**Parents and students –and even teachers often ask, why take the SAT?**

We live in a fast changing global world. The SAT provides one indication of your skills s in those academic tasks most need to be successful in college, reading, writing, and math. That is why colleges use it along with high school grades to determine who would have the best chance to being successful in their school. It is more than just a test; the most widely used College Admission indicator in the world, the SAT was created the SAT in order to democratize education. You are best suited to take the test now, while still in high school. By taking it now, you can use it later if you decide to apply to college after serving in the military, working, or touring the world.

**Other reasons to take the test exist in addition to its use in college applications:**

* All colleges accept the SAT as an **objective measurement** of students' college readiness.
* Used with GPAs and high school transcripts, SAT scores allow colleges to **fairly** **compare** applicants.
* Taking the SAT gives students **access to scholarship** opportunities. In Washington **it’s required for the College Bound Scholarship**
* In Washington it serves as an alternate to passing the math EOC or HSPE
* Most colleges require an admission test like the SAT.
* The SAT provides students with the most comprehensive performance feedback of any admission test.
* Many colleges [**require a writing assessment**](http://professionals.collegeboard.com/testing/sat-reasoning/about/colleges-writing) for admission. Students who take the SAT automatically fulfill such requirements.
* Some employers, such as GOOGLE **require SAT scores on job applications**, and others recognize it as an assessment of skills
* Provides a practice and gateway to other employment tests, such as those required for civil and security firefighters

Federal Way, in arranging for you to take the SAT during the school day, provides you with **free** access to The Official SAT Online Course™ for one full calendar year from the date your school receives access. The SAT Online Course, available anytime and anywhere, is one of the most effective ways to get ready for the SAT and hone your reading, writing, and math skills. You have access to wealth of features and benefits:

* 10 official practice tests from the test maker
* 18 interactive lessons covering SAT mathematics, reading and writing
* Detailed answer explanations that review concepts
* Auto essay scoring with instant scores based on real SAT essays
* Immediate and personalized feedback

By taking the SAT, you’ve started to prepare for life outside of high school. Check out the web for more information.

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