

# Preparing Students for the PSAT™ 8/9, PSAT™ 10, PSAT/NMSQT™, and SAT™

## 8th and 9th Grades (Classes of 2018 and 2019)

Tell students and families the PSAT™ 8/9 will be replacing ReadStep™.

Make sure they are aware of the test administration date chosen for their district, time, and practice resources and activities.

Share benefits of the PSAT 8/9:

- ▶ Early indicator of college readiness
- ▶ Detailed performance feedback connected to classroom teaching standards
- ▶ Early access to career exploration tools

Include general assessment information on your school's website and in a newsletter.

Distribute and review materials during classes, parent nights, and Lunch & Learn activities.

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## 10th Grade (Class of 2017)

- Tell students and families that the PSAT/NMSQT® (fall) and PSAT™ 10 (spring) are the same test offered at different times during students' academic careers.
- Make sure they are aware of the test administration date, time, and practice resources and activities.
- Explain how the redesigned PSAT 10 and PSAT/NMSQT are opportunities to check in on student progress and pinpoint areas for development.
- Share benefits of the PSAT 10 and PSAT/NMSQT:
  - ▶ Early indicator of college readiness
  - ▶ Detailed performance feedback connected to classroom teaching standards
  - ▶ Early access to career and college planning tools
  - ▶ Sharing scores will enhance test practice through Khan Academy
  - ▶ Connection to scholarships and recognition programs
  - ▶ Connection to colleges and universities
  - ▶ Assesses potential for 20+ AP® courses
- Distribute and review materials during classes, parent nights, and Lunch & Learn activities.
- Hold an information session about Khan Academy and free practice test materials available at [collegereadiness.collegeboard.org](http://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org).

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## 11th Grade (Class of 2016)

Inform students that the SAT<sup>®</sup> will continue to be offered in both the spring and fall for 11th- and 12th-grade students during the national and SAT School Day administrations.

Advise students to opt in to the Student Search Service<sup>®</sup> when registering for the PSAT/NMSQT or SAT to receive information from colleges, universities, and scholarship programs.

Highlight the advantages of the redesigned SAT:

- ▶ Powerful connection to colleges and universities across the country
- ▶ Free, world-class SAT practice and preparation with Khan Academy
- ▶ Direct access to college application fee waivers for low-income students
- ▶ Reinforcement of the key skills and knowledge students are learning in the classroom

Remind students and families of the SAT administration date and time, and what they'll need to do to prepare.

Review school reports, SAT study plans, and college planning resources with students and families.

Encourage students and families to use college planning tools like BigFuture<sup>™</sup> to research colleges and make a personalized college list.

- Encourage students and families to follow The Official SAT Question of the Day<sup>™</sup>, @SATQuestion, on Twitter.
- Work with teachers to include practice questions in their classroom review and bell ringers.
- Distribute and review materials during classes, parent nights, and Lunch & Learn activities.
- Hold an information session about Khan Academy and free practice test materials.

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## 12th Grade (Class of 2015)

### Current SAT®

- Remind students and families of the current SAT® administration date and time, and what they'll need to do to prepare.
- Review school reports, SAT study plans, and college planning resources with students and families.
- Highlight advantages of the current SAT:
  - ▶ Colleges and universities across the country accept and trust SAT results in the college admission process
  - ▶ Direct access to college application fee waivers for low-income students
- Follow the "10 by 10" checklist provided by the College Board: 10 months to apply to college and 10 things counselors can do to help. Visit [collegeboard.org/cw](http://collegeboard.org/cw) for more information.
- Encourage students to follow The Official SAT Question of the Day™, **@SATQuestion**, on Twitter.
- Work with teachers to include practice questions in their classroom review.

*Continue to visit the K-12 Educators page at [deliveringopportunity.org](http://deliveringopportunity.org) to access robust resources that will help you share information about the College Readiness and Success System with students and families.*

# Preparing Yourself for the PSAT<sup>™</sup> 10, PSAT/NMSQT<sup>™</sup>, and SAT<sup>™</sup>

Here are 10 things that you can do to help educate yourself about the College Board Readiness and Success System, designed to make it easier for students to navigate a path through high school, college, and career:

**Learn** about why we are redesigning our assessments, and how the components of the College Readiness and Success System reflect the best instruction in math, English language arts, science, and social studies.

**Understand** the **key differences** between the existing and redesigned PSAT/NMSQT<sup>™</sup> and SAT<sup>™</sup>, including changes made to test components, scoring, and length.

**Decide** with administrators at your school which tests to offer, and when to hold these test days.

**Review** the **redesigned SAT test specifications** to deepen your understanding of the changes being made to the SAT, including its emphasis on text complexity, command of evidence, and real-life contexts. For more information, including test specifications, visit [deliveringopportunity.org](http://deliveringopportunity.org).

**Become Familiar** with the **eight key changes** to the redesigned SAT, which underscore how the College Board's redesigned assessments focus on the knowledge and skills that evidence shows matter most for college and career success.

**Be Knowledgeable** about the free, personalized, focused practiced resources for all students available on Khan Academy, which offers teachers a new partner in their hard work to prepare students for college. To access Khan Academy visit [khanacademy.org/sat](http://khanacademy.org/sat).

**Learn** about the College Board's commitment to breaking down barriers to college through expanded scholarships, fee waivers for all who need them, and AP<sup>®</sup> credit. For more information, visit [deliveringopportunity.org](http://deliveringopportunity.org).

**Use** helpful redesign resources and tips from the College Board site, [deliveringopportunity.org](http://deliveringopportunity.org), to support your efforts to welcome the redesigned PSAT 8/9, PSAT 10, PSAT/NMSQT, and SAT.

**Stay informed** by signing up for updates at [deliveringopportunity.org](http://deliveringopportunity.org); following us on Twitter @CollegeBoard, @OfficialSAT, @SATQuestion and Instagram @collegeboard; and visiting our Facebook page: [facebook.com/thecollegeboard](http://facebook.com/thecollegeboard).