

FAQ regarding PSAT/SATpractice.org

My student came home with an SATpractice.org account, what can I expect my child to do?

Now that your student's College Board and Khan Academy accounts are linked, your student will get automatic personalized recommendations based on his/her PSAT performance, or take diagnostics if they didn't take the PSAT.

- SATPractice.org will recommend practice to them based on their results. He/she can practice other skills any time they'd like, even if it was not recommended to them.
- Video and text explanations will help your student learn the skills covered on the test and show them how the test is structured.
- Be sure they take some full-length practice exams, too! Khan Academy recommends taking them without interruption to give your student a sense of what to expect on test day.

When should my child begin using SATpractice.org?

As soon as they have taken their first assessment within the SAT Suite of Assessments (PSAT 8/9, PSAT/NMSQT, SAT) would be a great time to begin using SATPractice.org. Students will need to link their College Board account to SATPractice.org to import their test results and pinpoint their specific areas for practice.

Why is my student taking the PSAT/NMSQT?

The PSAT/NMSQT is highly relevant to your student's future success because it focuses on the skills and knowledge at the heart of education. It measures what you learn in high school and what you need to succeed in their next step whether that is career or college. In addition, the PSAT

- helps students build skills over time, as the SAT Suite provides consistent feedback across assessments to help students stay on course and supports teachers as they adjust their instruction for students who are either ahead or behind.
- connects students to scholarship opportunities. The National Merit Scholarship Program uses PSAT/NMSQT scores to identify candidates. And scholarships offered by new College Board partners use information from the PSAT/NMSQT expand access to scholarship dollars. PSAT/NMSQT
- increases access to AP and college credit. Using results from the redesigned SAT, PSAT/NMSQT, PSAT 10, and PSAT 8/9, AP Potential™ helps schools identify students likely to succeed in certain AP courses and AP Exams. These students are also notified of their potential directly.

Why is the PSAT relevant to my child if he/she is not interested in going to college?

The SAT Suite of Assessments helps students navigate their path through high school toward college and career, and offers a range of unique benefits to students. Taking the PSAT will open up several avenues of information for your student. With the test results, your student will receive feedback on strengths and weaknesses and ways to prepare for college, but also will also receive feedback on suitable majors and careers and a list of colleges to consider.

What if my child hasn't taken a PSAT yet?

Don't worry. Each fall, the district will provide every 8th, 9th, and 10th grade student the opportunity, all expenses paid, to take the PSAT during the school day. If your child is absent that day they could instead simply take a timed PSAT practice test on their own. While you won't get the official testing experience, you can still take and score the test, analyze your results, and reflect on your performance to help you prep for the SAT. There are also 4 diagnostic tests that are each 10 questions long available to get a quick start.

How does using SATpractice.org benefit students?

Students who take the SAT, PSAT/NMSQT, PSAT 10, or PSAT 8/9 have access to personalized SAT study resources and since the SAT is now aligned to the standards taught in school, students are also receiving the skills they need in their classes every day. Khan Academy's world-class practice tools are free for all students and include:

- Thousands of practice questions, reviewed and approved by the College Board
- Four official SAT Practice Tests written by the College Board
- Personalized recommendations for instruction and practice to help students fill their knowledge gaps

The official SAT Practice on Khan Academy's website links to classroom learning – the best preparation for the SAT. To ensure that as many students as possible can take advantage of these resources, the College Board is also collaborating with community-based organizations, including the Boys & Girls Club of America.

How can I tell if my child is using SATpractice.org?

Currently, there is not a way for teachers or parents to view their students' progress in Official SAT Practice. Khan Academy is planning to add ways for both students and their teachers or parents to view their progress. In the meantime, you can ask your child to login to SATpractice.org and show you their progress. Progress is displayed when a student opens the Review page in SATpractice.org. This is where they can see how many problems have been answered in math, reading/writing or all areas over a designated period of time.

How often should my child be using SATpractice.org?

The recommendation is that students should be completing at least 10 practice problems and logging at least 30 minutes per week. Keep practicing! With every additional problem completed, the personalization gets stronger, as does your child's performance on the PSAT and SAT.

What PSAT and SAT opportunities are provided at no cost to students?

As part of our commitment to ensuring every student is college or career ready by the time they graduate from high school, Pinellas County Schools provides the opportunity for all 8th, 9th, and 10th grade students to take the PSAT each fall at no cost each October as well as the opportunity for all 11th grade students to take the SAT at no cost each spring. By offering these assessments on a school day to all students in the designated grades, financial and transportation barriers are eliminated for students. Additionally, the school sites will automatically register your student so there is no concern about returning paperwork to the school.