

April Counselor Newsletter



PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Please join us for our upcoming counselor webinars:

- **AP® Office Hours: Getting Students Ready for AP Exams**—Wednesday, April 6, 2022, noon ET
- **BigFuture®: Evolving for and with Students**—Thursday, April 7, 2022, 1 p.m. ET
- **Enhancing the Principal–School Counselor Relationship: Cultivating Trust**—Tuesday, April 19, 2022, 1 p.m. ET

[Register](#) and see webinar descriptions.

In Case You Missed It

The following webinars are now available for on-demand viewing:

- **10 Things Counselors Need to Know About the Digital SAT®**
- **Wellness While Testing: Help Your Students Manage Test Day Anxiety**

[Register Today](#)

REAL TALK

College Ready Edition, Wednesday, March 30, at 7 p.m. ET/4 p.m. PT

The next Real Talk is focused on helping Black students and their families navigate their high school course selections. During the event, current college students and high school counselors will discuss the importance of taking challenging courses and how they relate to college and career; types of advanced courses, including AP, IB, honors, and dual enrollment; how students can advocate for advanced courses when facing barriers; and much more. Please share this event with your community!

[Register Today](#)

SAT SUITE OF ASSESSMENTS

Weekend SAT

Registration is open for the May and June SAT administrations. Share the upcoming [dates and deadlines](#) with your students. For those students eligible, use the [K-12 score reporting portal](#) to assign fee waivers. Students can take two weekend SAT administrations with their fee waivers.

Fall 2022 In-School Assessments

We're excited to share the fall 2022 testing information so you can start preparing for next school year.

Test Dates:

[SAT School Day](#)

- Wednesday, October 12, 2022
- Thursday, October 27, 2022

[PSAT/NMSQT®](#)

- Primary: Wednesday, October 12, 2022
- Saturday: October 15, 2022
- Alternate: Tuesday, October 25, 2022

[PSAT™ 8/9](#)

- Testing starts September 26, 2022

Test ordering will open in late April for 2022-23 school year testing. For more information about the assessments, visit our [SAT Suite](#) pages.

Testing Supports

With tests around the corner, we know that some students are feeling anxious. College Board and the Jed Foundation co-created a resource on strategies to help students calm their nerves before, during, and after a test. Share [these tips](#) with students.

Digital SAT Suite of Assessments

We recently announced that the SAT Suite of Assessments is going digital.

- Starting in March 2023, all students taking the SAT at international test centers will take the digital test.
- Starting in fall 2023, all students taking PSAT-related assessments will take the digital tests. SAT School Day and SAT Weekend administrations in the U.S. will still be paper and pencil.
- Starting in spring 2024, all students will take the full SAT Suite of Assessments digitally.

To learn more about how going digital will make the SAT easier to take, easier to give, more secure, and more relevant, visit our [digital SAT homepage](#). You can also watch one of our recent digital SAT webinars:

- [SAT Suite of Assessments Update—K–12](#)
- [Test Center Coordinator Digital SAT Webinar](#)

ADVANCED PLACEMENT®

The Power of Persistence

Help your AP students stay committed to their learning and focused on their follow-through. And remind them that completing an AP Exam always has benefits. [No matter their score](#), students who take an AP course and exam show colleges they've persisted through challenging coursework.

- Share [these tips](#) to help your students build confidence for their AP Exams.
- Ensure your students and teachers are utilizing all the free resources in [AP Classroom](#) to prepare for the exams.
- Promote AP Daily: Live Review from April 18–28, and bookmark our [YouTube channel](#) or access it from AP Classroom.

"You've worked hard to master the material in your AP courses, and one way for you to demonstrate what you've learned is to take your AP Exams in May. Taking your exams can also show admissions officers like me that you're ready

for college-level work.—Ronné P. Turner, Vice Provost for Admissions and Financial Aid, Washington University in St. Louis

BIGFUTURE

Juniors Can Build Their College List and Win Scholarship Money!

Now's the time for juniors to research colleges and begin building their college list. By saving at least six colleges on [BigFuture](#), students gain entry to the BigFuture Scholarships drawing. [In March](#) (.pdf/403 KB), we'll select two \$40,000 winners and 400 \$500 winners. Juniors can get started at bigfuture.org/startyourlist.

Counselor turnkey resources like PowerPoints and lesson plans are available in the [BigFuture Counselor Toolkit](#).

College Board Opportunity Scholarships are now [BigFuture Scholarships](#). Learn more by watching the on-demand webinar: [BigFuture Scholarships Updates for Counselors](#).

PARTNER SCHOLARSHIP

Closing Soon: Cobell Scholarship

Both merit- and need-based, the Cobell Scholarship is available to members of a U.S. federally recognized tribe who are enrolled in full-time study and are degree-seeking. Applicants must plan to attend or be attending any nationally, regionally, or industry accredited nonprofit, public, or private institution. The academic year 2022-23 undergraduate and graduate scholarship applications deadline is March 31, 2022. The summer scholarships application is available February 15, 2022, through May 3, 2022.

[Learn More](#)

CUSTOMER SERVICE QUICK TIPS

SAT Suite

Where can I find more information about completing my testing invoice?

Please visit our [SAT School Day](#) and [PSAT/NMSQT](#) pages for important dates and information.

How do I access the PSAT-related assessments test ordering site?

Access to the [test ordering site](#) is managed by an access code created by College Board. You must use the code created for your school the first time you log in. Access codes were emailed to your school's test coordinator(s) and to your school's principal. Contact us if you don't have your school's access code.

How do I pay for my tests?

You'll use the [test ordering site](#) to provide important information that will be used to calculate your invoice. If you don't complete this process after test day, you'll still receive an invoice based on what you ordered and what you sent back. View your ordering dashboard on the test ordering site to see the dates relevant to your invoice for your ordered test. You'll also receive an email when invoicing is available for your ordered test. It's important that you log back in to the test ordering site during this time to validate your answer sheet counts and enter information to ensure your invoice is generated accurately.

How do I access score reports?

Score reports are available in the [K-12 score reporting portal](#). If you've already used the portal, just sign in to access scores. If you haven't used it yet, you'll need two things:

1. A College Board professional account. If you don't have one, create an [account now](#).
2. Permission from your institution's access manager. Every school, district, and state have an access manager.

After you create a College Board account, sign in to the score reporting portal. If you haven't been granted access yet, follow the links to learn who to contact.

AP

When can students test?

The 2022 AP Exams will be administered in schools as paper and pencil exams over two weeks in May: May 2–6 and May 9–13. Occasionally, circumstances make it necessary for students to test late. To preserve the security of AP Exams, alternate forms are used for late testing. All students who participate in late testing at a given school must take these alternate exams on [the scheduled late-testing dates at the scheduled times](#). Late testing occurs May 17–20, 2022. If you have conflicts that can't be resolved using these dates, please contact AP Services for Educators for assistance at 877-274-6474.

When will we get more information about audio recording for this year's

exams?

You can find details about available audio recording options in the [AP Coordinator's Manual, Part 2](#) (.pdf/7.9 MB) on pages 129–132. Updated directions for the Digital Audio Submission portal will be posted in April, and coordinators will receive an email with details.

The 2022 versions of the Digital Audio Capture (DAC) app will be available for download by mid-March 2022 for iPad and Chromebook. AP coordinators will receive an email notifying them when the app is available. Schools that choose to use the DAC app to record student responses must use the 2022 version of the app since files recorded using previous versions won't be accepted by the submission portal. If your school downloaded the previous year's version, you'll need to follow the prompts to accept updates when you open the app this year.

How do we move students in between different class sections?

Pages 76–77 of the [AP Coordinator's Manual, Part 1](#) (.pdf/19.8 MB) cover how to move a student from one class section in AP Registration and Ordering to another for the same subject. There are two options for moving the student. The AP coordinator can find them in AP Registration and Ordering, then select **Change Section** from the Actions column next to the student's name and class section. The other option is to have the student enroll in the new class section through My AP using the join code for the new section. By doing this, the student will be moved from the old section to the new section.