
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:
<https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/educators/k-12/score-resources>
2. Review the purpose of PSAT-related assessments and how they benefit students' academic preparation and college success.
3. Inform your students:
 - a. **The 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 Questions and Answers** section (that can help teachers, departments, and schools inform instructional strategies)
 - AP Potential™** and how it identifies the AP® courses students are likely to succeed in.
 - Official SAT Practice on Khan Academy** for students.
 - a. [Teacher Coaching Tools for Official SAT Practice on Khan Academy.](#)

Supplemental Resources for School Teams

- [Tour the 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.](#)