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ACT – Originally abbreviation for American College Testing. A standardized test for high school achievement and college admissions in the United States produced by ACT, Inc. Cost = \$35 plus \$15 for the Writing test.

AP – Advanced Placement. Higher level courses in various subject areas generally taught at the high school level in preparation for college coursework. An annual test in various courses can result in scores that are used by some colleges to exempt students from introductory coursework if they demonstrate mastery through an AP test. Cost = \$86 each test.

CEEB – Codes used by College Board and the ACT organization to identify colleges and high schools. EBA's CEEB is **501-379** ...PLEASE REMEMBER IT!!!

CLEP - College Level Examination Program is a series of examinations that test an individual's college level knowledge. CLEP offers international and home-schooled students the opportunity to demonstrate their proficiency in subject areas and bypass undergraduate coursework. Approximately 2,900 colleges and universities will grant college credits for each test. Base cost = \$72 each.

CSS – Supplement to the FAFSA financial form. Used by some private colleges to more clearly identify a student's / family's financial ability to pay costs.

EA – Early Action. Term used to describe application process permitting a student to apply to an institution and receive a decision well before spring of senior year. The candidate is not committed to enroll at that institution.

EBA – Eastbrook Academy. Fabulous K-12 school in Milwaukee Wisconsin!!!

ED – Early Decision. Term used to describe the application process in which a commitment is made by the student to the institution, that, if admitted, the student will enroll. The institution will require a non-refundable deposit well before the usual May 1st deadline.

EFC – Expected Family Contribution. The amount your family can expect to have to pay for the college education in consideration for loans and grants.

ETS – Organization that scores the SAT (and tons of other tests).



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FAFSA – Free Application for Federal Student Aid. A form that can be filled out annually by current and anticipating college students to determine their eligibility for federal student financial aid (including Pell grants, Stafford loans, PLUS loans, and work-study programs). The Department of Education begins accepting the application beginning Jan. 1 of each year.

NACAC – National Association for College Admission Counseling. (You'll see college fairs hosted by this organization.)

NAICU – National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities. .
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NMSQT – National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test. Scores from the PSAT are used (with the permission of the student) to determine eligibility and qualification for the National Merit Scholarship Program.

PLAN – The PLAN is a preliminary ACT test that is generally administered early sophomore year. ACT, Inc. claims that it predicts success on the ACT. (as far as we know, PLAN is not an acronym!)

PSAT – Preliminary SAT test. Administered in freshman./ sophomore year to determine NMSQT scholarships and as a pre-cursor to the SAT.

ROTC – Reserve Officer Training Corps. A college-based, officer commissioning program, predominantly in the United States. It is designed as a college elective that focuses on leadership development, problem solving, strategic planning, and professional ethics. The U.S. Armed Forces (with the exception of the Coast Guard) offer competitive, merit-based scholarships to ROTC students, often covering full tuition for college in exchange for extended periods of active military service.

SAT – Scholastic Aptitude Test – A standardized test for college admissions in the United States measuring college readiness. Developed by the College Board, administered and scored by ETS (Educational Testing Service). Cost = \$45 for the Standard Reasoning Test.

TOEFL – Test of English as a Foreign Language.