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**For the SATs**

When it comes to the SATs, most high school seniors will overwhelmingly agree to eliminate it. Between ruined Saturday mornings of testing and the hours put into studying, the scores do not seem worth it. To top it off, many colleges do not even require them. Nevertheless, many top colleges, University of Notre Dame, Georgetown University and Williams College, still do require them. Despite what most students hope, the SATs are still a necessary part of the college process. With various sizes and backgrounds of schools and students, the SAT exam is the only evaluation that is equal for all students. It is a chance for every student to show that they deserve to be considered at a top university. While teacher recommendations are subjective, the SATs are impartial. Even GPAs are hard to judge because teachers and rigor of schools vary. The SATs put to rest all the complaints that some schools inflate GPAs or other schools are more challenging than others. The SATs provide an “even playing board” for all students, regardless of one’s background; everyone is given the same chance.

**Against the SATs**

Scholastic Aptitude Test. These three words send fear into the minds of high school seniors. While many parents try to encourage their kids and tell them that the SATs are only a test, everyone knows the results are often considered more important than any other test a student may take. This is why the SATs should not be a factor in the acceptance of students into various colleges or universities. Despite the idea that the SATs are impartial, they cater to the wealthy. The amount of money put into private tutors and the cost of taking the test multiple times puts the wealthy at an advantage. Not only does the test cater to the wealthy but it can also help kids who are only good test takers. The SATs do not provide a way of recognizing dedication to one’s studies or good character. While the SATs may be the same for all students, they are not a fair and accurate indicator of a student’s success. Hard work and grades, over four years, are a much more reliable indicator of success than a four hour exam.

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