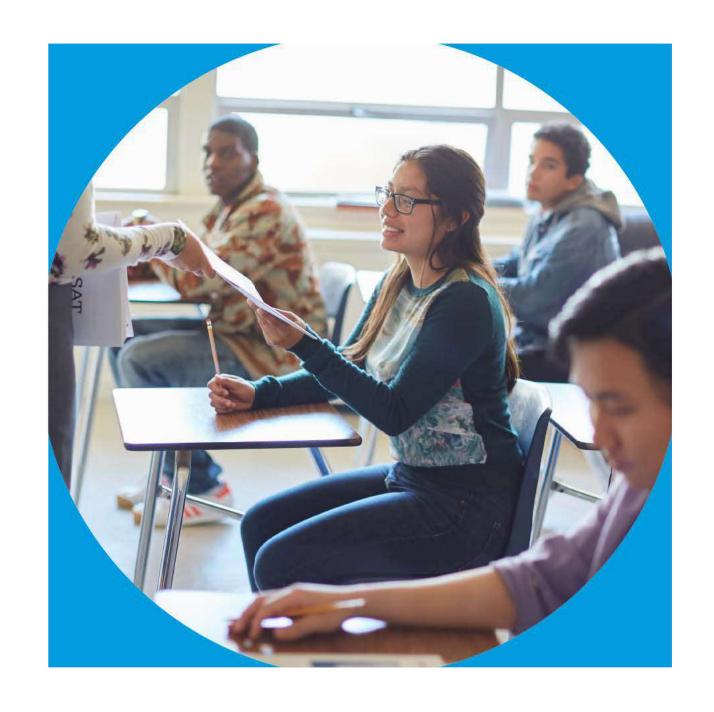
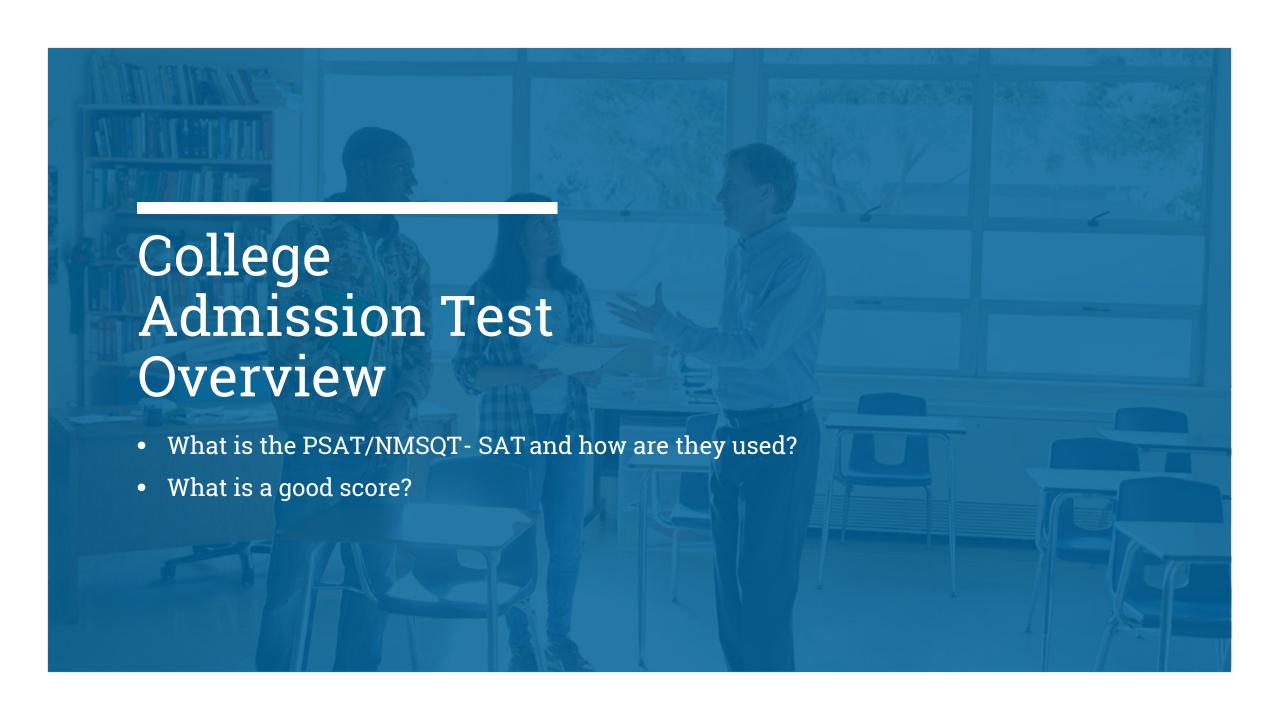
# Using Your PSAT/NMSQT® Scores to Build College Readiness



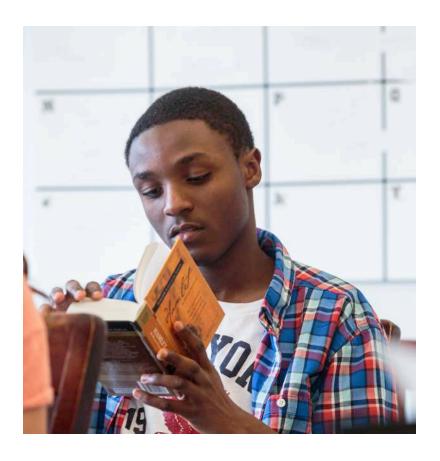


# Agenda

- College Admission Test Overview ®
  - What is the PSAT/NMSQT SAT and how are they used?
  - What is a good score?
- Your Scores
  - How to access your online score report
- Next Steps
  - Analyzing your results
  - Official SAT Practice on Khan Academy
  - Taking the SAT
  - College Planning



# About the ® PSAT/NMSQT - SAT®



- The PSAT/NMSQT and SAT are highly relevant to your future success because they focus on the skills and knowledge at the heart of your education. They measure:
  - What you learn in high school
  - What you need to succeed in college
- The PSAT/NMSQT and SAT measures reading, writing and language, and math skills developed over many years.
- The exams do not ask for facts from literature, history, or science, or for recall of math formulas, because it measures your reasoning and critical thinking skills.
- You don't have to discover secret tricks or cram the night before.
- There is no penalty for guessing.

# Key Changes to the PSAT/NMSQT® - SAT®

**Effective March 2016** 









Words in Context

Command of Evidence

Essay Analyzing a Source

Math that Matters Most









Problems Grounded in Real-World Contexts

Analysis in Science and in History/Social Studies

U.S. Founding
Documents and the
Great Global
Conversation

No Penalty for Guessing

# PSAT/NMSQT

## SAT

2 hours 45 minutes



3 hours 50 minutes





Optional

160 - 760



200 - 800

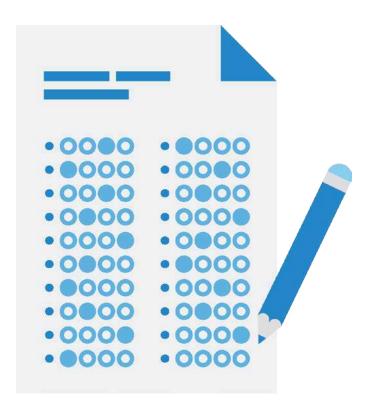
# What Are the Benefits of Taking the PSAT/NMSQT®?





- Aligned to the SAT
- Increased access to additional scholarship providers
- Online college and career planning tools
- Admission and financial aid information from colleges
- Majors and career exploration with College Board and Roadtrip Nation

# The SAT Is



- A globally recognized college entrance exam accepted by <u>all</u> colleges in the United States
- Used by colleges for admission, course placement, and scholarship opportunities.
- A way to show colleges what you know and how well you apply that knowledge.
- Connected to the College Board's free college planning and financial aid resources.

# Scholarships

#### THE UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA

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Entering Freshmen

Transfer Students

Current Students

In-State Merit Scholarships

Out-of-State Merit Scholarships

#### Out-of-State Merit Scholarships for 2018-2019

Please review our FAQ section for details on the scholarships listed below.

First time freshmen who meet the December 15 scholarship deadline, have a qualifying score on the ACT or SAT and have at least a 3.5 cumulative high school GPA through the junior year will be eligible for the following merit-based scholarships:

#### Capstone Scholar

A student with a 27 ACT or 1280-1300 SAT score and a minimum 3.5 cumulative GPA will be selected as a Capstone Scholar and will receive \$20,000 over four years (\$5,000 per year).

#### Collegiate Scholar

A student with a 28 ACT or 1310-1340 SAT score and a minimum GPA of 3.5 will be named a Collegiate Scholar and will receive \$24,000 over four years (\$6,000 per year).

#### Foundation in Excellence Scholar

A student with a 29 ACT or 1350-1380 SAT score and at least a 3.5 GPA will be named a Foundation in Excellence Scholar and will receive \$52,000 over four years (\$13,000 per year).

#### **UA Scholar**

A student with a 30-32 ACT or 1390-1480 SAT score and at least a 3.5 GPA, he or she will be named a UA Scholar and will receive \$76,000 over four years (\$19,000 per year).

#### Presidential Scholar

A student with a 33-36 ACT or 1490-1600 SAT score and at least a 3.5 GPA will be selected as a Presidential Scholar and will receive \$100,000 over four years (\$25,000 per year). Students graduating with remaining scholarship semester(s) may use these monies toward graduate school and/or law school study at UA.

#### Presidential Elite Scholar

A student with a 4.0 GPA and a 36 ACT or 1600 SAT will be selected as a Presidential Elite Scholar and will receive:



# Honor Colleges



**CURRENT STUDENTS** 

Honors College

UNITS OF UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES

PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS PRESTIGIOUS SCHOLARSHIPS GIVE TOHONORS

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#### Admissions

ABOUT HONORS

#### Incoming Freshmen

Entering freshmen who demonstrate the potential for outstanding academic achievement are eligible to apply to the Honors College. For Fall 2017, minimum requirements to be considered for admission are 1] a high school grade point average of 3.85 (minimum), 2] a targeted minimum ACT score of 29 or an equivalent SAT score of 1290 (old test) or 1350 (new test), and 3] the submission of a written essay.

Honors College application information is mailed in October, November, and December to qualified students who have been accepted for admission to Auburn University. The deadline for completion of the Honors College application is January 15. Selection of incoming freshmen is based on GPA, ACT/SAT scores, evidence of candidates' activities and leadership, and the

content included in the required Honors essay. Students, who meet the minimum requirements but have not received an invitation to apply to the Honors College by the first week of January, should <u>contact</u> the Honors College office.





#### HONORS STUDENT LIFE





Student Life

NEWS



April 14, 2017

FULBRIGHT TO BELGIUM



March 21, 2017



# NCAA Eligibility

#### Sliding Scale for Division I

\*Remember, if you took the SAT on or after March 2016 you need to compare your score on the College Board concordance table. Learn more about the concordance table on page 24 or visit ncaa.org/test-scores.

DIVISION I FULL QUALIFIER SLIDING SCALE		
CORE GPA	SAT*	ACT SUN
3.550	READING/MATH 400	37
3.525	410	38
3.500	420	39
3.475	430	40
3.450	440	41
3.425	450	41
3.400	460	42
3.375	470	42
3.350	480	43
3.325	490	44
3.300	500	44
3.275	510	45
3.250	520	46
3.225	530	46
3.200	540	47
3.175	550	47
3.150	560	48
3.125	570	49
3.100	580	49
3.075	590	50
3.050	600	50
3.025	610	51
3.000	620	52
2.975	630	52
2.950	640	53
2.925	650	53
2.900	660	54
2.875	670	55
2.850	680	56
2.825	690	56
2.800	700	57
2.775	710	58

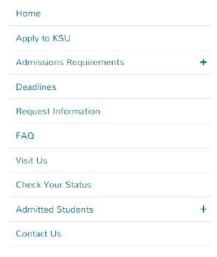
DIVISION I FULL QUALIFIER SLIDING SCALE		
CORE GPA	SAT* READING/MATH	ACTSUM
2.750	720	59
2.725	730	60
2.700	740	61
2.675	750	61
2.650	760	62
2.625	770	63
2.600	780	64
2.575	790	65
2.550	800	66
2.525	810	67
2.500	820	68
2.475	830	69
2.450	840	70
2.425	850	70
2.400	860	71
2.375	870	72
2.350	880	73
2.325	890	74
2.300	900	75
2.299	910	76
2.275	910	76
2.250	920	77
2.225	930	78
2.200	940	79
2.175	950	80
2.150	960	81
2.125	970	82
2.100	980	83
2.075	990	84
2.050	1000	85
2.025	1010	86
2.000	1020	86



# College Admissions

# **Be Prepared - Requirements Change**





#### Seize The Opportunity

#### Announcing Kennesaw State's Competitive Admissions Model



Kennesaw State University is on the move with a compelling story of growth and momentum. As an academic institution of choice offering more than 150 undergraduate, graduate, and doctoral programs, we are excelling at scholarship and research worldwide.

In that spirit, we are implementing a competitive admissions model for freshmen and transfer freshmen, beginning with applications for Fall 2018. Our new approach enables the University to manage enrollment growth and facilitate timely degree progression for all students by:

Giving applicants the choice of submitting their applications for Early

Action or Regular Decision.

- Utilizing a combination of the total SAT score or ACT composite score and the high school GPA to determine admission. Meeting the minimum requirements may not guarantee admission to Kennesaw State.
- Providing an opportunity for students to secure their place in the freshman class by collecting an enrollment deposit at time of acceptance.



# The SAT and the Admission Process

A student's SAT scores is just one factor among many that colleges consider when making an admission decision.

## **Primary Factors**

- Quality and Challenging Academic Coursework
- Academic Performance/Grades
- Test Scores (SAT, SAT Subject Tests<sup>™</sup>, AP<sup>™</sup>, etc.)

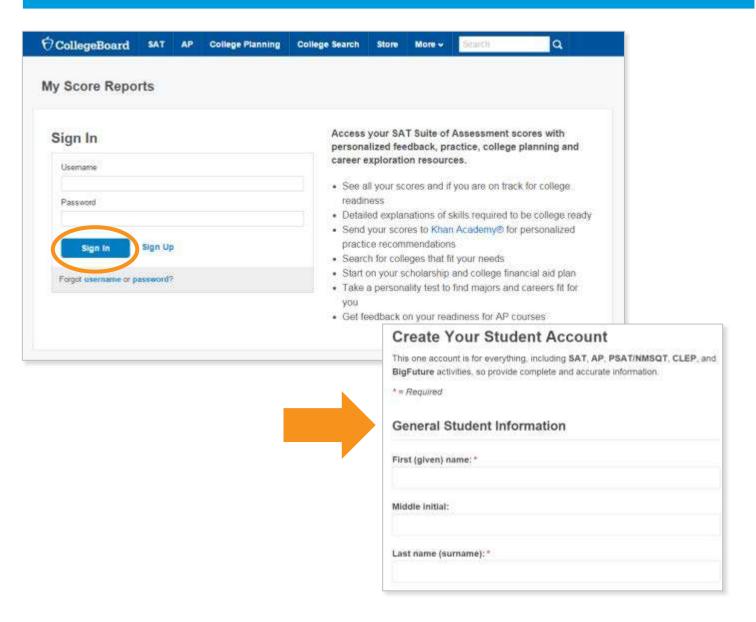
#### **Additional Factors**

- Extracurricular Activities
- Essay(s)
- Letters of Recommendation
- Demonstrated Interest



# How to Access Online PSAT/NMSQT® Scores and Reports

Log in to an **existing** College Board account or create a new one at **studentscores.collegeboard.org**.



# Creating Account Basics

- Legal Name Provide your full, official first and last name, as you'd see them on a student ID or other official identification. The information entered will become part of the student's official record and no duplicate account can be created. Students won't be able to change their name online once they start any testing activities.

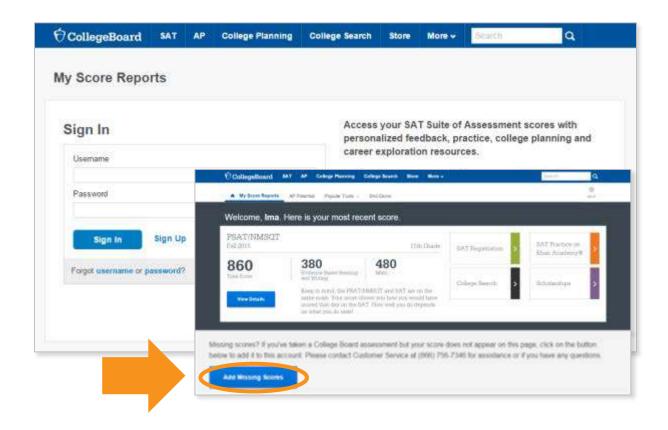
  Ex. If the name on the SAT admission ticket does not match the ID, they may not be allowed to take the test. Or, if a parent creates a student account and the student comes back later, the student would be blocked and told to access the original account.
- Email Address Use a professional email address that you plan on having for a while. Email is used for critical communications such as your SAT admission ticket, score alerts and password reminders.
   TIP - Create an email account to use for college planning purposes and share access with your parents
- Match Other Identifiers Your birthday, security question and answer, as well as other information, will be used to verify that you are you if you forget your password or need to call customer service for help.
- Graduation Date Your high school graduation date will be used to customize services for you.

# How to Access Online PSAT/NMSQT® Scores and Reports (cont.)

Contact College Board Customer Service if you are having difficulty seeing your scores Phone: 866-433-7728 or

# Email: psathelp@info.collegeboard.org

- Log in to your account.
- Select PSAT/NMSQT Scores.\*OR\*
- Use "Missing Scores" to locate scores.



# What Will I Learn About My Scores?



## **Pinpoint**

strengths and weaknesses



## **Review Skills Insight™**

for suggestions on improving performance



## **Identify**

test questions and answer explanations in areas of difficulty

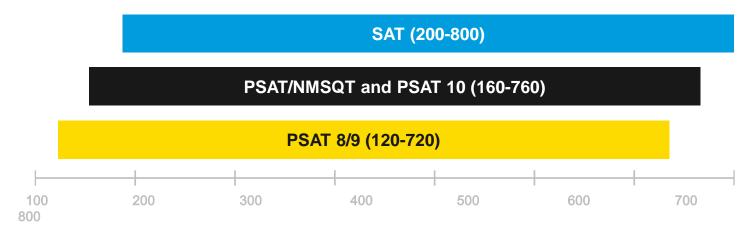


College Board and Khan Academy accounts for individualized practice plans

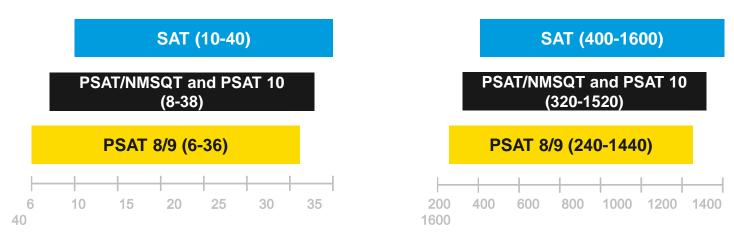


## Scores

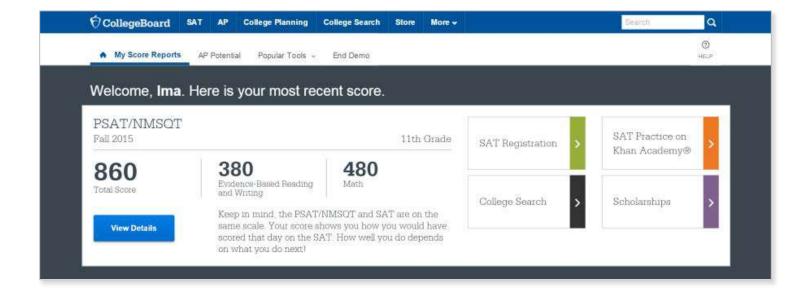
#### **Section Scores**



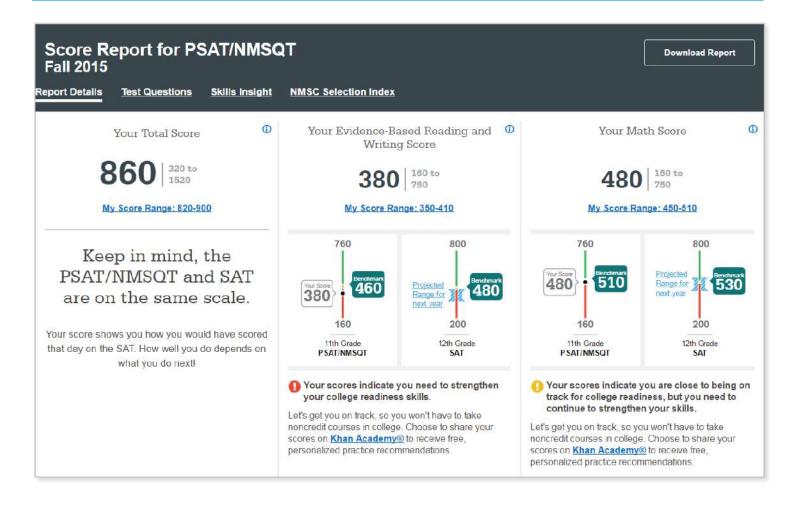
Test, Cross-Test Scores and Total Scores



## What Will I See

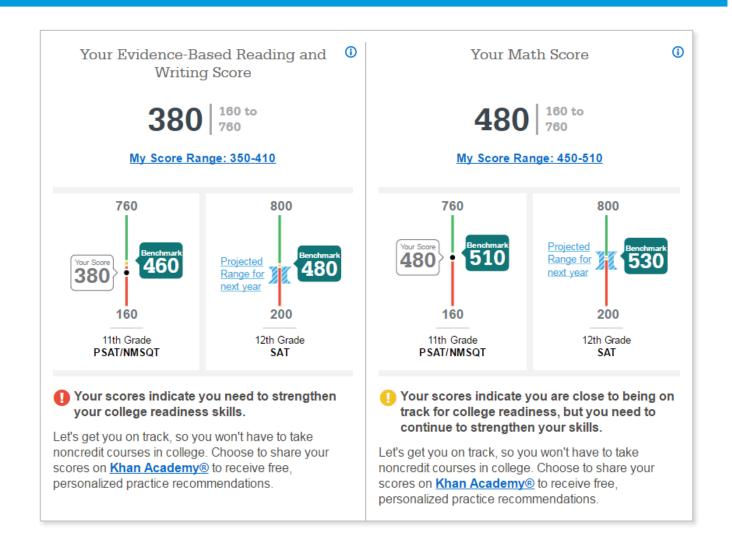


# How Do I See My Detailed Scores?



# How Will I Do on the SAT®?

The predicted SAT score is an initial projection based on current SAT data and concordance.

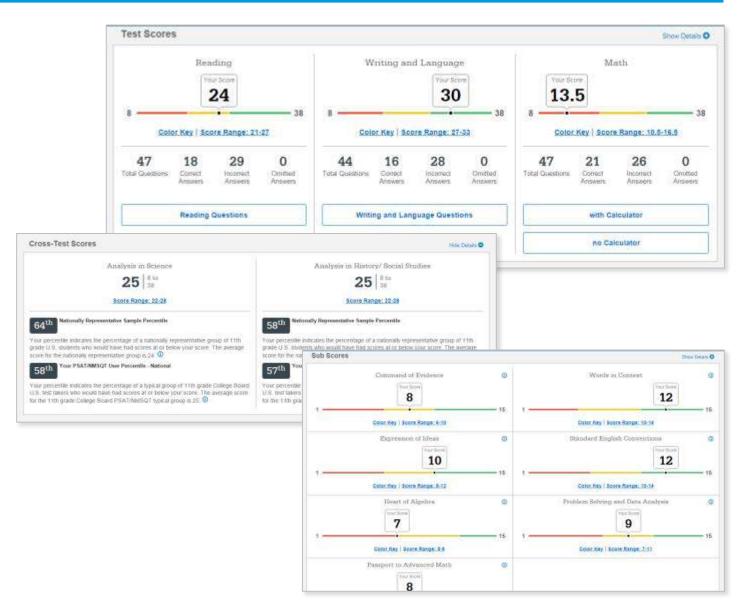


# What Are My Next Steps?

- Analyze your results
- Link scores to the Official SAT Practice on Khan Academy®
- Set up a practice plan and stick to it
- Register for the SAT®
- Utilize other resources to research and prepare for college
- Continue to take challenging courses in high school

# Analyzing your results - What Do Your Scores Tell You?

Test scores, cross-test scores, and subscores give students insightful information about their strengths and areas for improvement.



# Analyzing your results – How Did Your Scores Measure Against the Benchmarks?

Section, test, and subscores all report scores in performance zones that indicate whether you are on track for meeting the college readiness benchmarks on the SAT<sup>®</sup>.

#### **Section scores**

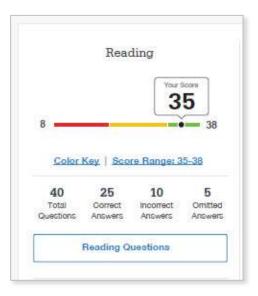
**Need to Strengthen Skills** = below grade-level benchmark by more than one year

Approaching Benchmark = below grade-level benchmark by one year or less

**Meets or Exceeds Benchmark** = at or above grade-level benchmark

#### Test scores and subscores

Red, yellow, and green ranges reflect areas of strengths and weaknesses compared to the typical performance of students

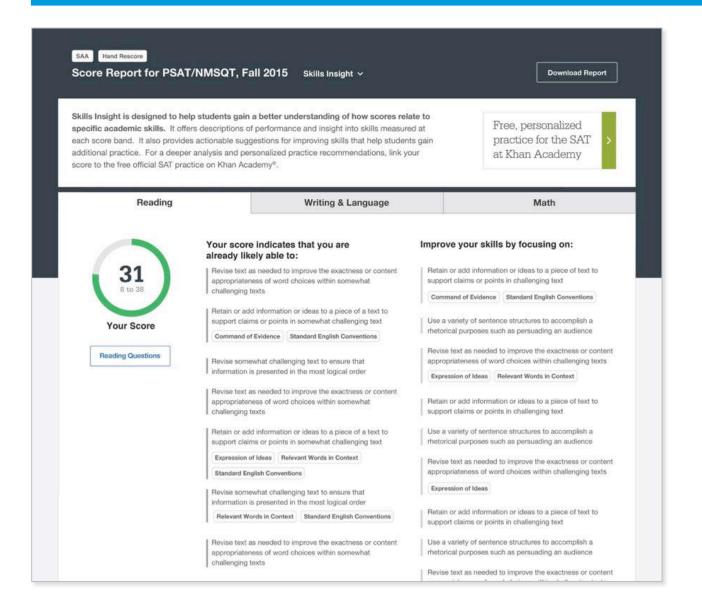


# SAT® Scores and Subscores



# Analyzing your results How Can You Improve Your Academic Skills?

Skills Insight<sup>™</sup> informs you about what you are already likely able to do, and how you can improve your skills.

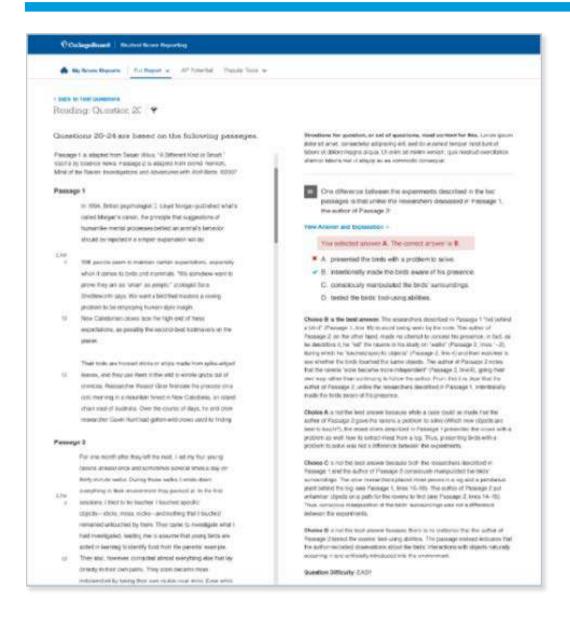


# Analyzing your results - What Can You Learn from Your Answers?

See the actual questions, answer choices, and the answer selected.

Look at the online score report and consider the following:

- Identify the questions answered incorrectly.
- Find the correct answer and read the answer explanation.
- Explain why the error was made.
- Ask questions about answer explanations that are not clear.

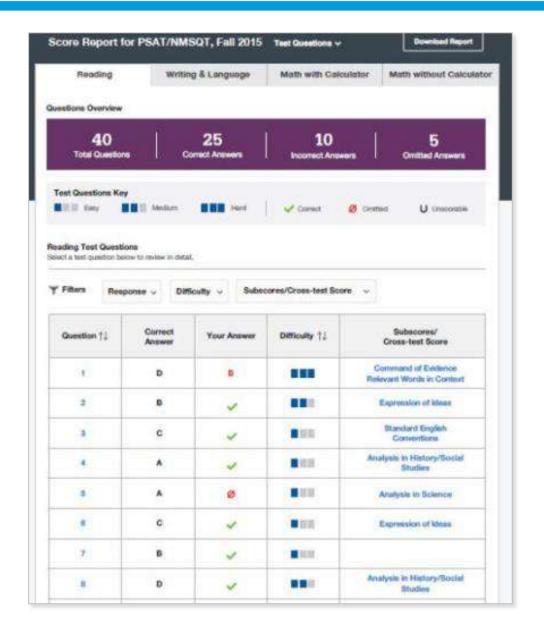


# What Can I Learn from My Answers? (cont.)

Check the level of difficulty of each question and the related subscores and cross-test scores.

Look at the types of questions answered incorrectly and skipped and consider the following:

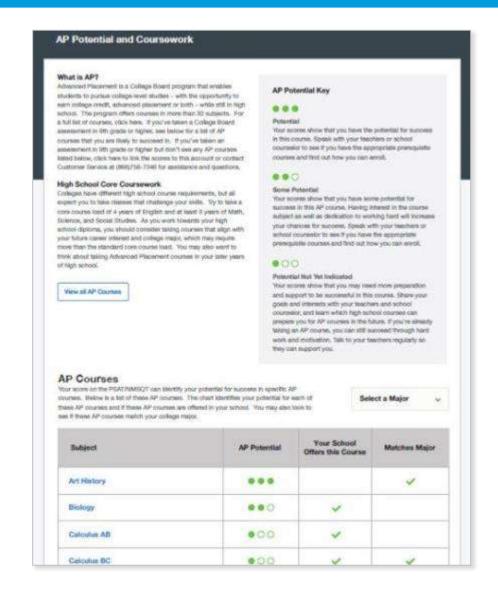
- Identify the level of difficulty. How many questions did I miss at each level?
- Was I more likely to skip questions associated with any subscore or crosstest score?
- What inferences can I make about areas for improvement based on the types of questions I missed and skipped?



## What Is My AP Potential<sup>™</sup>?

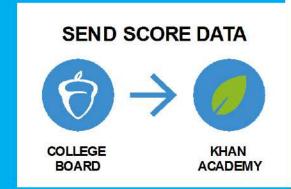
AP Potential uses scores from the PSAT/NMSQT® to provide predictions for 21 AP® Exams.

 College Board research shows that students who score a 3 or higher on an AP Exam typically experience greater academic success in college and are more likely to earn a college degree on time than non-AP students.

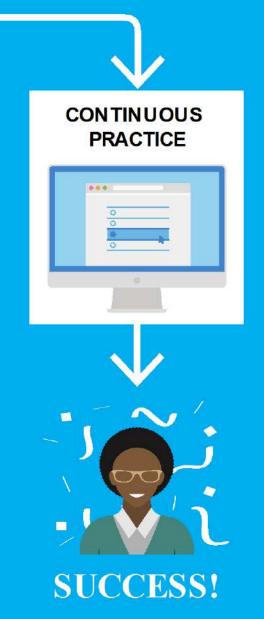


# Official SAT Practice









# Free, Official SAT<sup>®</sup> Practice Through Khan Academy

### satpractice.org

Link your Khan Academy account to your College Board account to import past SAT Suite results, or take diagnostic quizzes to get personalized recommendations.



### **Full Length Practice Tests**

Eight official practice tests, with more to come, plus study and test-taking tips



#### **Video Lessons**

Easy-to-follow videos explain problems step-bystep



#### **Interactive Problems & Instant Feedback**

Thousands of practice questions - Get hints, explanations and constant progress updates to know where you stand

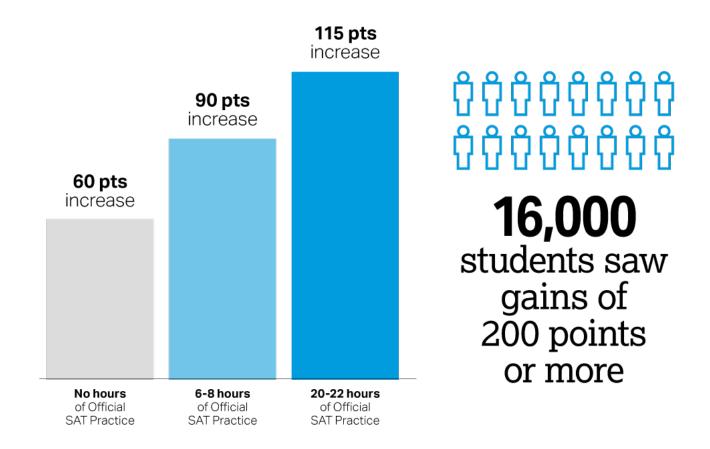


### **Daily Practice App**

More practice available on your phone featuring questions of the day

# SAT Score Improvements and Official SAT® Practice

Number of points gained from PSAT/NMSQT® to SAT correlated to hours spent practicing



Based on 250,000 students from the Class of 2017

Practice advanced students regardless of gender, race, income, and high school GPA

# What Steps Will I Follow to Link My College Board Account to Khan Academy?



### Step 1

Log in or create a Khan Academy account.

### Step 2

When prompted, agree to link your Khan Academy and College Board accounts. You will then be directed to collegeboard.org.

### Step 3

Sign in or create a College Board account.

### Step 4

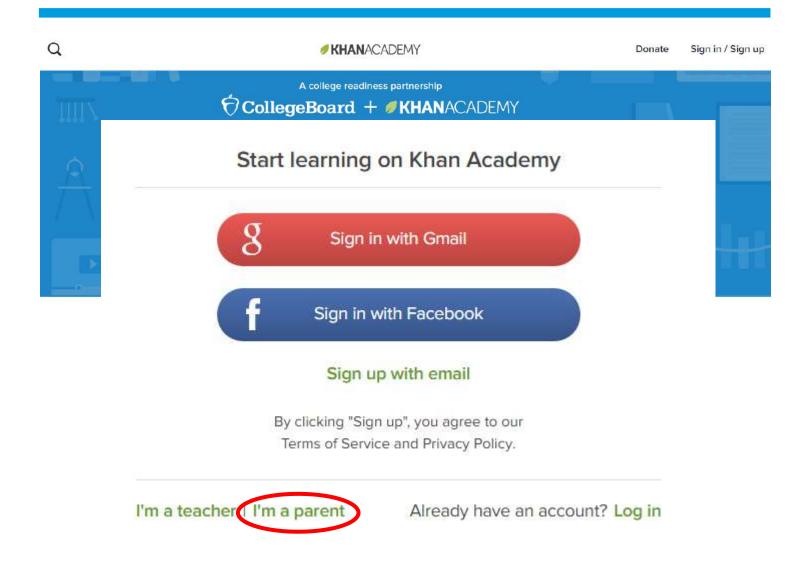
When prompted, hit "Send" to authorize the account linking.

### Step 5

Start practicing on Official SAT® Practice on Khan Academy!

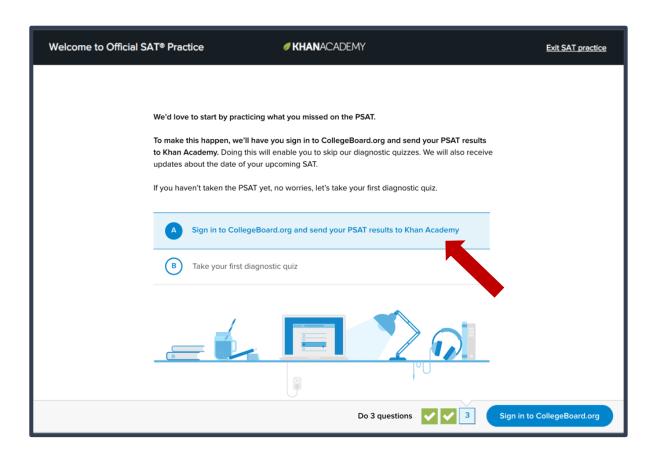
# 1 - Create Khan Academy Account

satpractice.org





## Step 2: Link Khan Academy and College Board Account



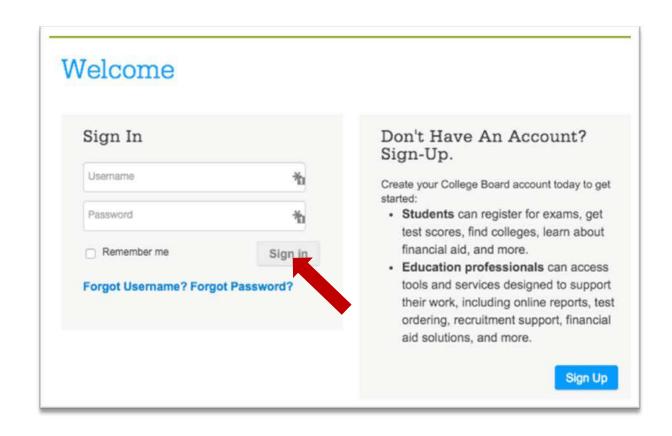
## Step 3: Sign In To College Board Account

When registering there is a place to include parent information

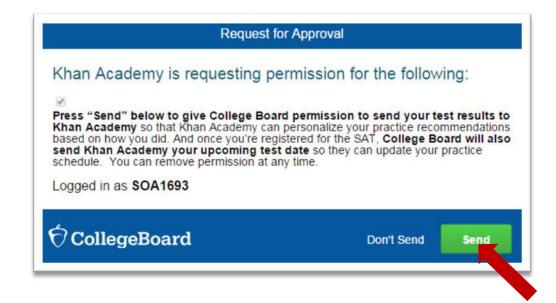
#### Email options include:

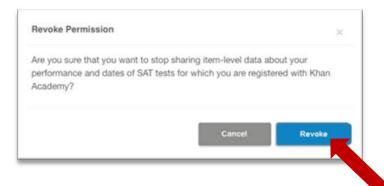
- CC a Parent Email Service parents are copied on important emails from the College Board (registration receipts and test records)
- Monthly Parent Newsletter and Alerts

Help your child navigate the road to college. Sign up for free College Board emails to get reminders and advice tailored to his or her grade level. Just select the emails you want to receive and enter your info.



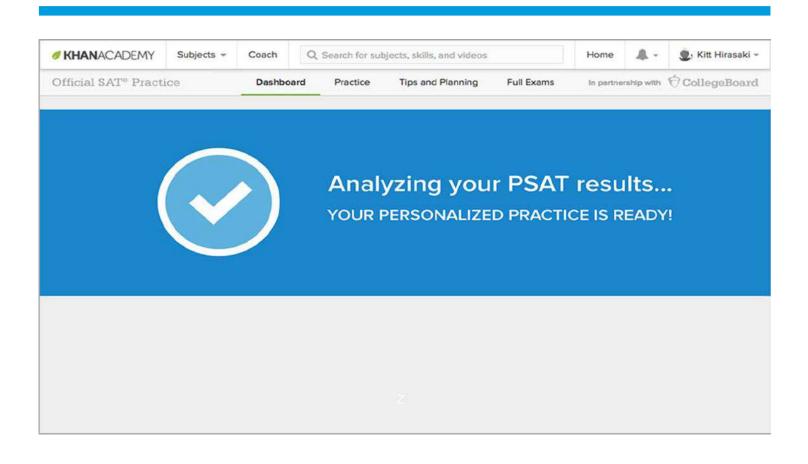
## Step 4: Click "Send" To Authorize





# Analyzing your PSAT results...

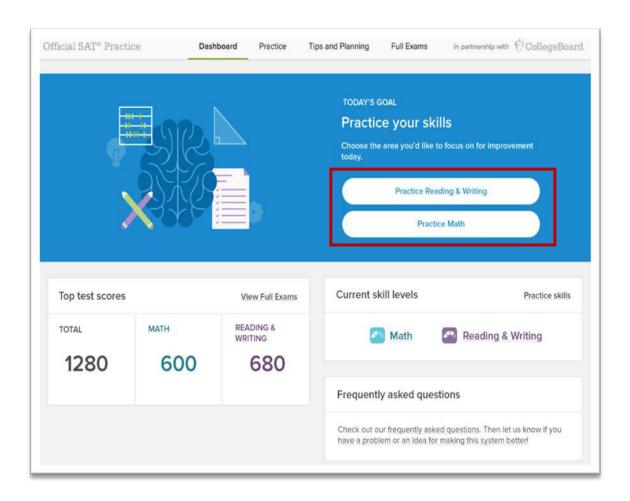
**Creating your personalized practice** 



## **Step 5: Start Practicing**

#### **Dashboard**

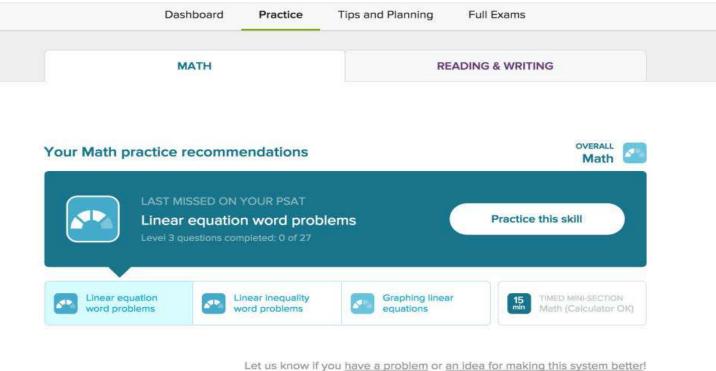
- Top test scores
- Current skill levels
- Goal for the day



## Step 6: Delve Deeper

#### This is only available to students who link their accounts.

- A combination of how likely a topic is to show up on the SAT, and prior student performance, this is the skill that the student has the most potential to improve on.
- There is also a full library of skills available for students who know exactly what they want to work on.







## When to Register?

2 out of 3 students improved their score by taking the SAT® twice

#### When should students take the SAT?

- Spring of junior year
- Again in the fall of senior year

#### Taking the test a second time can:

- Show how much students have practiced and learned since the last test
- Prove an increase in students' academic skills
- Strengthen students' college applications

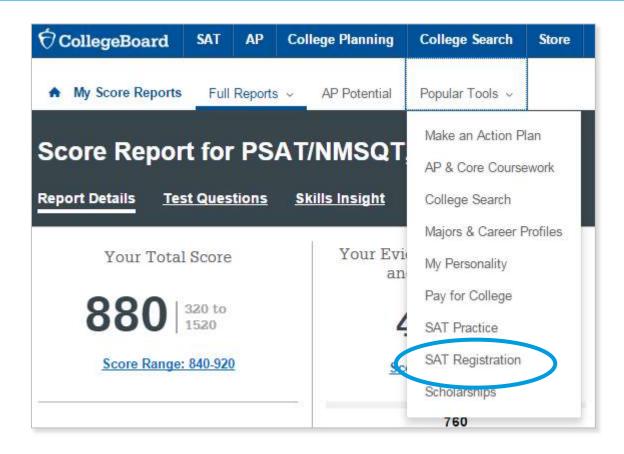
#### Register at sat.org/register





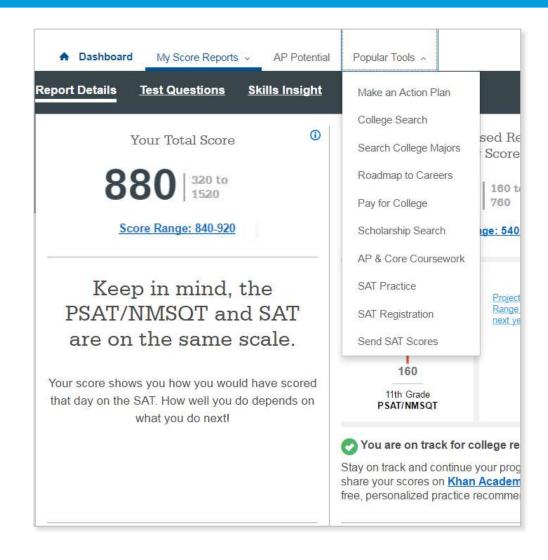
## How to Register for the SAT

- SAT Registration link from Popular Tools menu
- sat.org/register
- Registration Fees: \$46 SAT (no Essay) \$60 with essay



## What Additional Resources Will Help Me Prepare for My Future?

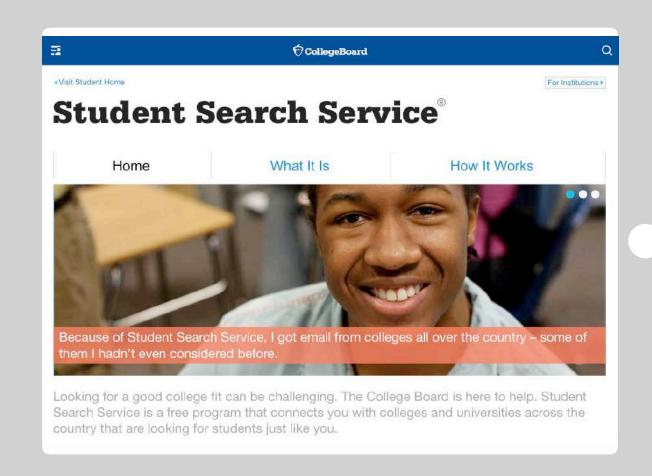
- Student Search Service®
- BigFuture™
  - College Action Plan
  - College Search
  - Scholarships
  - Financial Aid
- Roadmap to Careers



### Student Search Service®

Free program that connects students with opportunities based on academic merit, to students who meet specific financial, racial, ethnic and other eligibility requirements

To learn more, visit: sat.org/studentsearch



















## Student Search Service®

Connects students with information about educational and financial aid opportunities.

- Participate voluntarily.
- Connect with more than 1,200 colleges, universities, scholarship programs, and educational organizations.
- Sign up when you take an assessment in the SAT® Suite:
  - 1. Choose to participate in Student Search Service when registering for a College Board test (fill in the circle on the answer sheet).
  - 2. Provide information about yourself on your answer sheet.
  - 3. Participating organizations can then search for groups of students who may be a good fit.
  - 4. FYI: The College Board never shares information on disabilities, parental education, self-reported parental income, Social Security numbers, phone numbers, or actual test scores through Student Search Service.

## Access Expanded

# **2017**Partnership Results

#### **HSF**

**\$38.6M** awarded in scholarships

13% of scholarship winners identified because they took the PSAT/NMSQT or PSAT 10

#### **APIASF**

**58%** of winners found through PSAT-related assessments

**70%** of applicants through College Board partnership

#### **JKCF**

\$12.8M awarded in scholarships

**30%** of scholarship winners found through PSAT-Related Assessments

186% increase in applicants

#### COBELL

**22%** of scholarship winners identified because they took the PSAT/NMSQT or PSAT 10

#### **UNCF**

\$1M awarded in scholarships

**22%** of scholarship winners identified by taking a PSAT-Related assessment

## Isabelle Riddle

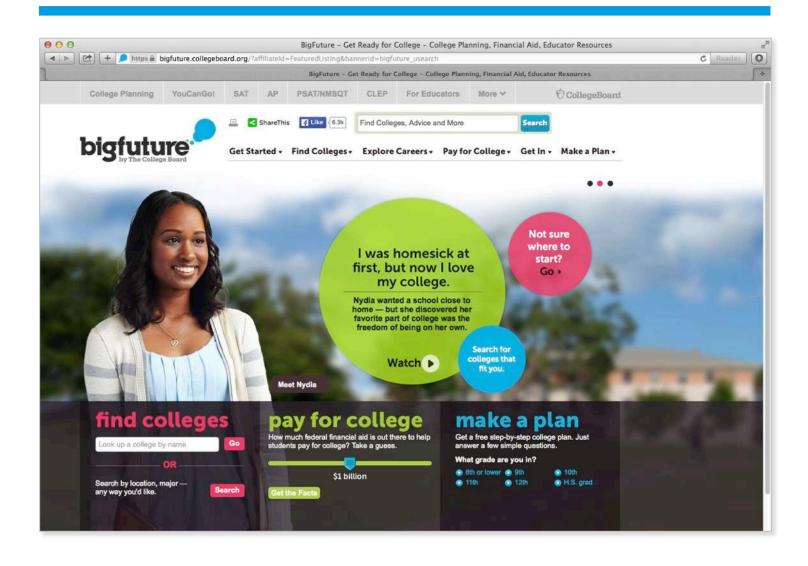
A 2017 graduate from Georgia, opted in to Student Search and won the Jack Kent Cooke Foundation scholarship.

She is also a National Merit semi-finalist, an AP scholar with distinction, and the President of the College Board Youth Advisory Council.



## BigFuture™— Search Colleges, Scholarships, and Careers

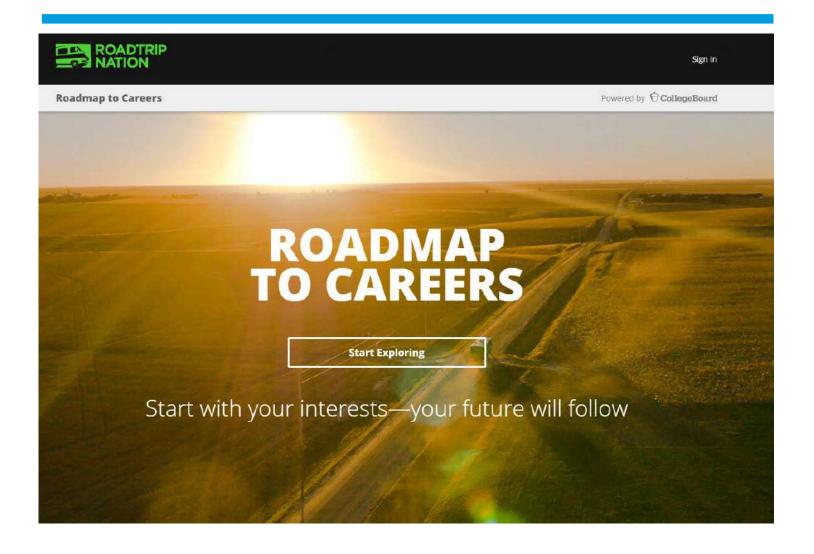
- Search for colleges.
- Watch videos from real students.
- Hear from education professionals.
- Learn about different colleges.
- Get help paying for college.
- Build a personalized plan for getting into college.



## Road Map to Careers

#### Roadtrip Nation and College Board are partnering to help students connect with careers.

- Choose your core interests.
- Watch videos of leaders who share your interests.
- Learn about majors and careers that align to your interests.
- See examples of leaders who followed a similar path.



#### **Events**

**College Fairs** 

## Look for other opportunities in your area



- College Visits
- College Information Sessions
- Open Houses
- College Fairs
- SACAC Mini Camp College March 17th at Drew Charter School



# Thank You.

