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

Teacher In-Service/Presentation

Teachers and Administrators                                     Time Suggested: 25 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
2. Review the purpose of PSAT-related assessments and how they benefit students’ academic preparation and college success.
3. Outline that the
   a. SAT Suite of Assessments 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.
   b. 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.
   c. As students progress, the tests keep pace, matching the scope and difficulty of work being done in the classroom.
   d. 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.
4. Remind educators to create a professional account at collegeboard.org to learn more about:
   a. Online Educator Reporting Portal to access robust data about scores, percentiles, college readiness benchmarks, and a question-and-answer section (that can help teachers, departments, and schools inform instructional strategies).
   b. AP Potential™ and how it identifies the AP® courses students are likely to succeed in.
   c. Official SAT Practice on Khan Academy for students.
   d. Teacher Coaching Tools for Official SAT Practice on Khan Academy.
   e. College Board Opportunity Scholarships: Juniors (class of 2021) are eligible to earn money for college by practicing for the SAT and improving their score.
   f. Career Finder™ helps students explore careers and majors that align with their interest. They can also hear from people with different jobs and backgrounds and create and share a personalized plan.
   g. College Board National Recognition Programs are academic honors that can be included on college applications. Colleges can use them to identify academically exceptional students.
Supplemental Resources for School Teams

- Tour the Newly Designed Online Student Score Report
- 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