"Test for Success CA" Program and Proposed Participants

Presenting to California Department of Education
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Background

- College Attainment Rate (U.S. Department of Education):
  - State of California: 37.6%
  - National average: 38.8%

In the absence of COVID-19, standardized tests (i.e., **ACT and SAT tests**) have been required by most of the four-year institutes. Therefore, increasing the participation rate for standardized tests could increase the application rates, and ultimately, the college attendance rate.

Background

- Applying for 4-year college? What is in the application packet?

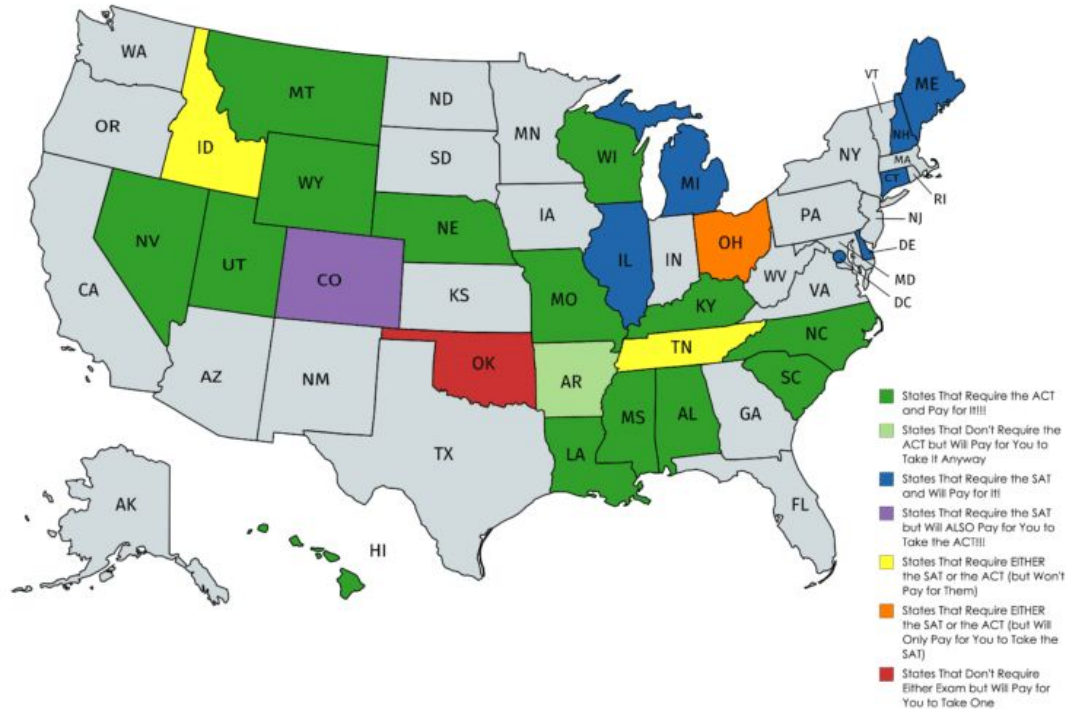**GPA**

Test Scores

Essay

Problem Statement

1. Demonstrate the need of the **Test for Success CA" Program** .

2. The goal of the **"Test for Success CA" Program** is to provide extra funding for school districts that have test taken rates below the state average to implement relevant interventions, such as free test prep workshops and fee waivers. **This program analyzes the ACT/SAT data to identify the school districts that are qualified for this program.**
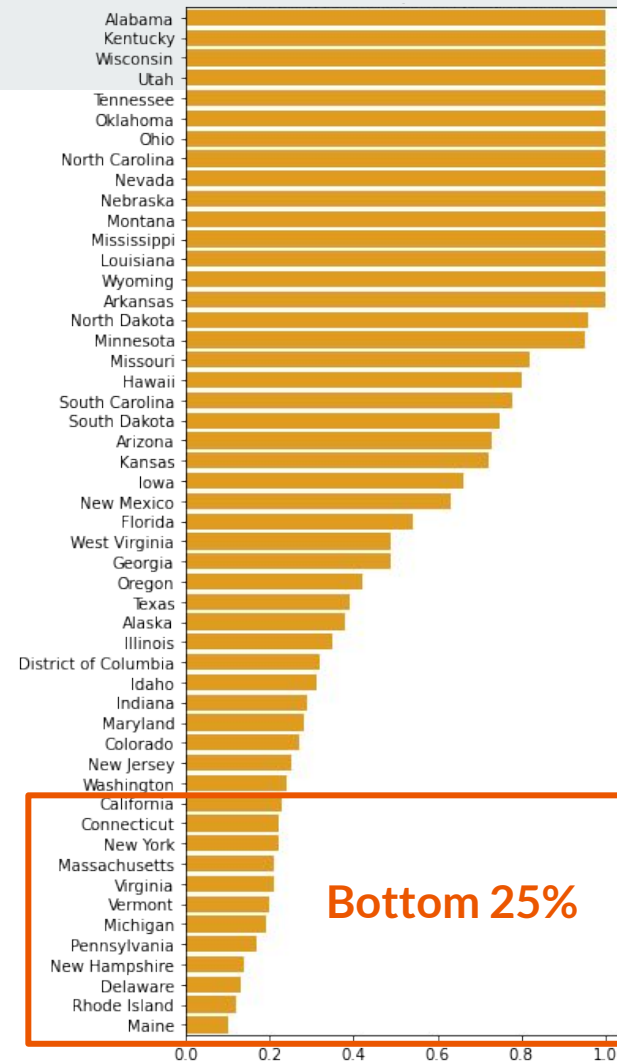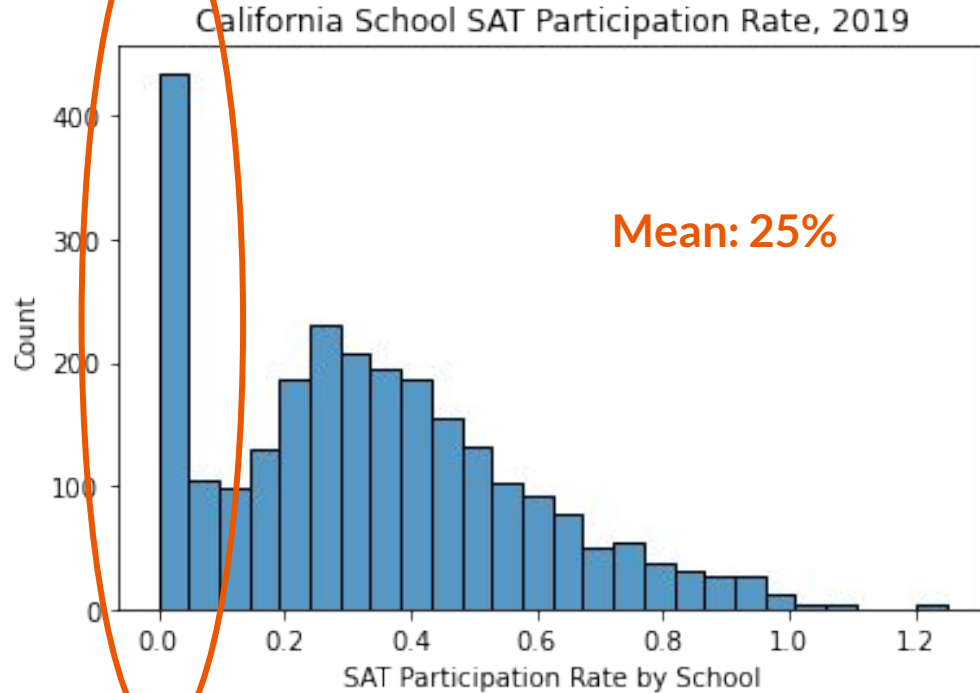
Oh wait..some more background

Source: https://magoosh.com/hs/sat/states-that-require-the-act-or-sat/

How was California doing in 2019?

state	act_participation	act_composite	sat_participation	sat_total
California	0.23	22.6	0.63	1065
Connecticut	0.22	25.5	1.00	1046
New York	0.22	24.5	0.79	1064
Massachusetts	0.21	25.5	0.81	1120
Virginia	0.21	24.0	0.68	1119
Vermont	0.20	24.1	0.66	1106
Michigan	0.19	24.4	1.00	1003
Pennsylvania	0.17	23.6	0.70	1082
New Hampshire	0.14	25.0	0.95	1059
Delaware	0.13	24.1	1.00	985
Rhode Island	0.12	24.7	1.00	995
Maine	0.10	24.3	0.99	1013

Bottom 25%

There is an urgent need of Test for Success!

California School SAT Participation Rate, 2019

Mean: 25%

What school districts should participate?

- Urgently: school districts with ZERO participation rate schools
- Priority: school districts have school participation rates below state average
- Looking forward: all school district achieve 100% participation rate

105

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All districts

Questions?