

Glossary of Terms

ACT	American College Testing Program
AP	Advanced Placement Tests
ATP	Advanced Placement Tests Admissions Testing Program. A division of the College Board Organization (CEEB). The SAT I and the SAT II are under the ATP.
Candidate Notification	The date by which a college notifies a student of the admissions decision
CEEB	College Entrance Examination Board
CLEP	College Level Examination Program
Common Application Form	A single application which is accepted by a number of colleges. After completing the original application form available from the college counselor, the student makes copies and mails them to those colleges which accept this type of application.
CSS	College Scholarship Service (Princeton, New Jersey) which does computation of financial needs
Deferral	The final evaluation of a student is postponed to be included with the regular applicant pool
Early Action	An admission policy of colleges whereby a student applies in the fall of senior year (usually Nov. 1 deadline) and is notified of an acceptance, deferral, or rejection in December. Students accepted under Early Action do not have to notify the college of their enrollment intentions until May 1. This is not to be confused with Early Decision.
Early Decision	A program whereby a student can apply to his first choice college early in the fall of the senior year and be notified by mid-December. The student agrees to enroll, if accepted, and depending on the college, to make no other applications or withdraw other applications if admitted.
ETS	Educational Testing Service. The testing division of CEEB. Administers the SAT I and the SAT II.
FAFSA	Free Application for Federal Student Aid
NDSL	National Defense Student Loan. Federal loan at low interest rate.
Pell Grant	Scholarship aid from the federal government based on financial need
PROFILE	A financial aid service used by some colleges and programs to award private funds.
PSAT / NMSQT	Preliminary Scholastic Assessment Test/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test.
Rolling Admissions	Some colleges and universities notify the student of the admissions decision as soon as the application is received. It is wise to apply early, because applications are normally not accepted after the admissions quota has been reached.
SAT I	Scholastic Assessment Test
SAT II	Subject tests
Student Search	A computer "match-up" service between students and colleges that might meet their needs. If the student fills out the Student Search information when registering for the SAT, he may receive numerous brochures and letters from colleges.
TASP	Texas Academic Skills Program. A test which is designed to assist students in Texas public colleges and universities and technical institutes in obtaining the reading, mathematics, and writing skills.