

# When Should I Take the SAT or ACT?

Complete this task during your *junior year!*

## Why???

- The senior year is **very** busy with college searches, the application process, school activities and homework.
- College applications are typically due November 1. It would be best to send your final ACT or SAT scores *with* the application.
- Having to study for the SAT or ACT for the first time during the first quarter of the senior year creates undue stress; Grades, health and activities suffer.
- What if you wait until your senior year to take the ACT or SAT for the first time and you discover your scores are not competitive enough? You may not have a sufficient amount of time to improve your scores for college acceptance.
- What are considered competitive scores?
  - @ UCF: Fall 2007 class: SAT scores = 1160-1280      ACT= 24-28
  - @ FSU: Fall 2007 class: SAT scores = 1140-1280      ACT= 25-28

**JUNIORS** – should begin *practicing* during semester 1

**JUNIORS** – should *take* the SAT or ACT during semester 2

**SENIORS** — should take the SAT or ACT for the **LAST** time either October or November.