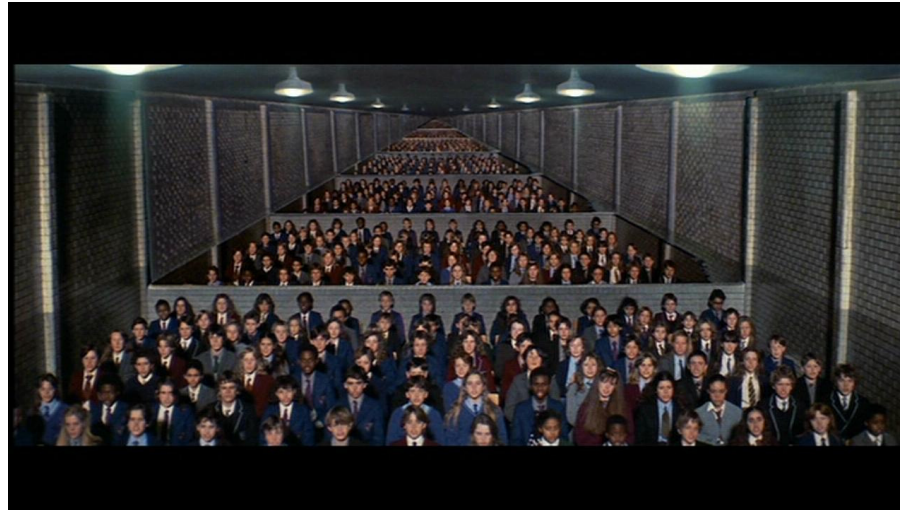
COLLEGES THAT DO NOT ACCEPT THE ACT

– The ACT is accepted by MOST colleges

- ❖ LIST OF THE ONLY COLLEGES THAT DO NOT ACCEPT THE ACT
- ❖ California Institute of Technology
- ❖ Harvey Mudd College
- ❖ Loyola College
- ❖ Westfield State College
- ❖ Wake Forest University
- ❖ Webb Institute of Naval Architecture
- ❖ CUNY- Staten Island
- ❖ CUNY-Baruch College
- ❖ The College of Insurance

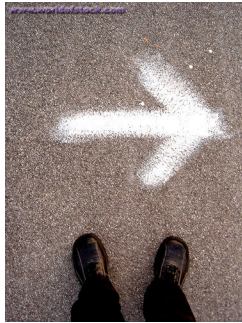
**IF A COLLEGE CLAIMS THEY DON'T ACCEPT THE ACT, PROBE
AND/OR ASK TO TALK TO SOMEONE ELSE!**

GROUP ADMINISTRATION



GOOD NEWS!

- ❖ Students with accommodations do not have to take the ACT (or SAT) group administration at their high school.
- ❖ Students with accommodations do not have to abide by any of the registration deadlines posted by the district schools.
- ❖ They may (and should) take the test by special arrangement here at The Bridge Academy with accommodations such as extended time.



How to set up your ACT testing at TBA

DIRECTIONS

1. At least 4 weeks before you want to take the test, get the ACT Special Testing Form from Mrs. Smith
2. Fill in the student information section only and sign. Include a check for \$33 made out to ACT and return it all to Mrs. Smith.
3. Mrs. Smith will submit the required documentation and set up a testing date.



You must take these tests!

NO!

Deciding to take these tests depends on the student's attitude towards testing.

Ask yourself "What are the emotional costs and benefits of testing for my student?"

- ❖ It is a 10 hour commitment with accommodations (split over 2-3 days)
- ❖ What are my student's future plans?
- ❖ Realize that it is quite possible to attend a four year college without ever taking a college board exam.
- ❖ Test scores may only be valid for 5 years depending on the college.

What is the PLAN Test?

(It's the pre-ACT)

In 10th grade many students take the PLAN or the PSAT.

- ❖ It is not mandatory
- ❖ It is a 10 hour commitment over several days.
- ❖ Predicts performance on the 12th grade college board test.
- ❖ It helps teachers and students to see areas students need to focus on.
- ❖ It has an interest inventory test. The results show career areas a student might like.





How to Prepare

Kaplan and Princeton Review—I'm sure they're fine, but not geared for our students. Average 3 to 4 pts. Improvement.

Better- buy a prep book and become familiar with the test format.

Best!! preparing for the ACT by concentrating on doing as well as possible in daily classroom work.



Things to remember about college board exams

- ❖ Success in life is not predicated on taking the college board exam
- ❖ Traditional college is not the cookie cutter fit for everyone
- ❖ Some alternatives to traditional post high school education are:
 - Apprentice programs
 - Hands on training
 - Vocational programs

You know your child best



College board exams can be a frustrating ordeal for students

Think long and hard about what is the best decision for your individual student

- ❖ Is it arranging for appropriate accommodations for a college entrance exam?
- ❖ Finding an alternative way to college?
- ❖ Finding a hands on, vocational or apprentice program?

