January 31, 2020

Dear Parent or Guardians:

Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS) is pleased to inform you that we will pay for all Grade 10 and 11 students to take the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) on Wednesday, March 4, 2020. The SAT will be offered for Grade 11 students while the PSAT 10 will be offered for Grade 10 students. This administration will include the required Essay section of the SAT in addition to the Evidence-Based Reading and Writing and Mathematics selected response portions. All Grade 11 students are strongly encouraged to take the assessment on the scheduled day as there will be no make-ups for this administration.

The total testing time for the PSAT 10 (including breaks) is 2 hours and 55 minutes. The total testing time for the SAT (including the essay) will be 3 hours and 50 minutes. If your child is eligible for testing accommodations, please contact the school to ensure those accommodations are requested for the SAT. All accommodations must be submitted to the College Board for approval. There are no guarantees that the accommodation request will be approved.

The SAT, one of three assessments in the SAT Suite of Assessments, is used as a college entrance exam and is also given as a measure of student college and career readiness based on their scores for the Evidence-Based Reading and Writing and Mathematics Sections of the test. The tests are also designed to reflect the work students are doing in the classroom. The SAT is aligned to the PSAT/NMSQT in both content and scoring, so students can use that assessment as a predictor of how they will perform on the upcoming SAT.

Students who have taken PSAT 8/9 and/or the PSAT/NMSQT now have access to free personalized SAT study. Khan Academy has partnered with College Board to offer a study plan that is specifically designed for each student based on his/her PSAT scores. With student/parent permission, Khan Academy will use their score results to create a study plan personalized for them. Practice materials for the SAT exam are available at the Khan Academy website, http://satpractice.org. When students log in, they will be guided through setting up their account and connecting it to their College Board account. Please see the enclosed SAT resources page for additional information.

If you have any questions regarding this information, please contact Ms. Edrika Hall, Advanced Programs Supervisor at academic.advanceddp@pgcps.org.

If you have any questions related to test administration, please contact Mr. Troy Brockett, Test Administration Supervisor at troy.brockett@pgcps.org.

Thank you for partnering with us in your child's education!

Enclosure

Sincerely,

Jaime Bowers
Director, Department of Testing, Research and Evaluation
SAT RESOURCES

Get to Know the Tests

Find out what kinds of questions will be asked, and which skills and knowledge areas will be tested. Go to Test Design at https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat/inside-the-test.

Set up an Account with Khan Academy and Practice

When students log in, they will be guided through setting up their account and connecting it to their College Board account. Visit the Khan Academy website at https://www.khanacademy.org/sat.

Better Access to Better Data

With sub scores and cross-test scores, the SAT provides deep insight into student readiness for college and career. Visit the College Board website at https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat/scores.