

Lesson Plan: Understanding PSAT-Related Assessments (For Educators)

Teacher In-service/Presentation

Teachers and Administrators

Time Suggested: 20 minutes

This lesson plan is designed to help you share an overview of the SAT® Suite of Assessments, scores, and reports with your administrators and teachers to support and monitor college and career readiness goals. It's a particularly useful introduction to information and resources available on collegeboard.org.

Objectives

1. Counselors will outline:
 - a. Key features of PSAT-related assessments in the SAT Suite of Assessments
 - b. Teacher/Coach resources for Official SAT Practice on Khan Academy®

Steps

1. Access online information and resources here: collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/psat-nmsqt-psat-10
2. Review the [purpose of PSAT-related assessments](#) and how they benefit students' academic preparation and college success.
3. Outline that the **SAT Suite of Assessments**, one component of the College Board Readiness and Success System, comprises **the PSAT™ 8/9, PSAT™ 10, PSAT/NMSQT®, and SAT**, and focuses on the few, durable skills that evidence shows matter most for college and career success.
4. All tests in the SAT Suite of Assessments measure the same skills and knowledge in ways that make sense for different grade levels. Each test includes a Reading Test, a Writing and Language Test, and a Math Test.
5. As students progress, the tests keep pace, matching the scope and difficulty of work being done in the classroom.
6. Share that all tests are **aligned to state standards** and are connected by the same underlying content continuum of knowledge and skills, providing schools with the ability to align vertical teams and create cross-subject tasks.
7. **Key Features** include: No Penalty for Guessing, Words in Context, Command of Evidence, Essay Analyzing a Source, Math That Matters Most, Problems Grounded in Real-World Contexts, Analysis in Science and Analysis in History/Social Studies, U.S. Founding Documents, and the Great Global Conversation,
8. Make sure educators know that students have access online and paper score reports.
9. Share that educators also have access to robust data through the online **Educator Reporting Portal** to learn about **scores, percentiles, college readiness benchmarks, and a Questions and Answers** section (that can help teachers, departments, and schools inform instructional strategies).
10. Provide information about **AP Potential™** and how it identifies the AP® courses students are likely to succeed in.
11. Tell educators about **Official SAT Practice on Khan Academy** for students.
12. Share information about [Teacher Coaching Tools for Official SAT Practice on Khan Academy](#).
13. Remind educators to create a professional account at collegeboard.org to learn more.

Supplemental Resources for School Teams

- Learn more about the [SAT Suite of Assessments](#)
- Presentation Modules: [SAT Suite of Assessments Professional Development Modules](#)
- Educator brief: [Supporting Students Using Official SAT Practice on Khan Academy](#)
- [Tour the Online Student Score Report](#)