

## News from Ms. Greene, BRACE Advisor

Greetings from the Brace Office! Please call (754) 323-1817 with any questions you may have regarding BRACE News.

**Bookings** - I have set up my Bookings App page. If you would like to schedule a brief meeting (25 minutes or less) **or** a post-secondary conference (approximately 45 minutes) you can log in to: <https://outlook.office365.com/owa/calendar/MsGreeneBraceAdvisor@browardcountyschools.onmicrosoft.com/bookings/>

Brace Office Website:

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**Stay in the know!** – Go to the Class of 2021 Canvas Page! Stay abreast (daily) of announcements and check out senior documents in the Brace folder.

**What's Your College Application Game Plan** – It's your senior year and everyone should have an application game plan. Step one - figure out where you want to apply for college and what you need to do to make it happen! We've got plenty of resources to assist you. Lately, I've been getting lots of questions about test optional colleges/universities. I've decided to address the issue here.

### **Test Optional? Should I Still Take the SAT? Still Take the ACT?**

Considering testing cancellations and obstacles created by COVID-19, many 4-year colleges have decided to go "test optional" for Fall 2021 admissions (and possibly beyond). This means SAT or ACT scores are not necessarily a required part of the application. You may now be wondering if you should still take the SAT or ACT. To help you decide if you should (or should not) take the SAT or ACT to prepare for the college applications process, some of your questions are answered here.

### **What does "test optional" mean?**

There are several different ways that colleges are handling the submission of SAT or ACT scores, so make sure you know exactly how the colleges you are interested in are approaching it.

- Truly **test optional** schools will let you decide if you want to submit your test scores. If submitted, the school will take SAT or ACT scores into consideration but may focus on other parts of the application more.
- **Test flexible** schools will allow you to submit scores for the SAT or ACT, OR a different test in their place (such as a SAT Subject Test or AP test).
- **Test blind** schools will not consider any scores, even if you include them in the application.

### **If I end up taking the SAT or ACT, do I have to submit my score?**

No. You control the release of your test scores, but some colleges are still requiring the SAT or ACT, so make sure to check each application closely. College Board and the ACT will not release your scores without your consent.



### **If I don't take the SAT or ACT will it hurt my application?**

If the college does not require the test, then generally NO, it will not hurt your application. But know that without test scores other parts of your application will become more important. This includes your GPA, your college essay, awards and achievements, references, and any extracurricular activities you include. Worried that COVID-19 has impacted your extracurricular work? Make sure to really put the time and effort into your studies now and into your college essay.

### **What are the benefits of taking the SAT or ACT even if my school doesn't require a test score?**

There are still many benefits of taking these exams even if you don't end up submitting your score on your college application.

- 25 states, including Florida, require SAT or ACT scores as part of high school graduation requirements.
- Many colleges, including test optional schools, will use SAT or ACT scores to award merit scholarships for incoming students. If you do well on the test, your scores could benefit your financial aid greatly!
- Research shows up to 60% of scholarships require an SAT or ACT score to be submitted as part of the application process.
- And if you are a great test taker, taking the tests may boost your application.

Upcoming SAT & ACT Free Workshops:



## Ready for College Free SAT/ACT Workshop

Open to High School  
Juniors and Seniors



This eight session online program, which includes practice tests and intensive test-taking strategies, focuses on four components per subject: fundamentals, technique, recognition/reaction, and timing manipulation.

To build a better understanding of test preparation and the college admissions process,

Open to 2020 High School Graduates and current Juniors and Seniors

### DATES & TIMES

Session 1: Thu, Nov 12, 4:00—5:15 pm  
Session 2: Mon, Nov 16, 4:00—5:15 pm  
Session 3: Thu, Nov 19, 4:00—5:15 pm  
Session 4: Mon, Nov 23, 4:00—5:15 pm  
Session 5: Mon, Nov 30, 4:00—5:15 pm  
Session 6: Thu, Dec 03, 4:00—5:15 pm  
Session 7: Mon, Dec 10, 4:00—5:15 pm  
Session 8: Thu, Dec 10, 4:00—5:15 pm

### SESSION DESCRIPTION

Math Practice Test & Strategies (part 1)  
Math Practice Test & Strategies (part 2)  
Grammar Practice Test & Strategies (part 1)  
Grammar Practice Test & Strategies (part 2)  
Reading Practice Test & Strategies (part 1)  
Reading Practice Test & Strategies (part 2)  
Reading & Grammar Practice Test & Strategies  
Grammar & Math Practice Test & Strategies

**Registration is required.** This workshop prepares for the **December 5th SAT** and the **December 12th ACT**

-Registration is for **all eight sessions**, **space is limited**

**(Check the first box under "Upcoming Events" to select all eight sessions)**

[Click to Register](#)



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Workshops are presented by Alberto Howe,

Founder of [Affordable College Solutions.com](http://AffordableCollegeSolutions.com)



**[Questions about November 12th SAT/ACT session? Click HERE](#)**



LET US HELP YOU GET  
**READY FOR COLLEGE**



with our free online Ready for College workshops!

**OCTOBER – DECEMBER 2020 AT 4:30PM**

**TOPICS INCLUDE:**

- **Completing the FAFSA, English Edition**
- **Create Winning Essays for Scholarships**
- **It's Never too Late...Apply for College**
- **A Closer Look at ALL of your Options After High School**
- **Financial Aid –Completing the FAFSA, Spanish Edition**
- **Student Loans: The Good, The Bad & The Ugly**
- **How to Apply for Scholarships**

**DATES:**

- ⇒ **OCT 13<sup>TH</sup> & DEC 8<sup>TH</sup>**
- ⇒ **OCT 28<sup>TH</sup>**
- ⇒ **OCT 27<sup>TH</sup>**
- ⇒ **NOV 5<sup>TH</sup> & DEC 15<sup>TH</sup>**
- ⇒ **NOV 10<sup>TH</sup>**
- ⇒ **NOV 17<sup>TH</sup>**
- ⇒ **DEC 1<sup>ST</sup>**

**\*All workshops are open to high school JUNIORS and SENIORS.**

**PARENTS and GUARDIANS are also encouraged to attend.**



Now available - Free College Advisor Sessions!

**Register for available workshops today!**



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