



## Frequently Asked Questions West Contra Costa County SAT School-Day Testing

### QUESTIONS REGARDING THE SAT SCHOOL-DAY TESTING

#### What is SAT School-Day testing?

WCCUSD and College Board have partnered to administer the SAT on a school day. Enabling students to take the SAT during the school day ensures that promising students who might otherwise face barriers to standard Saturday testing — such as part-time jobs or family responsibilities — do not miss out on a chance at the college-going process. By providing these students with the opportunity to take the exam free of charge, the district has also removed any financial challenges that might further reduce students' chances of participating.

By participating in SAT School-Day, students will begin their senior year with a key college admission credential. The SAT also helps students and families make informed decisions when considering where a student should apply.

#### When will students take the SAT School-Day test?

All 12<sup>th</sup> grade students will take the SAT School-Day on **Wednesday, October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2013**. October 16th is the district's annual College Awareness Day. Students in Kindergarten through 7<sup>th</sup> grade will participate in college awareness activities, 8<sup>th</sup> grade students will take the Readiness test, 9<sup>th</sup> through 11<sup>th</sup> graders will take the PSAT, and 12<sup>th</sup> graders will take the SAT School-Day.

#### What does the SAT test?

The SAT tests the skills you're learning in school: reading, writing and math. Your strength in these subjects is important for success in college and throughout your life.

- The reading section includes reading passages and sentence completions.
- The writing section includes a short essay and multiple-choice questions on identifying errors and improving grammar and usage.
- The math section includes questions on arithmetic operations, algebra, geometry, statistics and probability.

#### Who is paying for the WCCUSD SAT School-Day Test?

West Contra Costa Unified School District and College Board have established a partnership and are funding to deliver the SAT to all seniors. This means that WCCUSD and College Board will pay for a one day administration of the SAT. If a student chooses to register for the ACT, a Saturday SAT test, or a 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> round of SAT testing, that is possible. However, the student must pay for the testing fees themselves.

#### Is SAT testing required?

Yes, all 2013-2014 12<sup>th</sup> graders must take the SAT.

#### How will colleges and universities receive my SAT scores?

Four score reports are included free with every registration, as long as you identify score recipients during the registration process. After registration, you can send scores at any time from your "My SAT" account on the College Board website for a fee of \$11.25 each. For more information about Score Report fees, please visit: <http://sat.collegeboard.org/register/us-services-fees>.

#### What requirements are needed for students to take the SAT?

Students will need to register for SAT School-Day testing online at their high school sites. Students will need four things: 1) An email account, 2) A free College Board online account, 3) Their California State ID Number, and 4)



Their SAT school voucher code available from their testing coordinator. Every SAT registration includes up to four free score reports that can be sent to colleges and scholarship services.

**Can a Student be Exempt from the SAT?**

Yes, a student can be exempt from the SAT if they are: 1) Enrolled in a non-diploma track program, or 2) Enrolled in a Limited English Proficient (LEP) program for three (3) academic years or less (ELD 1, 2, 3).

**Can 11<sup>th</sup> Grade Students participate in the SAT School Day administration?**

No. All 11<sup>th</sup> grade students must take the PSAT on October 16<sup>th</sup>. Taking the PSAT as a junior will enable them to compete for scholarships and participate in the College Search service.

**Do community colleges require SAT scores?**

Community colleges do not require SAT scores for admission, however, the SAT is used as a placement test at most Bay Area community colleges. Some of these colleges include: Berkeley City College, College of Alameda, Laney College, Merritt College, and City College San Francisco.

**How can students prepare for the SAT School Day?**

Once students register for the SAT School Day, they will be given a code for the online SAT Preparation Course. Students will be able to take several full-length practice tests prior to the testing day. In addition, if the senior took the PSAT in our district during the 2012-13 school year, they may log into their College Board account and view the individualized SAT Study Plan based on how they performed on the PSAT.

**Are Private and Charter School Students eligible for the SAT School-Day Test?**

No, Private and Charter School students are not eligible to take the SAT School-Day test administered at WCCUSD. Private and Charter School students may register for the SAT on a Saturday testing date.

**Can a student still take the ACT?**

Yes, a student can take the ACT. However, the test registration fees will not be covered by the district.

**Are Home School Students eligible to register for the SAT School-Day Test?**

Yes, if they live within the West Contra Costa School District boundaries they will be able to take the SAT School-Day Test. They will need to arrange at least three weeks prior to the testing date with the high school in their attendance area.

**What if a student has already registered for a Saturday SAT test and wants to test on the SAT School-Day Test?**

If a student wants to transfer his/her registration from a Saturday SAT test to the School-Day test then that is possible. They will need to contact College Board at **(866) 756-7346** to make that change in-order to receive reimbursement.

***For more information, please contact the district's SAT Coordinator: Finy Prak, (510) 231-1433 ext. 25865.***