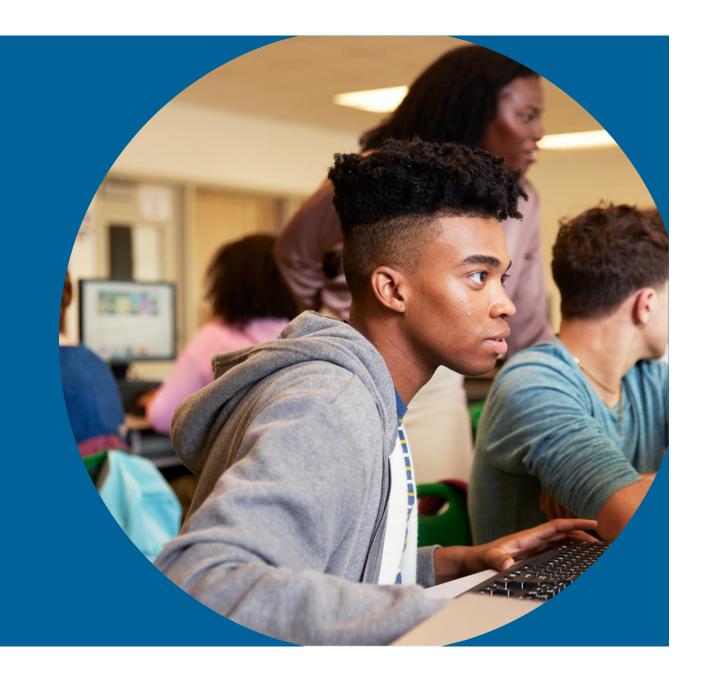


Counselor Tools and Strategies

for North Dakota AP Coordinators & Counselors

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All registrants will have access to a recording of the webinar that will be sent out after today's webinar and placed on North Dakota Department of Public Instruction's website.

Please drop your questions into the Q&A during the presentation. We will address these at the end of the webinar as time permits.

If your question is not answered during our time today, we'll follow-up via email.

AP Webinars for North Dakota Educators

Join us for monthly sessions addressing timely topics and answering your questions.



SETTING UP YOUR AP YEAR

August 12, 2025 | 3:30-4:15 p.m. CT

Launch your AP program with confidence. Learn best practices for enrollment, access codes, and key tasks.



PREPARING FOR APRO SUCCESS

September 9, 2025 | 3:30-4:15 p.m. CT

Navigate the AP Registration and Ordering system. Perfect for both new and returning coordinators.



MAKING AP CLASSROOM WORK FOR YOU

September 10, 2025 | 3:30-4:30 p.m. CT

Get the most out of AP Classroom with a live demo highlighting practical tips and strategies.

COUNSELOR TOOLS AND STRATEGIES

October 7, 2025 | 3:30-4:15 p.m. CT

Get key updates and insights on all College Board programs from the Fall Counselors Workshop.

GROWING YOUR AP PROGRAM WITH PURPOSE

November 4, 2025 | 3:30-4:15 p.m. CT

Explore new course offerings, AP expansion strategies, and inclusive outreach practices.

STAYING ON TRACK: MIDYEAR AP GUIDANCE

January 7, 2026 | 3:30-4:15 p.m. CT

Check in on midyear deadlines and AP Coordinator Manual updates.

AP SUCCESS IN SMALL AND RURAL SCHOOLS

February 4, 2026 | 3:30-4:15 p.m. CT

Learn creative, practical approaches to AP implementation in small and rural settings.

AP PROGRAM SUPPORT: STATE FUNDING

March 3, 2026 | 3:30-4:15 p.m. CT

Resources for supporting your AP team and accessing ND AP funding and reimbursement.

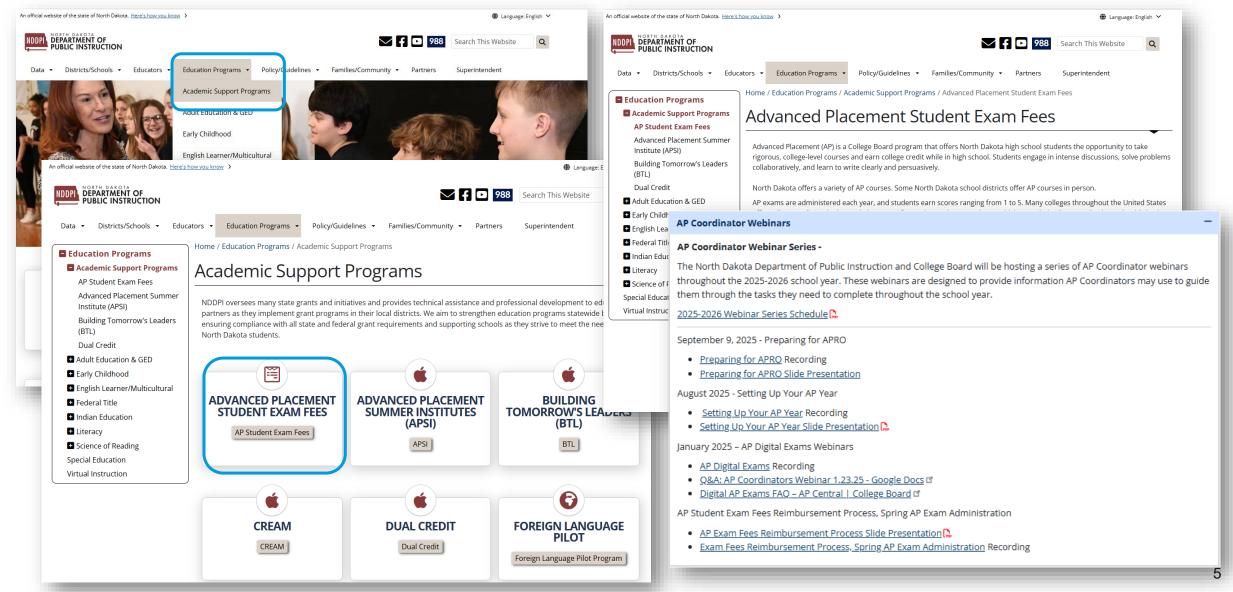
FINISH THE YEAR STRONG: AP EXAM TIPS

April 2, 2026 | 3:30-4:15 p.m. CT

Prepare for AP Exams with reminders, tips, and best practices for smooth administration.



ND DPI Website – Access Past Webinar Resources



Today's Topics

Counselor

Resources

Advanced
Placement
Program

BigFuture

SAT Suite of Assessments

2026 AP Exam Timeline

6 Q&A

Session Goals



Identify key updates to the SAT Suite, AP, and BigFuture relevant to their roles.



Use College Board tools to support student planning, test prep, and AP success.



Apply strategies to better support students, especially in small or rural schools.

Counselor Resources

College Board for Counselors



Professional Learning

Register for upcoming events and workshops so you can develop your skills as a counselor. Plus, you could earn continuing education units (CEUs).

Toolkits for Counselors

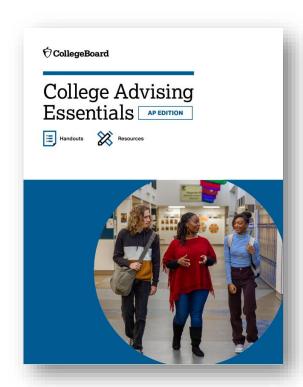
Find helpful resources, strategies, tools, and more to help you support your students' learning and growth as they prepare for college.

Modules for New Counselors

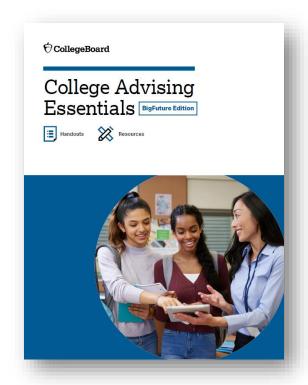
Free professional development designed to help new counselors as they embark on the career of high school counseling.

College Advising Essentials

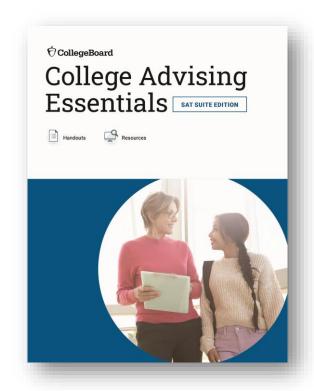
Program Editions



AP Edition



BigFuture Edition



SAT Suite Edition

Counselor Webinar Series 25-26

Third Thursdays of the Month (except JAN)

21	Navigating College Application Season: A Guide for New High School Counselors	22	Middle School Matters: Preparing Middle School Students for Rigorous High School Courses
SEP 18	Next Gen Guidance: Counseling Gen Z and Gen Alpha	19 19	Using BigFuture® School to Access Scores and Explore Careers—Middle School
ост 16	Getting It Done: How School Counselors Can Help Boost FAFSA Completion	MAR 19	College and Career Trends: What Every Counselor Should Know
NOV 20	Application Trends Unpacked: Emerging Patterns in Students' Application Behavior	16	Middle School Matters: College & Career Conversations Now

Enhancing School Counseling with AI

Tools and resources to work smarter, not harder



Administrative Efficiency

Automate scheduling, emails, and reports.

Try: Google Workspace Al (Duet Al) or Microsoft Copilot



Analyze Student Data for Early Interventions

Track SEL, academic, and attendance data to flag at-risk students.

Try: Panorama Education or Kiddom



Write Letters of Recommendation

Input structured information and ask to draft a personalized letter.

Try: ChatGPT or SchoolAI



Provide On-Demand Support

Set up chatbots to answer common questions (e.g., "What's the difference between early decision and early action?").

Try: ChatGPT, SchoolAI, Tidio, or Intercom



Stay Current with Personalized Learning

Receive curated updates on mental health, equity, and postsecondary trends.

Try: Feedly AI, Coursera, or edWeb



Ethical Framework

Dr. Daniel Villanueva

ETHICAL USES OF AI

- Brainstorming ideas or generating practice prompts
- Grammar and spell-checking using tools like Grammarly or Microsoft Editor
- Rephrasing for clarity without altering tone or intent
- Researching the college application process
- Formatting résumés or activity sections with guidance

UNETHICAL USES OF AI

- Copying and pasting Al-generated content without edit
- Using AI to write or translate essays
- Replacing the unique voice or personal story of the author with Al-suggested content
- Submitting work that doesn't reflect original thought or effort

"We rely on your writing to get to know the real you.

Al can't capture how you think or what you value."

(Fordham University)

Advanced Placement Program

AP Exam Formats

No changes for 2026

16 Fully Digital AP Exams

















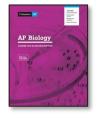








12 Hybrid Digital AP Exams

















AP Exams: Special Formats























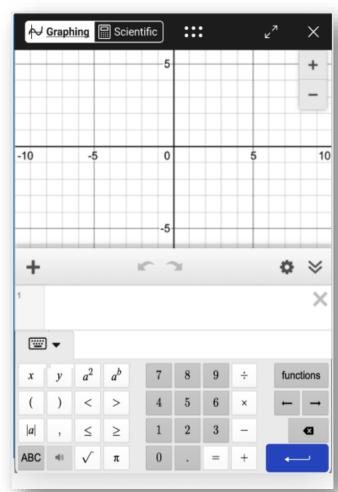




Desmos Calculator Update - Digital AP Exams

All 2026 digital AP Exams that allow calculators will include the appropriate built-in Desmos calculator in Bluebook.

- This applies only to built-in Desmos calculators in Bluebook.
- AP calculator policies haven't changed handhelds are still allowed where permitted.
- **Desmos availability will vary by exam** (graphing, scientific, or basic 4-function).
- AP Statistics will include the built-in Desmos graphing calculator.
- Students can preview these calculators in Bluebook.
- Full calculator policies and subject-specific info: cb.org/apcalculators



AP Credit Policy Search

Help guide your students with confidence.

AP Credit Policy Seach is an easy-to-use resource designed to support your conversations with students and families. With this tool you can:

- Check AP credit policies by college or subject
- Share accurate, up-to-date information with students and families
- Encourage students to explore their college options



Check AP credit policies by college or subject.

North Dakota Higher Ed Credit Policy
Credit is generally awarded for AP
exams with a score of three or higher,
but the exact policy varies by institution.

Enhanced Relevance Is Core to the Design For AP Courses

Students want to get something from the work they do in high school, more so now than ever before.

- Enable students to focus on their college and career interests.
- Teach students to perform key career-relevant tasks and skills through project-based learning.
- Use employers alongside college professors to develop and score AP Exams, so that students can earn an employer-endorsed credential as well as college credit.

According to a multiyear study, 1 fewer than 50% of current high school students say their coursework challenges them or gives them the opportunity to do what they do best.

¹Source: Walton Family Foundation-Gallup Voices of Gen Z Study, Year 2 Annual Survey Report https://nextgeninsights.waltonfamilyfoundation.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/08/Walton_Gallup_Voices-of-Gen-Z_Year-2-2024-Final-Report.pdf



Our Fastest Growing AP Courses

Students have been telling us how to improve engagement—and we're listening.



AP Seminar: Evidence Project

Gives students the opportunity to investigate the topics that interest them most. Students work in teams to identify, investigate, and analyze an academic or real-world problem or issue.



AP Research: Investigation Project

Students choose a topic of interest and engage in yearlong, inquiry-based learning, culminating in a paper and a presentation with an oral defense.



AP CSP: Coding Project

Gives students their first handson experience as real-life developers through the Create task, where they design and build a program to solve a problem, spark innovation, explore interests, or express creativity.



AP AfAm: Exploration Project

Takes an interdisciplinary approach, guiding students through a self-directed project where they analyze four related sources on a chosen topic, theme, issue, or development in the field and present and defend their findings.



AP Precalculus: Eliminates Barriers

Gives students more time and practice by building on what they've already learned, helping them complete the required college math credit in high school—so it doesn't become a barrier to graduation or career goals later on.

Meet the New Group of AP Courses

AP Career Kickstart



AP Business with Personal Finance

Available in 2026-27



AP Cybersecurity

Available in 2026-27



AP Networking

Available in 2027-28

2026 AP Exam Dates and Information



AP Exam Administration: 2026 Schedule

Exams are administered on specific dates/times.

			May 2026			
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	STANDARD ADMINISTRATION					
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	STANDARD ADMINISTRATION					
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
		LATE A	DMINISTF	RATION		
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

- Schools must begin the morning exam administration between 8 and 9 a.m. local time and the afternoon exam administration between 12 and 1 p.m. local time.
- Late-testing dates are available for students who cannot test during the first two weeks of May.
- Exams taken during late testing will be in the same format as exams taken during standard testing.

2025 AP Exam Schedule

Week 1	Morning 8 a.m. Local Time	Afternoon 12 p.m. Local Time
Monday, May 4, 2025	Biology Latin	European HistoryMicroeconomics
Tuesday, May 5, 2025	ChemistryHuman Geography	U.S. Government and Politics
Wednesday, May 6, 2025	• English Literature and Composition	Comparative Government and PoliticsPhysics 1
Thursday, May 7, 2025	Physics 2: Algebra-basedWorld History: Modern	African American StudiesStatistics
Friday, May 8, 2025	Italian Language and CultureU.S. History	Chinese Language and CultureMacroeconomics

Week 2	Morning 8 a.m. Local Time	Afternoon 12 p.m. Local Time
Monday, May 11, 2025	Calculus AB Calculus BC	Music TheorySeminar
Tuesday, May 12, 2025	French Language and CulturePrecalculus	Japanese Language and CulturePsychology
Wednesday, May 13, 2025	English Language and CompositionGerman Language and Culture	Physics C: MechanicsSpanish Literature and Culture
Thursday, May 14, 2025	Art HistorySpanish Language and Culture	Computer Science PrinciplesPhysics C: Electricity and Magnetism
Friday, May 15, 2025	Environmental Science	Computer Science A



2026 AP Exams - Late Testing Schedule

Week 1	Morning 8 a.m. Local Time	Afternoon 12 p.m. Local Time
Monday, May 18, 2026	Comparative Government and PoliticsEuropean HistoryWorld History: Modern	English Literature and CompositionHuman GeographyLatin
Tuesday, May 19, 2026	 Japanese Language and Culture United States Government and Politics 	African American StudiesUnited States History
Wednesday, May 20, 2026	MicroeconomicsSeminarStatistics	BiologyChemistryFrench Language and CultureMacroeconomics
Thursday, May 21, 2026	 Chinese Language and Culture Computer Science Principles English Language and Composition Music Theory Precalculus 	 Art History Calculus AB Calculus BC Italian Language and Culture Physics C: Mechanics Physics 2: Algebra-based
Friday, May 22, 2026	Environmental SciencePhysics 1: Algebra-basedSpanish Language and CultureSpanish Literature and Culture	 Computer Science A German Language and Culture Physics 2: Electricity and Magnetism Psychology

Notes about Late Testing:

- Teachers will NOT receive
 Instructional Planning
 Reports for the subjects that tested late.
- Students will not receive their free-response booklets.
 (Orders for free-response booklets placed by the school will not include late testing booklets.)
- Student scores may be delayed until August.
- Students may not have a chance to retest should irregularities in the exam administration occur.





Late-Testing Exams

When the cause of late testing is beyond the control of the school and the student, there's no additional fee.

Late-Testing Reason	ns: No Additional Fee
Academic contest/event	
Athletic contest/event	
Conflict with IB or Camb	ridge exam
Conflict with nationally, p	province-, or state-mandated test
Delayed shipment	
Digital testing logistics	
Disabilities accommodati	ions issue
Emergency: bomb scare of	or fire alarm
High school graduation	
Language lab scheduling	conflict
Makeup AP Exam due to	an incident during the initial exam
Religious/holiday observ	ance
School closing: election,	national holiday, or natural disaster
Serious injury, illness, or	family tragedy
Strike/labor conflict	
Student court appearance	2
Two or more AP Exams o	on the same date at the same time

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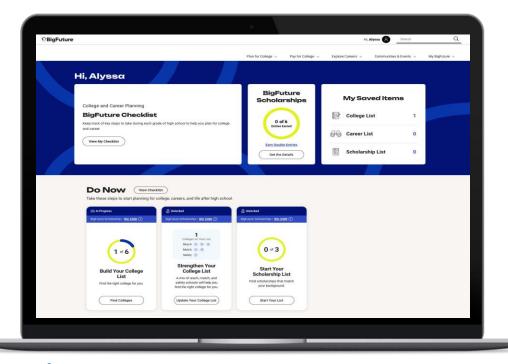
BigFuture

What Is BigFuture?

BigFuture brings together a trusted community to help each and every learner own their future.

BigFuture provides two complementary tools to help students explore their college and career options

and plan for what comes next.



BigFuture.org (Available to all students)



BigFuture School

(Available to in-school SAT Suite of Assessments test takers 13 or older)



BigFuture.org

With BigFuture.org, all students can envision a future that's bigger.





Scores

Empowering Students to Plan Their Future, Their Way

BigFuture.org offers personalized tools that help students discover their options and take action with confidence.





Create a vision for what's next.



Build a plan based on grade level and time of year.



Access quality career, college, and scholarship resources.



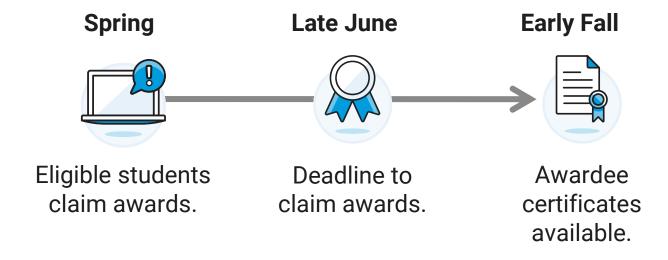
Be seen by colleges.

National Recognition Programs

Three Award Designations:

- NEW! School Recognition Award
- First-Generation Recognition Award
- Rural and Small-Town Recognition Award

Program Cycle (Specific Dates Coming in Early 2026):





Academic honors that help high-performing students stand out to colleges and celebrate their hard work.

How students qualify:

- Achievement on assessments
 - Top 10% of PSAT/NMSQT or PSAT 10 test takers (Based on 2024 scores)
 - In their high school OR
 - Among first-generation students in their state OR
 - Among rural and small-town students in their state
 - Scored 3+ on 2+ AP distinct exams in 8th, 9th and/or 10th grade (Based on scores in 2024 or before)
- Cumulative GPA of B+ or higher (at least 3.3 or 87-89%)



BigFuture School

The convenience of an app with the trusted expertise of College Board.

- What: A free mobile app to help students do more with their score and start planning for their future.
- Who: Available to in-school test takers 13 or older (PSAT™ 8/9, PSAT™ 10, PSAT/NMSQT™, SAT School Day)

NEW: Now available to PSAT 8/9 test takers!

• **How**: Students can provide a mobile number during exam set up. They'll get a secure code after testing to download the app.

BigFuture[®] School is optional, and a student's personally identifiable information is never shared.

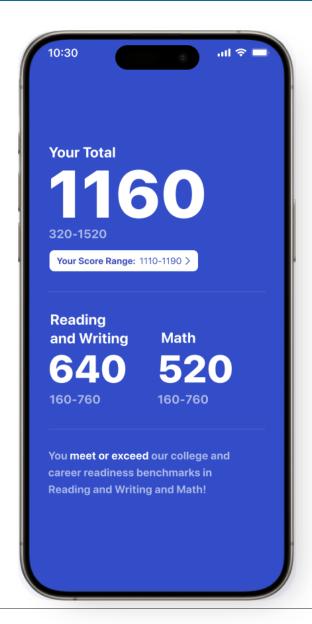


Easily View Scores in BigFuture School

Students can view:

- Score breakdown for Math and Reading and Writing sections
- Strengths and areas of focus within each assessment
- Examples of careers aligned to skills

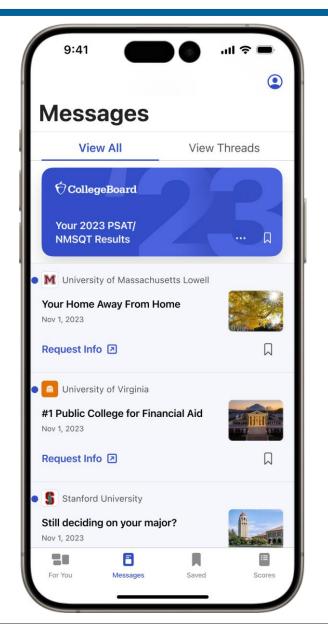
No passwords or printouts needed!



What Is Connections?

Along with BigFuture School, students can opt in to Connections.

- Unlock future possibilities. With Connections™, students can discover nonprofit colleges, scholarship providers, and government agencies providing educational programs that may be a good fit and are looking for students like them in BigFuture School.
- Receive messages from colleges and programs. College Board shares messages from nonprofit organizations based on information the student and their school, district, or state provides as part of the eligible test.
- Take control. Students decide if and when to share their information with interested institutions.



Privacy-Forward & Student Choice

BigFuture School and Connections™ are committed to giving students control over their future planning.



No personally identifiable info is shared.

Personal information is never shared. Students decide if and when they reach out to institutions*.

*Available for Connections users only.



Students are in control.

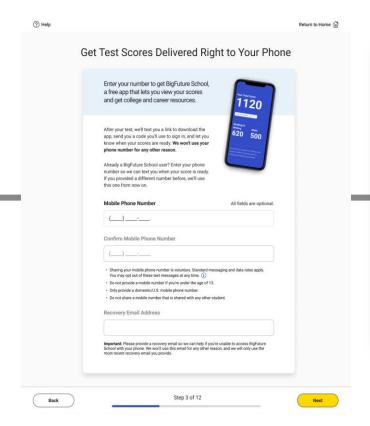
Students are always in the driver's seat with BigFuture School. They decide how much to engage, share, and interact within the app.



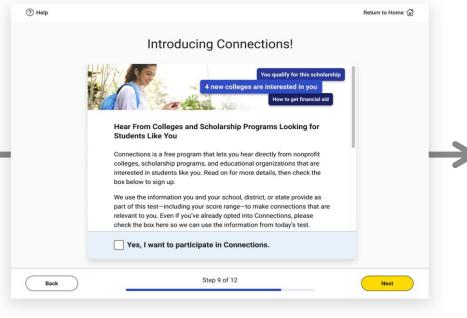
Students manage their preferences.

In the app's settings, students can opt in or out of services and update their preferences anytime.

How Can Students Access BigFuture School and Connections?



Students can provide a mobile number during exam setup.



Students can opt into **Connections** (where available).



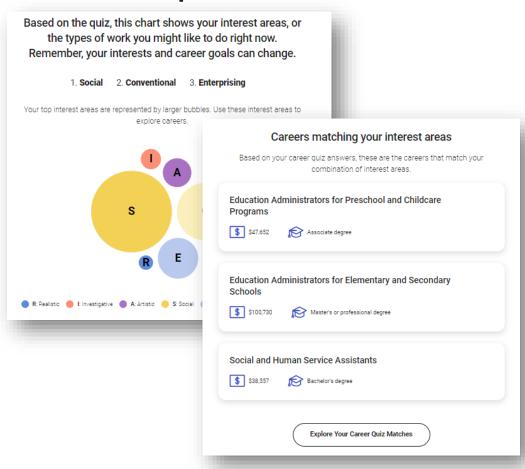
Students will receive a text to securely download the app after school.

Students will be notified when scores are available in the app.

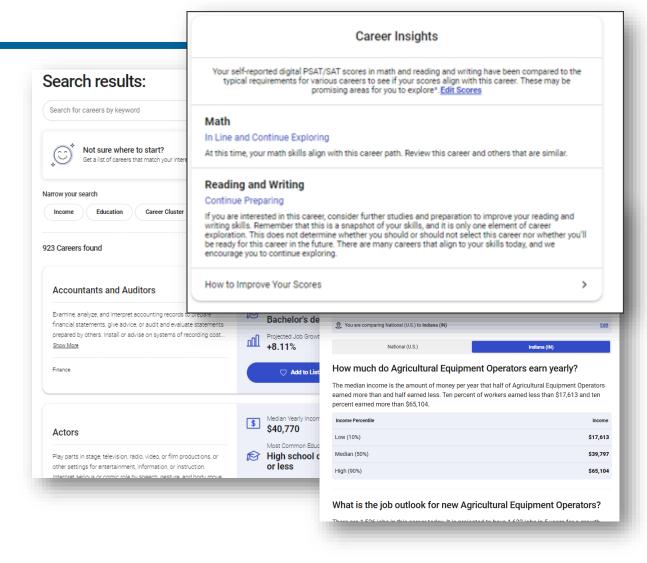
Get Test Scores

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Career Exploration



Career Quiz: In under 15 minutes, students can get a list of 30 possible careers to explore that align with their interests.

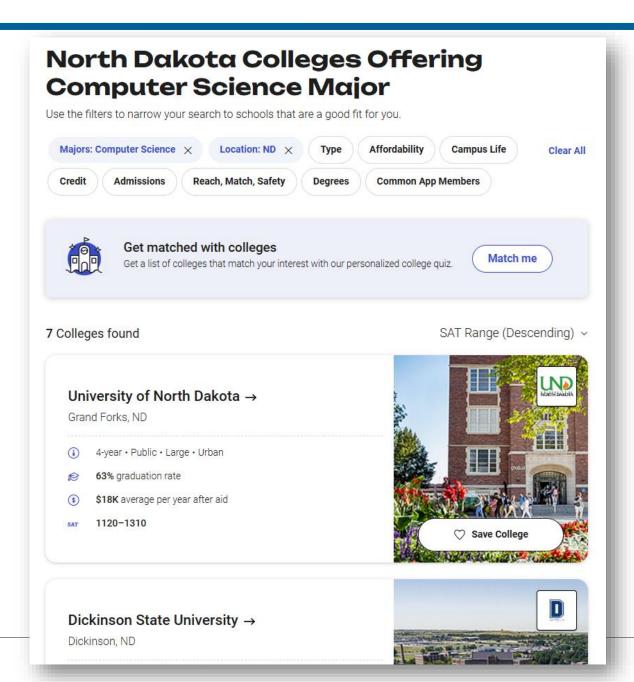


Career Exploration: Students can freely explore a range of careers with expected earnings, job growth, and education levels needed for each.



College Planning

- NEW! Students can now update their preferences in their account to curate a college search experience tailored to their interests.
- Indicating preferences such as size and location allows students to narrow their search and discover more relevant options faster.





Pay for College

BigFuture matches students with a list from over 23,000 scholarships and provides financial aid resources.

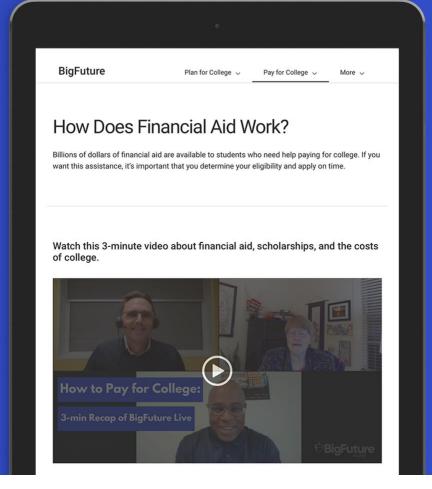
SCHOLARSHIPS



Hi Khalil you're about to get matched with scholarships!

Start Matching

FINANCIAL AID

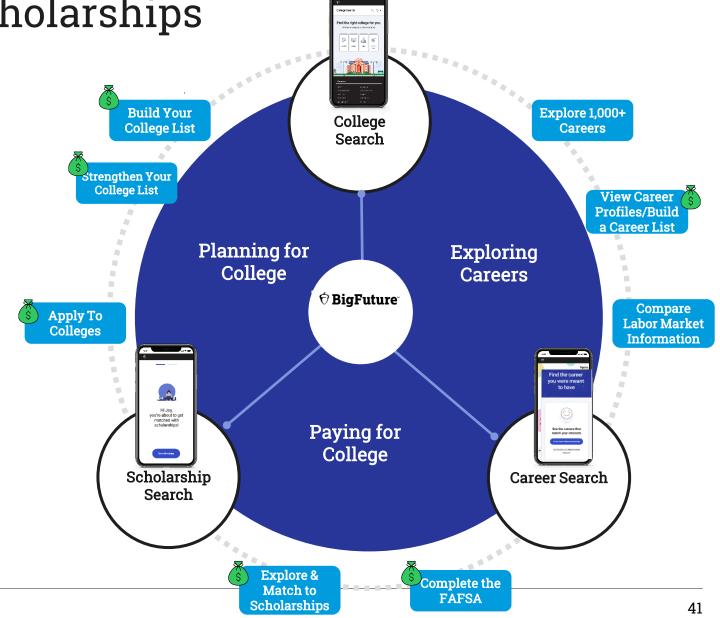




BigFuture: Opportunity Scholarships

Starting in 10th grade students earn entries for monthly drawings by completing steps on their dashboard.

Two \$40,000 scholarships and hundreds of \$500 scholarships are awarded each month!



Use BigFuture Data to Power Personalized Advising

K-12 Reporting Portal

For each student, you can view if they have:

- Downloaded the BigFuture School app
- Viewed their SAT Suite scores
- Opted into Connections
- Started receiving college messages

What counselors can do with this information:

- Follow up with students who haven't engaged yet
- Tailor your advising based on where each student is in their journey
- Target supports for college and career planning

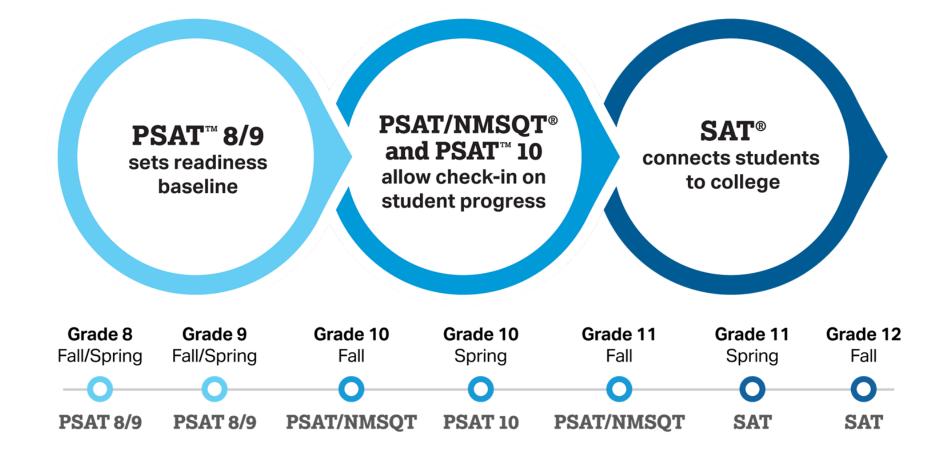


Best Practice:

Use these insights to initiate meaningful conversations and drive student action.

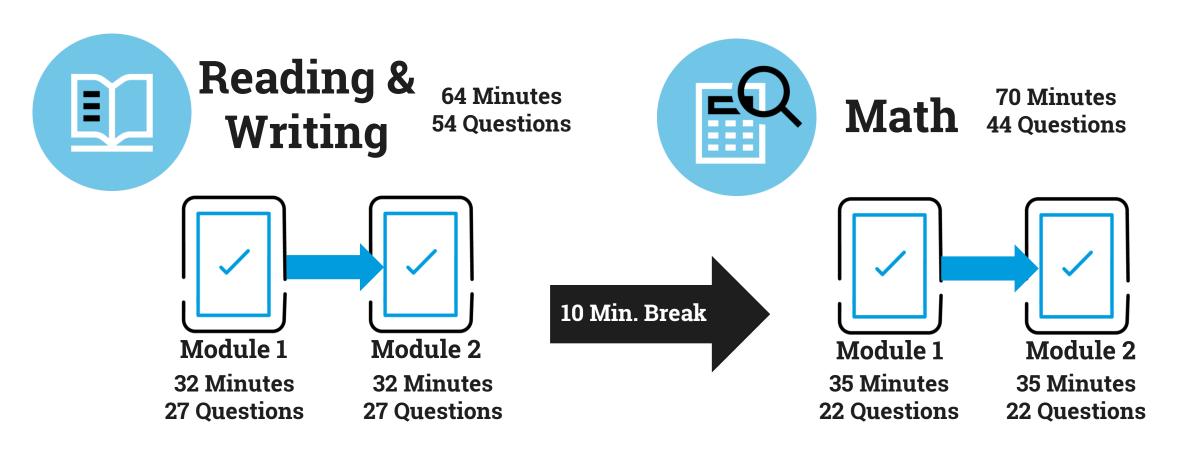
SAT Suite of Assessments

The SAT Suite of Assessments



Digital SAT Suite Test Specifications

Total standard time is 2 Hours and 24 Minutes, which includes a 10-minute break between Reading & Writing and Math



Why Colleges Value Scores





Predictive Power of SAT Scores

Standardized scores remain one of the **best predictors** of first-year college success and retention.



Objective Factor in Admissions Decisions

Scores provide a **standard measure** for students from different academic backgrounds.



Strengthening Merit Decisions

Scholarship programs and financial aid offices rely on SAT scores to **award funding**.

Beyond Admissions: How Colleges Use Data

Ensuring Students
Start in the Right
Courses

SAT scores help place students in appropriate courses.

Expanding Access toFinancial Aid

Some institutions tie SAT scores to automatic scholarships and merit-based aid.

Improving
Institutional Planning
and Policy

Date help colleges analyze trends, adjust admissions criteria, and assess overall student preparedness.

Supporting At-Risk Students Early

Institutions track data to predict student persistence, provide academic support, and improve retention rates.

Identifying Students for Advanced Programs

Scores are used to recruit and admit students into honors colleges, competitive majors, and accelerated degree pathways.

SAT School Day Makes the SAT More Accessible





Increased access



Convenience



Reduced stress and fatigue



Increased participation

Fee Waiver Changes

2025-26

- All fee waiver codes from 2024 and earlier have expired.
- New fee waiver codes have been delivered to schools in the Downloads Center in the K-12 Reporting Portal. New codes start with F W 2 5.
- Students who have previously used a fee waiver do not need to do anything.
- Students who have not yet used a code will need to be given one of the new codes.
- Students who live in the United States can continue to request a fee waiver directly from College Board by completing the SAT Fee Waiver Request Form.



Updated Calculator Policy for the SAT Suite of Assessments

What's Different?



- College Board will no longer maintain an Allowed Calculators list. Instead, please reference the Prohibited Calculators resources on our website.
- Calculators with CAS (Computer Algebraic System) functionality are prohibited.
- Change begins August 2025 (weekend) and October 2025 (inschool).
- Desmos calculator update: Choose between graphing and scientific

What Stays the Same?



- Bringing a personal hand-held calculator is allowed but not required.
- All students have access to the Desmos calculator in the Bluebook app and can practice with the calculator in Test Preview, during a practice test, or at anytime on the Desmos website.

Important Note

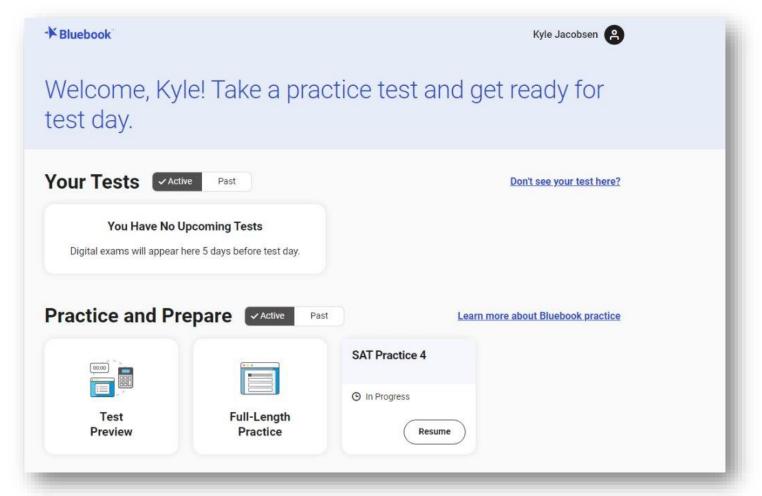


- This policy is specific to the SAT Suite of Assessments.
- CAS calculators are permitted for use on AP Exams, subject to the AP calculator use policy for each exam.



Digital SAT Practice in Bluebook

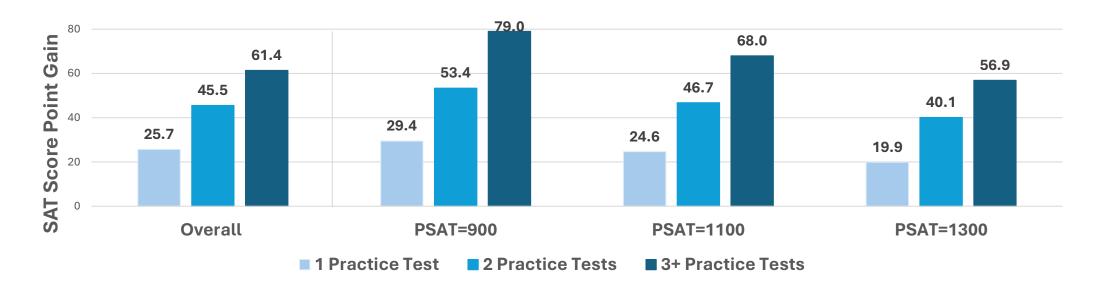
satsuite.collegeboard.org/practice





Bluebook offers students a Test Preview <u>and</u> Full-Length Practice Tests.

Full-Length SAT Practice Tests in Bluebook Are Associated with Higher SAT Scores



Larger SAT score gains for students with lower PSAT scores

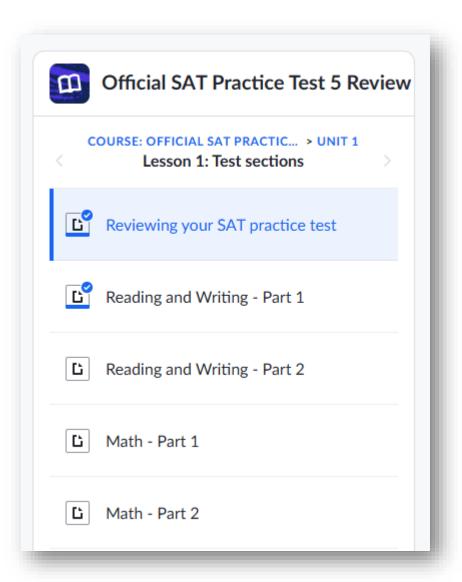
Students with lower PSAT scores experienced the largest SAT score improvements from completing practice tests.

SAT score gains observed across all demographic groups

Students from all backgrounds realize positive gains from completing full-length digital practice tests in Bluebook™.

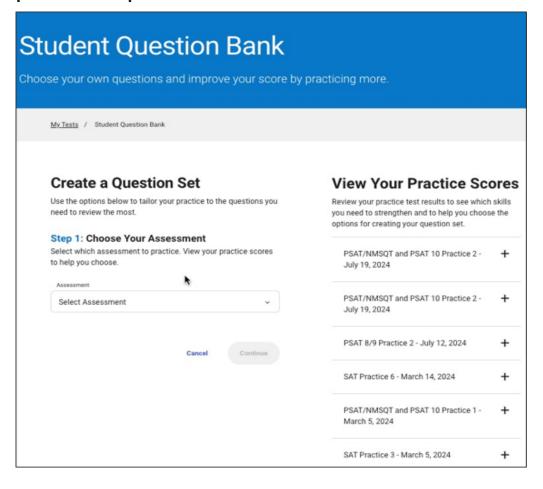
SAT Prep with Khan Academy

- Once students identify the areas where they need the most support in My Practice, they can begin Official SAT Prep on Khan Academy®.
- Prep includes thousands of practice questions, videos, lessons, and hints to help students build the skills needed.
- Data show that students who spend time on Official SAT Prep through Khan Academy and SAT Practice in Bluebook see significant score improvements.



Student Question Bank (SQB)

Students can use the question bank to design their own practice with access to thousands of practice questions.



Filter questions by:



Assessment



Test (Reading & Writing or Math)



Domain



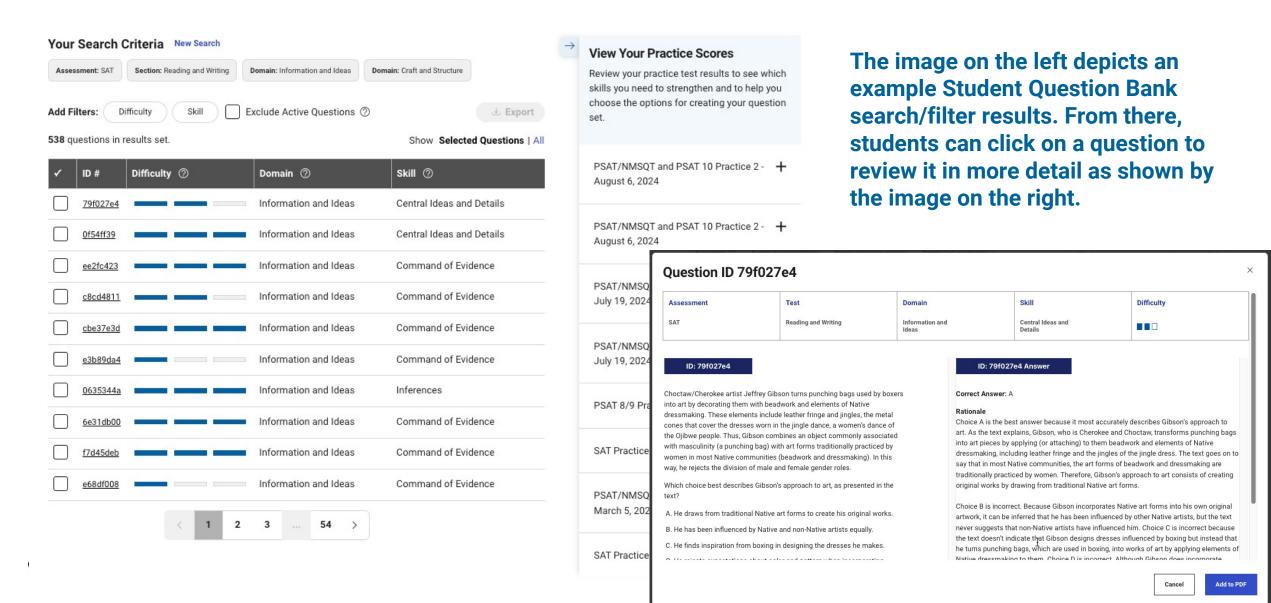
Skill



Difficulty Level



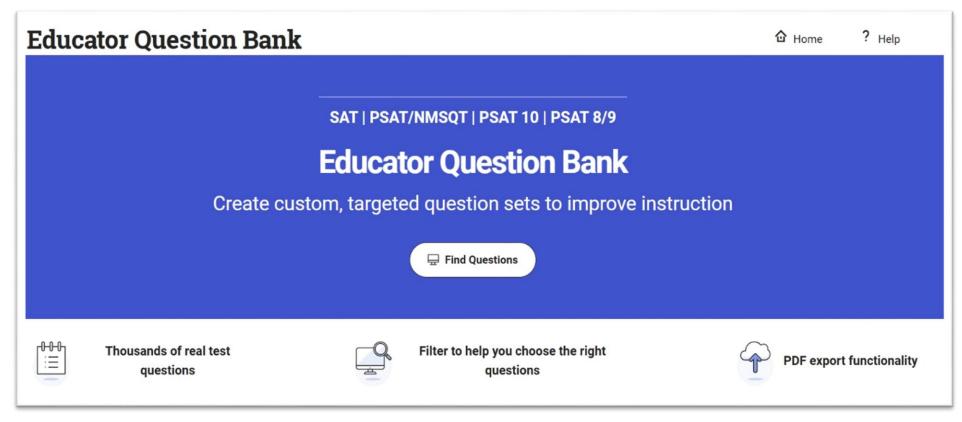
Student Question Bank: Example Question Set



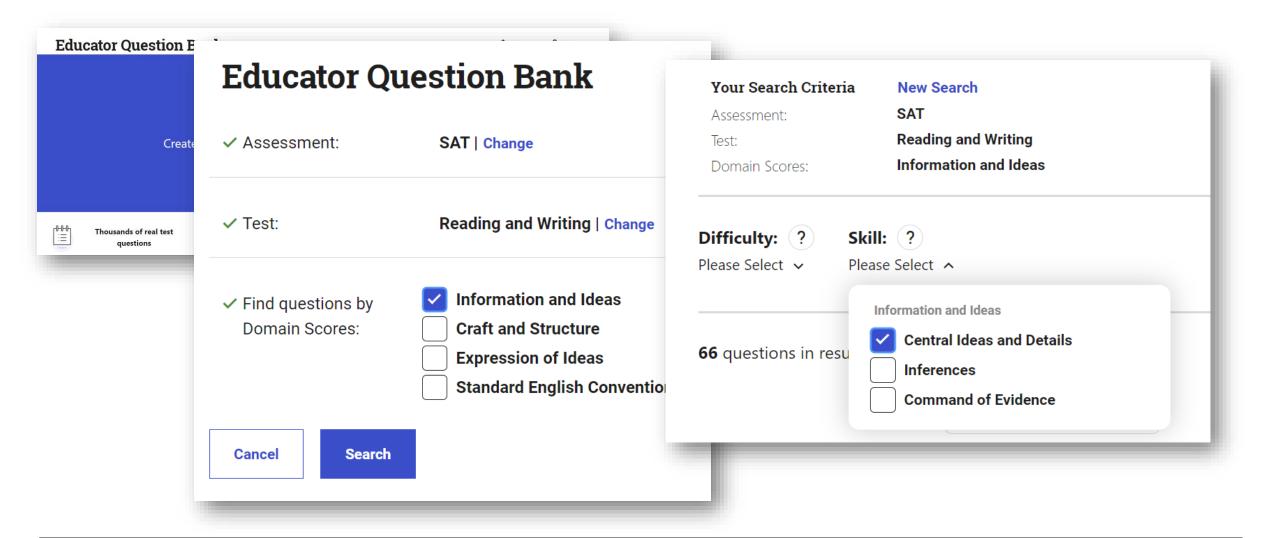
Educator Question Bank

Create custom, targeted question sets and improve instruction.

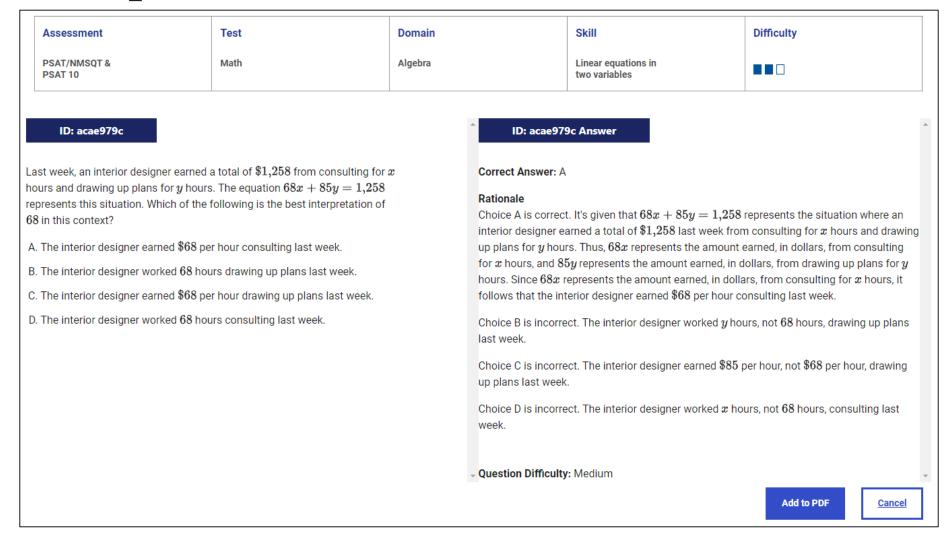
The Question Bank includes about 3,500 real SAT, PSAT/NMSQT, PSAT10, and PSAT 8/9 test questions.



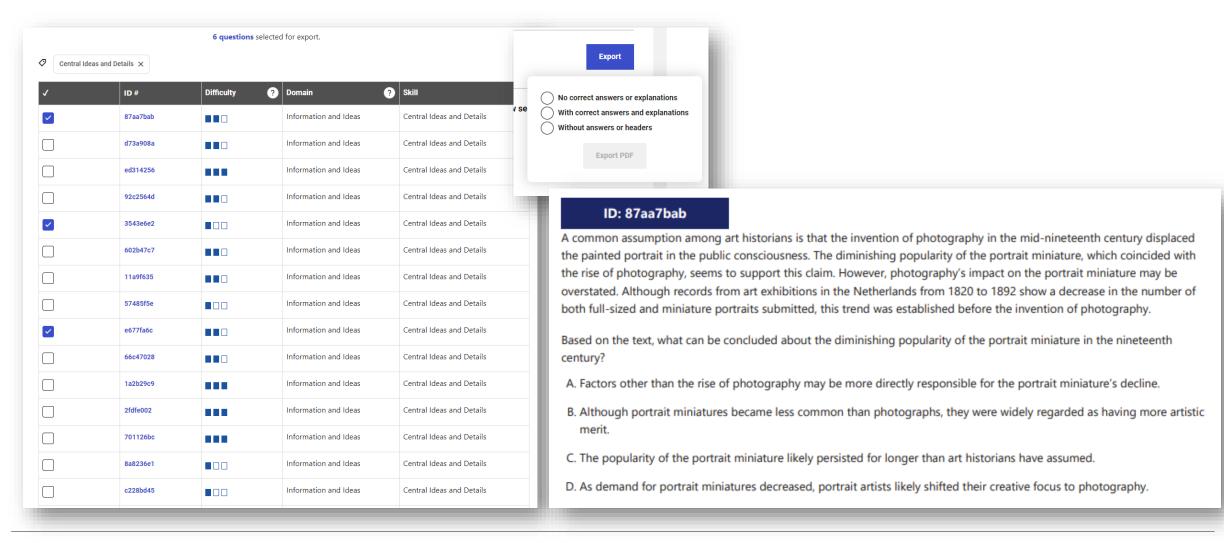
EQB: Filter to find questions for practice and review



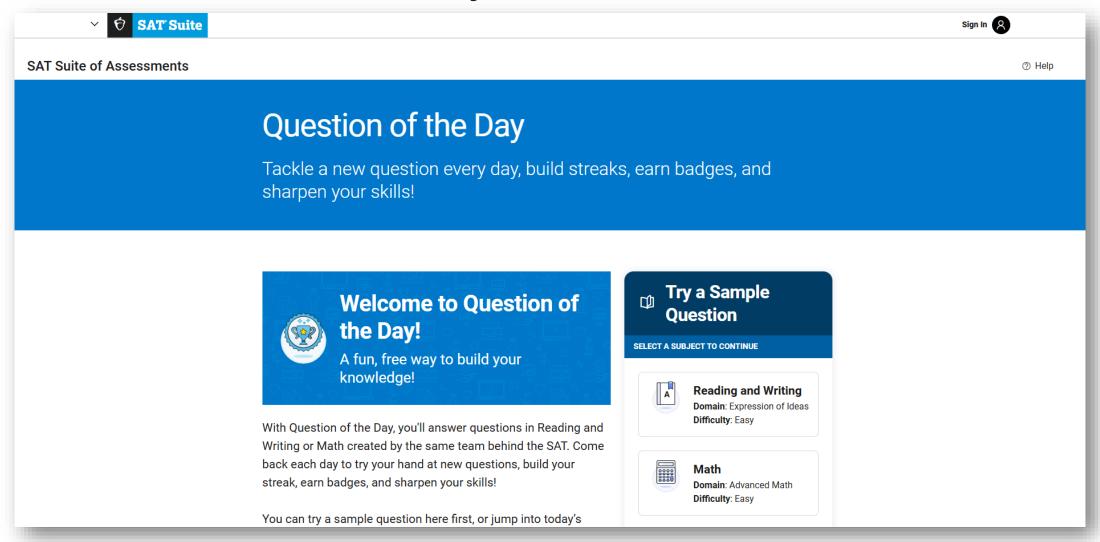
EQB – Sample Question



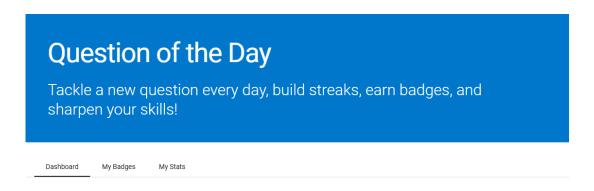
EQB - Export Questions for Classroom Use



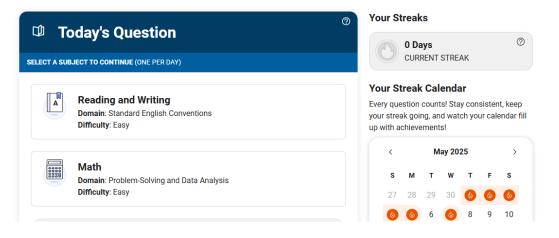
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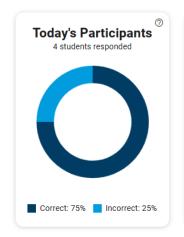
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Welcome, Userac!

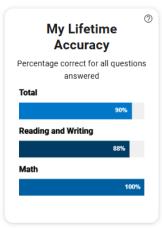






The grand total of questions you've answered so far.





Your lifetime accuracy compared to others, based on

percentage answered correctly.

Q&A



Thank You!

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