

**HOW DO YOU PREPARE
STUDENTS TO TAKE
THE SAT®? WE CREATED
THIS STUDY GUIDE FOR
TEACHERS TO HELP SHOW
STUDENTS THE BEST
WAYS TO PRACTICE FOR
THE SAT.**

The College Board and Khan Academy® have created groundbreaking SAT® practice resources. We are grateful to have your support in encouraging students to practice for the new SAT.



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THREE WAYS YOU CAN PUT OUR TOOLS TO WORK TO SUPPORT YOUR STUDENTS.

Student Directed:

- ➔ You can inform students (and parents) by sharing information about Official SAT® Practice on Khan Academy, and encourage use outside of school on their own.
 - ➔ This scenario likely will not happen in your school setting, though it depends on your communication and support to reach students and be successful.
 - ➔ For informational flyers, sample language to use to spread the word, and other resources, please email joinus@collegeboard.org or visit satpractice.org.
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School Based (in-class and extracurricular):

- ➔ You can incorporate Official SAT Practice tools into the school day during ELA or math classes or before or after school.
 - ➔ Use some class/session time for independent work where students can take diagnostic quizzes and focus on recommended areas where they need work. For example, practice can be used as a “Do Now” activity when students first enter the classroom.
 - ➔ For additional information, visit sat.org/educators.
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Community Organization Based:

- ➔ You can partner with a community organization aligned with your school’s best practices, like Boys & Girls Clubs of America or YMCA.
- ➔ *Schools:* appoint a point person or program coordinator to work with the community organization, discuss support and study plans and check in on progress.
- ➔ *Community organizations:* identify a leader to help facilitate and motivate consistent practice; this is a key role in supporting perseverance and habit.
- ➔ Don’t forget to administer full-length practice tests available at sat.org/scoring.

HERE ARE THE STEPS YOU CAN GIVE YOUR STUDENTS TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE OFFICIAL SAT PRACTICE TOOLS AVAILABLE ONLINE THROUGH KHAN ACADEMY.

1. Students should create their accounts.

If they have not done so already, students should create accounts with *both* Khan Academy and the College Board. Students can now link their accounts to get personalized recommendations based on their PSAT/NMSQT® results.

2. Get started on satpractice.org.

The first thing students should do on the site is watch the overview video under “Tips and Planning,” and then complete the four 15-minute diagnostic quizzes in Math and Reading/Writing if they have not yet linked accounts. The site will then tailor focused practice and suggested plans to the needs of each student based on the results of these diagnostics or their PSAT/NMSQT results.

3. Take the full test.

We recommend that students take at least two full practice tests (taking all four is ideal). They should take their first full test before beginning their practice plan, and the next one five weeks into their practice. Finally, they should take at least one practice test on paper to approximate actual test conditions. Practice tests are available at sat.org/scoring.

SOME GOOD PRACTICE GUIDES AND TIPS FOR STUDENTS.

Work hard — the new SAT is aligned to what students are learning in class, so the most important thing students can do is take and commit to challenging courses.

Start early — at least six months before the test — to create a baseline against which to measure progress.

Practice consistently — at least 30 minutes a day, two times a week — based on their personalized plans in satpractice.org.

Learn about the new SAT — study up on the revised structure, updated test content, and scoring. Check out the “Tips and Planning” section on satpractice.org.

Mix up their practice — students should study beyond satpractice.org by reading and summarizing long-form texts, creating and solving word problems, and reading editorial content to review argument construction.

THANKS FOR BEING
A CHAMPION **FOR**
STUDENTS AND FOR
SUPPORTING THEM
AS THEY **PRACTICE**
FOR THE NEW SAT.

Check out the world-class, free practice tools available from the College Board and Khan Academy and get more information about the new SAT at satpractice.org.

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