

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.
 - e. **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.
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](#)



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