



Taking the SAT®: Connecting Colorado Students to Key College Readiness Benefits

An assessment that connects students
to opportunity

The SAT® is a globally recognized college admission test that provides more information to schools than ever before about student readiness and areas to target for improvement. The test focuses on the few skills and knowledge that evidence shows matter most for college and career success, and links directly to opportunities for students, including free, personalized online test practice through Khan Academy® and college application fee waivers.

Alignment to the Colorado Academic Standards

The Colorado Department of Education has selected the SAT as the college entrance exam for high school juniors and the PSAT™ 10 for high school sophomores. The selection committee cited the strong alignment of the SAT to Colorado Academic Standards and the variety of free test-preparation resources offered by the College Board as key factors in its determination.

**2017 SAT SCHOOL DAY
ADMINISTRATION:**

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*Free to all
11th-grade
public school
students*

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The SAT® allows you to:



Offer Free Practice for Students

Interested students who have taken the PSAT 10 can upload their score results to receive free, personalized online SAT practice recommendations through Khan Academy that help students where they need it most. Our collaboration with Khan Academy offers students and educators:

- ▶ Personalized online instruction that complements great classroom instruction.
- ▶ Short diagnostic quizzes in both Math and Evidence-Based Reading and Writing.
- ▶ Thousands of practice questions and official full-length SAT practice tests accessible through the College Board's Colorado website.
- ▶ Detailed information on student progress to guide next steps.

With the free Daily Practice for the New SAT app, students answer daily practice questions and get immediate feedback. Students can also simulate test day and take the SAT on paper, then take a picture of their answer sheet and get an instant score.

The College Board partners with community-based organizations (CBOs) across the country, including the Boys & Girls Clubs of America, so students can use these tools both during and after school. The College Board works with these CBOs to ensure that all students, regardless of computer ownership at home, get the access they need.



Monitor Growth Over Time with the PSAT™ 10 and SAT

PSAT 10 and SAT scores are reported on a common vertical scale, allowing educators to measure student readiness and progress.

PSAT 10: provides practice for the SAT and a readiness baseline

SAT: connects students to college



Remove Barriers for Students

The Colorado SAT School Day exam is offered for free to all 11th-grade students attending public schools in Colorado. Participation in this test removes barriers that might otherwise prevent some students from taking this important step to college, including:

- ▶ Providing the opportunity for all 11th-grade students attending public schools in Colorado to take the SAT once for free
- ▶ Ability to maintain work or family weekend commitments
- ▶ Ability to test in a familiar environment
- ▶ Ability to utilize regular school transportation options



Help Students Pursue Postsecondary Education

The SAT is accepted at all Colorado universities and is already familiar to many students in the state. It measures the skills and knowledge that colleges are looking for today and reflects what Colorado students are already learning in their classrooms.