

College Prep 101

Know Before You Go!

Why College?

- A time for huge personal growth
- A place for meeting people
- An opportunity to gain credentials
- High school diploma: \$1.2 million
- Bachelor's degree: \$2.1 million
- Master's degree: \$2.5 million
- Ph.D.: \$3.4 million
- Professional degree: \$4.4 million

What is “required”?

- Math: 4 credits
- English: 4 credits
- Foreign Language: 2+ credits
- Science: 3-4 credits of lab sciences
- History: 3-4 credits PE: 1-2 credits
- Fine Arts: 1-2 credits
- 180 hours = 1 high school credit
- 1 college semester = 1 high school credit = 1 year of high school

How do I get a High School diploma?

- Homeschool all the way, mom writes it
- Homeschool all the way, “buy” a transcript
- Homeschool + outside classes
- Dual Enrollment
- Independent Study
- Online classes
- Tutors/mentors

College Options

- Church schools
- State Schools
- Ivy League
- Small Liberal Arts
- Community Colleges
- Technical Schools
- Independent Study

What about testing?

- Homeschoolers NEED to test well to get into MANY (not all) colleges.
- Start your test prep early.
- Test prep books
- Online programs and live classes
- ACT/SAT info, questions, and tests online

Early High School Tests

- ACT: “Explore” for 8th and 9th graders, “Plan” for 10th graders
- SAT: PSAT in October of 9th 10th and 11th grade
- Given at public schools – call the Guidance department

SAT Reasoning Test

(Scholastic Aptitude Test)

Critical Reading: Two 25 minute sections and one 20 minute section

Mathematics: Two 25 minute sections and one 20 minute section

Writing: Two 25 minute sections and one 25 minute essay

One experimental section (unidentified)

Each correct answer scores 1 point, each incorrect answer subtracts $\frac{1}{4}$ point – DON'T just fill them all in!

ACT

(American College Test)

Mathematics: 60 questions – 60 minutes

English: 75 questions – 45 minutes

Reading: 40 questions – 35 minutes

Science: 40 questions – 35 minutes

Writing: 1 prompt – 30 minutes

NO penalty for guessing (fill them all in!)

SAT Subject Tests

- Twenty tests in various subjects
- Offered six times a year, one hour each
- Competitive colleges may require one or more to accompany the SAT score, so find out about this early (CES schools don't require them).

Advanced Placement tests

- Many and varied subjects offered
- Earn college credit without paying tuition
- Scores 1-5, 3 and up earns you three to nine credits – may be GE credits or electives
- Do not have to take the class – follow the syllabus online + a good text + prep book
- Sign up through high school, taken in May

CLEP: College Level Exam Program

- 34 exams used to test out of the first two years of college
- Taken after college admission at the college
- Many “high-brow” schools have their own tests

ACT Compass Test

- Placement test required by BYU-I for all homeschooled incoming freshman

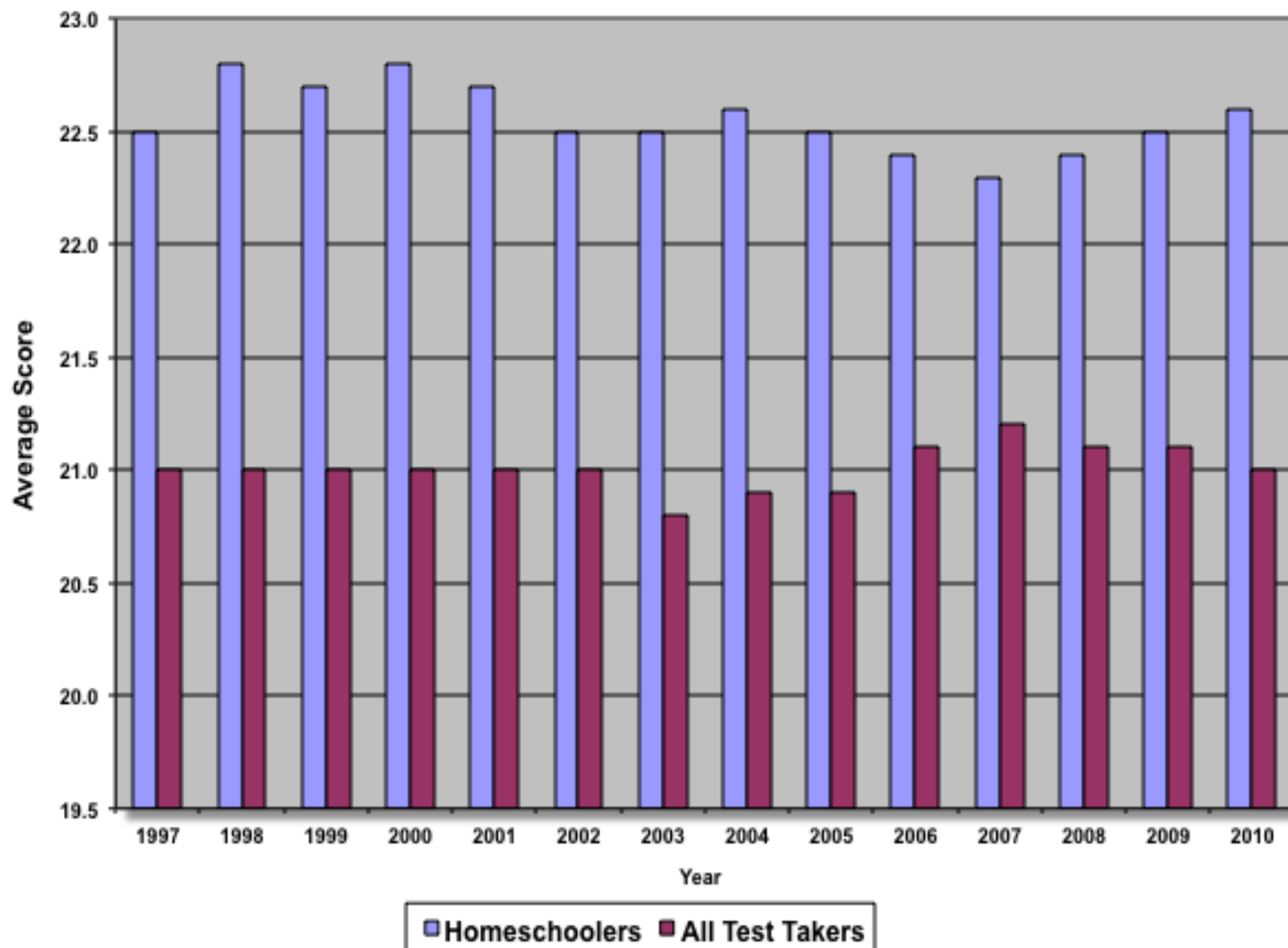
Average Admission Scores

<u>University</u>	SAT Reading	SAT Math	SAT Writing	ACT
Harvard	690-780	690-790	690-780	31-34
MIT	650-760	720-800	660-760	32-35
Georgetown	620-730	630-730	NA	28-32
BYU	570-680	580-690	NA	26-30
BYU-I	545- 560	545-560	NA	22-28

Applications

- Keep track of your life STARTING NOW!
Grades, Important Books read, Awards,
Resources/Curricula used, Resume,
Academic Writing Samples, Extracurricular
Activities, Service, Work
- Early Admissions deadlines November to
December – get preferential treatment
- CES Schools want you to be a seminary
graduate

ACT Test Results for Homeschoolers vs All Test Takers



What I Wish I Would Have
Known About College Way
Back in High School...