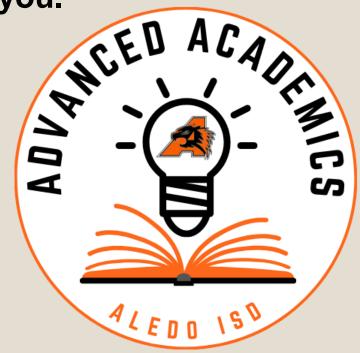
PSAT Score Report Meeting for Parents and Students Welcome!



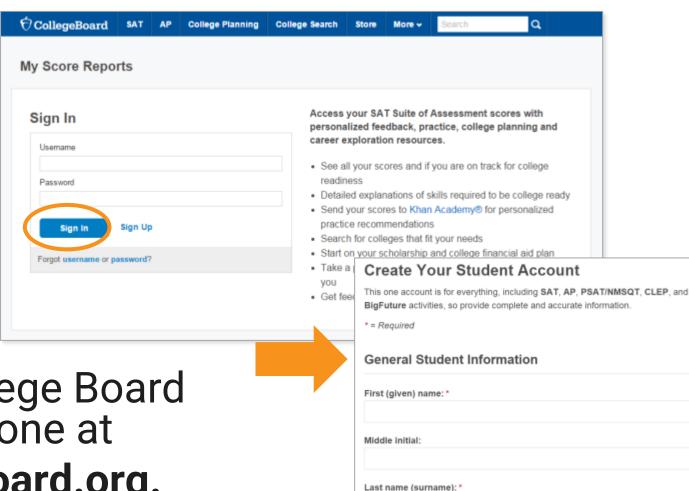
From the PSAT to College Admissions

- 1. How To Access My Scores
- 2. Understanding the PSAT Score Report.
- 3. Determine whether the ACT or SAT is best for you.
- 4. Make a Test Prep Plan.
- 5. Take the official ACT and/or SAT.
- 6. Apply to colleges.



How Do I Access My Online PSAT/NMSQT® Scores and

Reports?



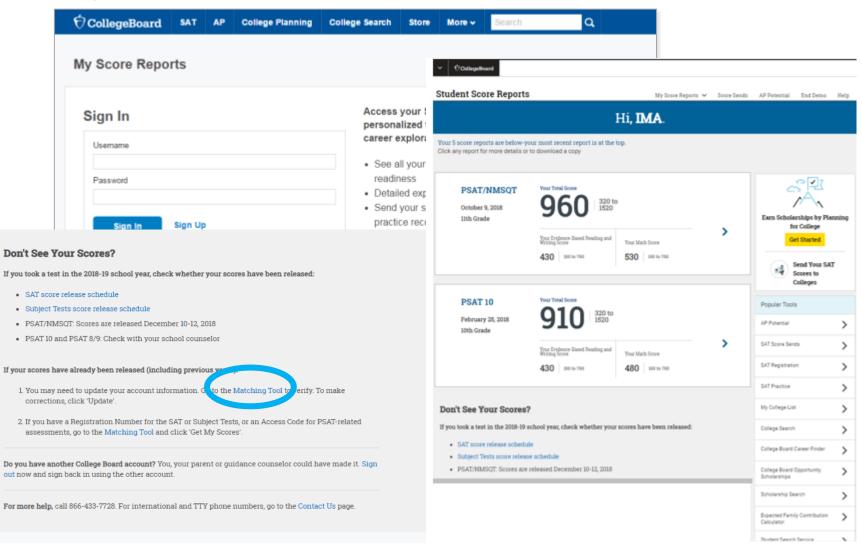
Log in to an existing College Board account or create a new one at studentscores.collegboard.org.



How Do I Access My Online PSAT/NMSQT® Scores and

Reports? (cont.)

- 1. Log in to your account.
- Select PSAT/NMSQT Scores.*OR*
- 3. Use the "Matching Tool" to locate scores





Still Having Issues Accessing Scores?

- 1. E-mail me at awilkinson@aledoisd.org and I can provide you with your students' unique access code
- 2. Issues with your student accessing their College Board account? Call 1-888-225-5427 M-F 8am-5pm

From the PSAT to College Admissions

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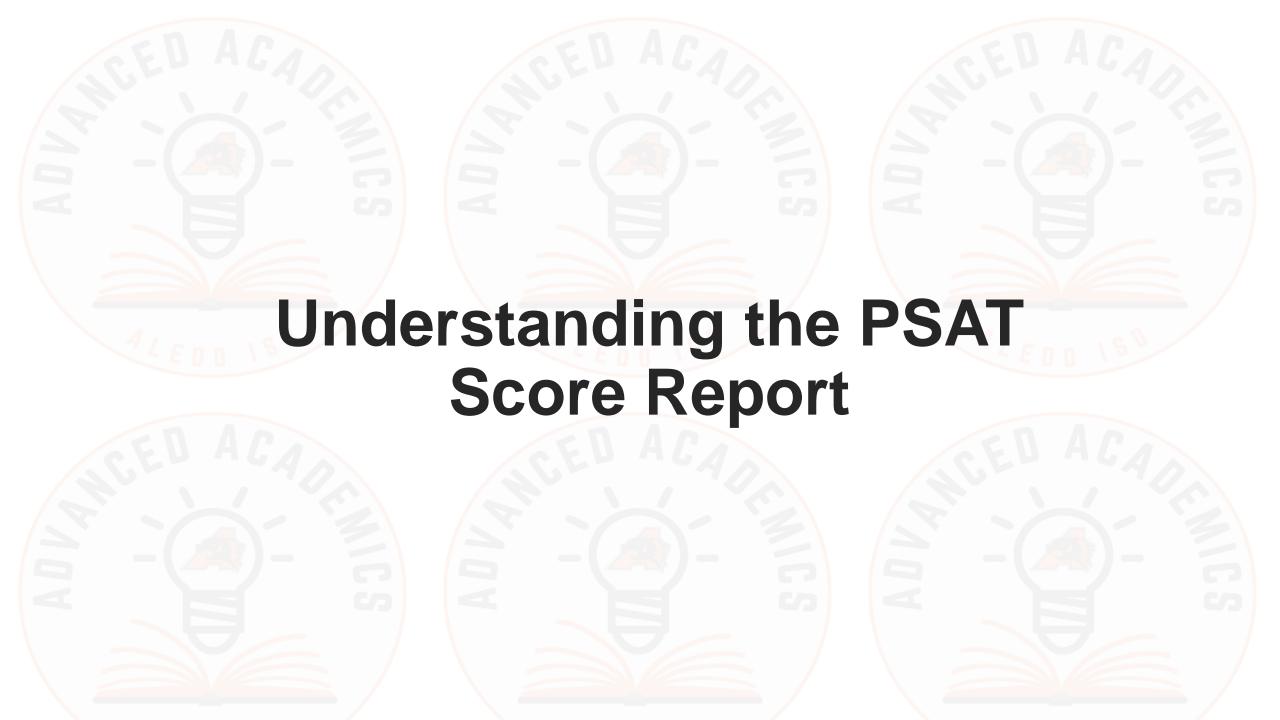
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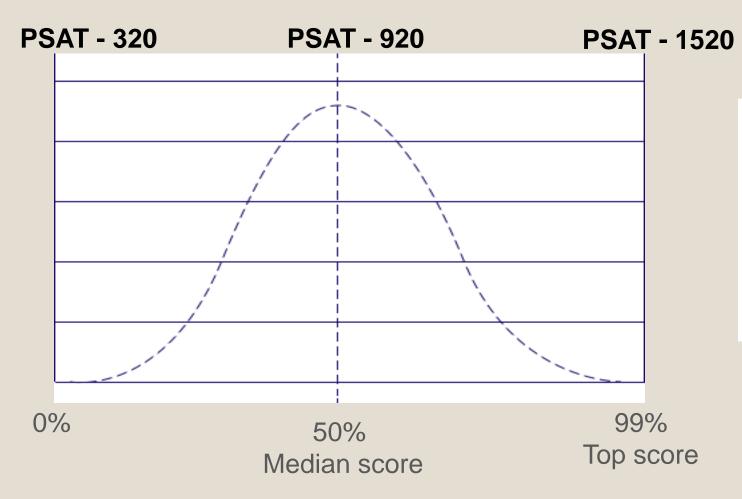
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Get into
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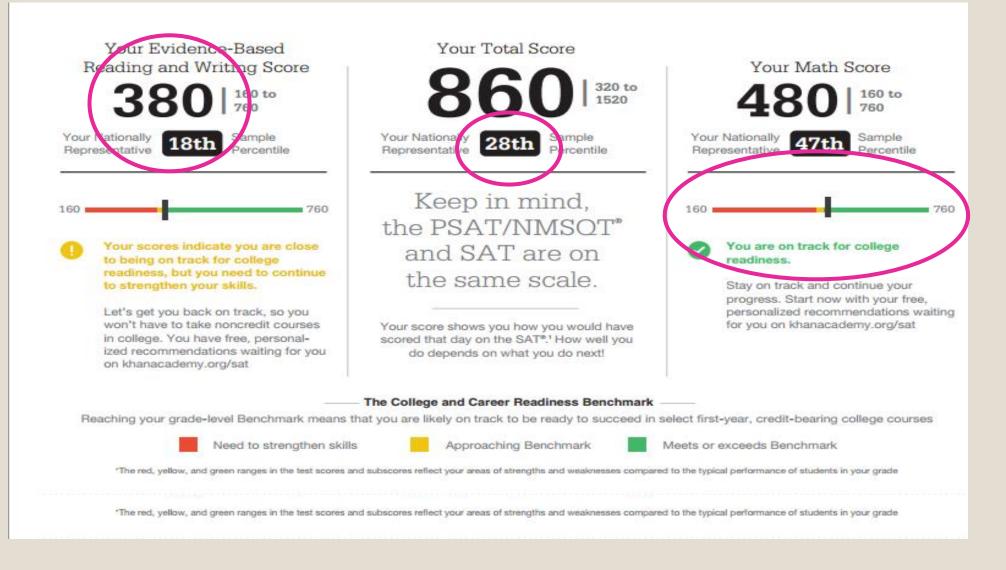


PSAT Score Distribution

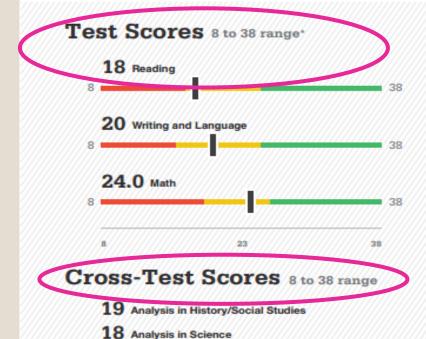


PSAT Sections	Score Range
Evidence-Based Reading & Writing	160-760
Math	160-760

Your Scores



Your Scores (cont.)



When you take tests more than once, your scores may differ slightly upon each testing occasion. This expected variation is considered your score range, and reflects the range your scores will likely fall in upon retesting. For the PSAT/NMSQT®, these ranges are approximately:

Total: Your score ± 40 points. Section: Your score ± 30 points. Test Scores and Cross-Test Scores: Your score ± 3 points. Subscores: Your score ± 2 points.

Remember that you will receive scores in the same areas when you take the SAT.

1. Beginning in March 2016



What's a "Good" PSAT Score?

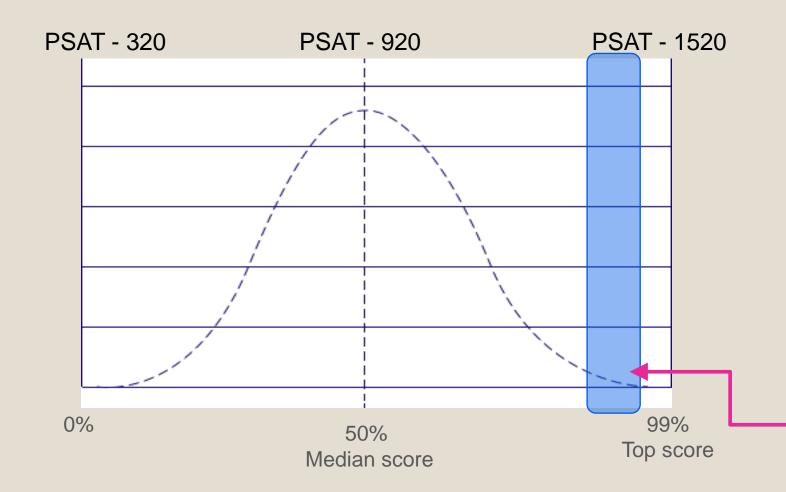
PSAT Sections	College & Career Readiness Benchmark for 10 th Grade	College & Career Readiness Benchmark for 11 th Grade	SAT College Readiness Benchmark
Evidence-Based Reading & Writing	430	460	480
Math	480	510	530

Scoring above the Benchmark gives a 75% likelihood of achieving a C or better in first year college courses.

What's a Good PSAT Score?

Percentile	10 th Grade Score	11 th Grade Score
99th	1360	1450
95th	1250	1350
90th	1180	1280
80th	1090	1180
70th	1030	1120
60th	970	1060
50th	920	1010
40th	870	960

National Merit- (Commended in late April and Semi around Labor Day)



https://www.compassprep.com/national-merit-semifinalist-cutoffs/

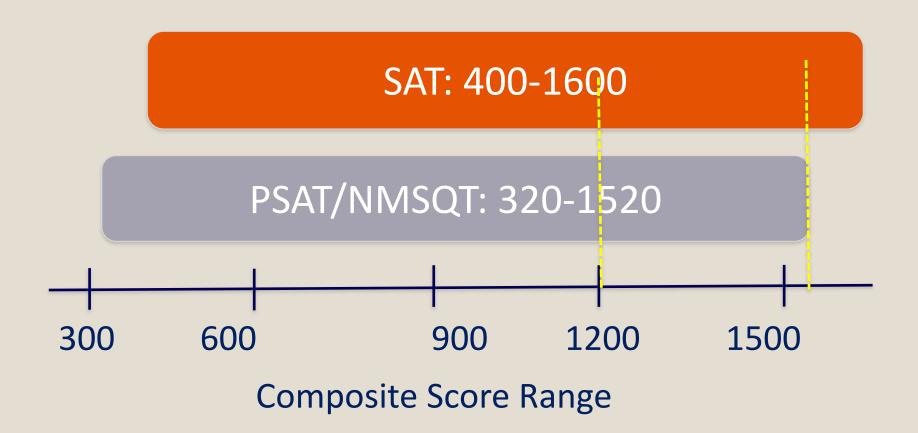
Top 3-4% are named Commended Top 1% are named Semifinalist (16,000)

National Merit Semi Cutoffs last year was roughly a1460.

Selection Index (last year) 220+ = National Merit (saying it may be in the 218-222 range) 208 + = Commended-(saying it may be a 207-209)

ONLY JUNIORS can be considered for National Merit.

PSAT & SAT Scoring



Choosing the SAT or the ACT

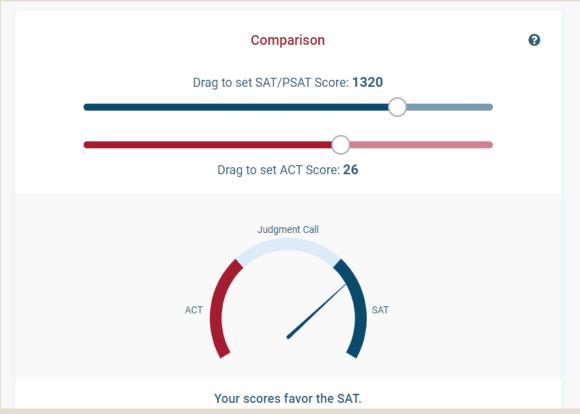
Test Scores in College Admissions

95% of college admissions advisors are **confident that the SAT and ACT are effective tools** in measuring students'
future success at their schools.



Test Scores in College Admissions

Is there any advantage to an applicant submitting both an SAT and ACT score instead of only one score, assuming both scores are strong?



Approximately 80% of college admissions advisors state that there is no advantage to submitting both an ACT and an SAT score.

Source: Kaplan Test Prep College Admissions Officers Survey, 2012

Structure & Timing

SAT

3 hours

3 hours

4 sections:

Evidence-Based Reading (65 min)

Evidence-Based Writing & Language (35 min)

Math No Calculator (25 min)

Math Calculator (55 min)

ACT

2 hours 55 minutes

3 hours & 35 min. with essay

4 sections:

English (45 min)

Math (60 min)

Reading (35 min)

Science (35 min)

Optional Essay (40 minutes)

SAT Scoring

Composite Score

- Out of 1600 Points
- Sum of the two Area Scores

Area Score: Math

Out of 800 Points



Area Score: Evidenced-Based Reading & Writing

Out of 800 Points

Test & Cross-Test Scores

- 3 Test scores: Math, Reading, Writing & Language
- 2 Cross-test scores: Science, Social Studies/History
- Scored out of a range of 10-40

English

ACT Scoring

Out of 36 Points



Math

Out of 36 Points



Reading

Out of 36 Points



Science

Out of 36 Points



Composite Score

Out of 36 points

Average of the four sections

(Optional) Essay Score-Score between 2-12

SAT and ACT: Top Differences

- 1. The SAT has a greater focus on History & Social Studies passages, while the ACT requires more Science reading.
- 2. Both focus on Algebra, but the SAT has a greater emphasis on Data Analysis & Problem Solving.
- 3. The SAT has a No Calculator Math section.
- 4. The SAT Math section has grid-in questions and Item Sets a few questions require you to work with the same data for two questions.
- 5. Scoring Breakdown: SAT: 50% Verbal 50% Math

ACT: 50% Verbal – 25% Math - 25% Science

SAT and ACT: Top Similarities

- 1. Both have 4 sections
- 2. No penalty for incorrect answers!
- 3. Multiple choice questions give four options.
- 4. Both are equally accepted as college admissions tests.

Make a Test Prep Plan To Get a Higher Score

Setting yourself up for success: SAT & ACT

DO	Why
Read, read!	Reading comprehension is heavily tested – reading for fun will help
Pay attention in class/choose rigorous courses	The SAT and ACT reflect skills learned in the classroom
Get an SAT or ACT book and do practice problems or use khanacademy.org	The types of questions frequently repeat
Get to know the format	The instructions are always the same
Take practice tests	You'll know what to expect on test day

Take the Official ACT or SAT

ACT & SAT Test Dates (2021- 2022)

ACT Test Date	Registration Deadline	SAT Test Date Regi	stration Deadline
September 11, 2021	August 6, 2021	October 2, 2021	September 3, 2021
October 23, 2021	September 17, 2022	November 6, 2021	October 8, 2021
December 11, 2021	November 5, 2021	December 4, 2021	November 4, 2021
February 12, 2022	January 7, 2022	March 12, 2022	February 11, 2022
April 2, 2022	February 25, 2022	May 7, 2022	April 8, 2022
June 11, 2022	May 6, 2022	June 4, 2022	May 5, 2022

Register for the SAT at collegeboard.org

Register for the ACT at act.org

ALL Aledo ISD Juniors will take an SAT on Wednesday, March 2 FREE!!!

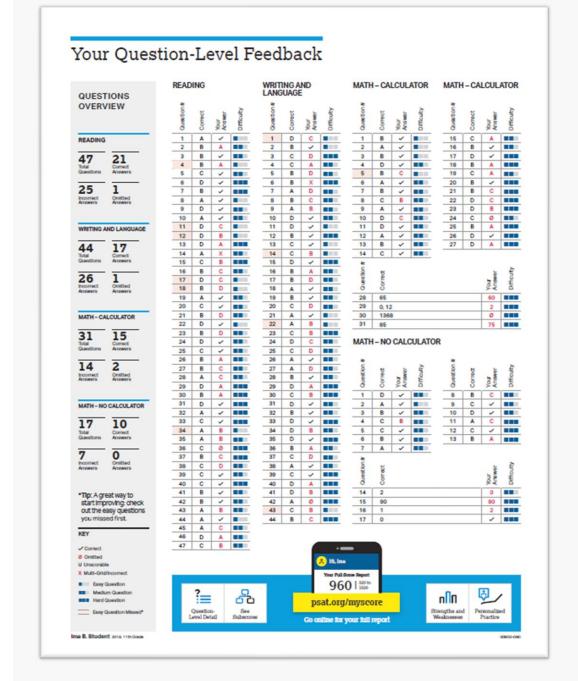
Apply to Colleges

- 1. Make a list- Use Big Future www.bigfuture.org
- 2. Visit schools over breaks or at college fairs- there are virtual college visits!
- 3. Check out financial aid/scholarship options-check out institutional scholarships,

www.scholarships.com, www.fastweb.com, www.niche.com

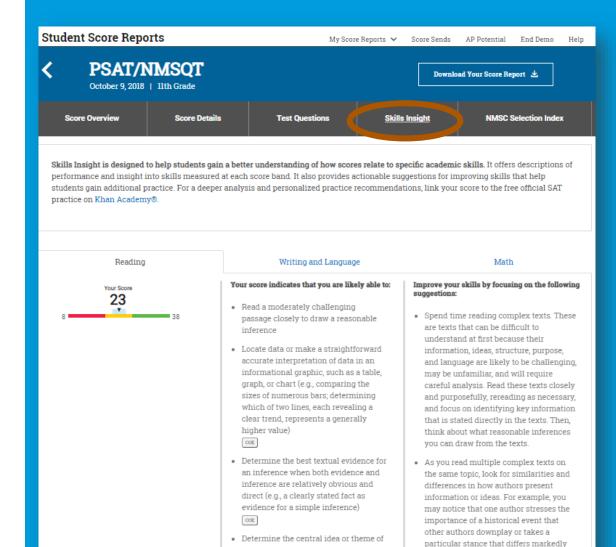
4. Find the best fit for you!

What Is My Question-Level Feedback?



How Can I Improve My Academic Skills?

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



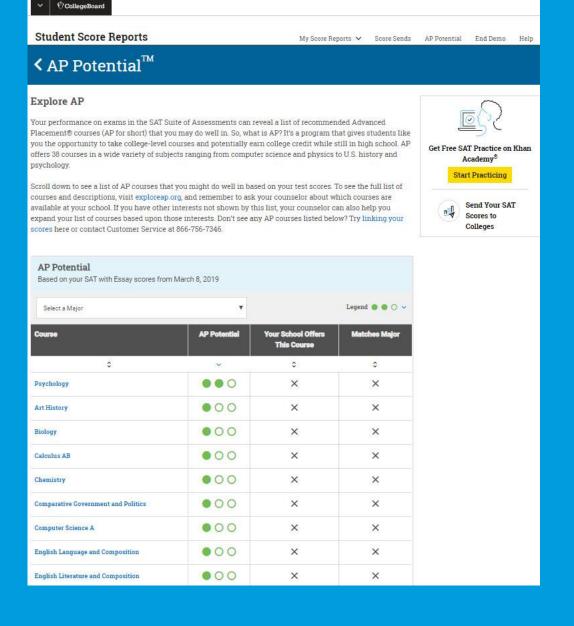
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What Is AP Potential[™]?

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 with Khan Academy®— It's FREE!

- Go to <u>satpractice.org</u> and create a free account.
- Get personalized recommendations. Link your Khan Academy account to your College Board account to import past SAT Suite results or take diagnostic quizzes to get personalized recommendations.
- Create a study plan. Select a test date and set up a practice schedule.



Watch a video introducing Official SAT Practice on Khan Academy



How Can I Practice with Khan Academy®?

- Thousands of practice questions and videos covering every SAT® concept
- Eight official, full-length SAT practice tests with more to come
- Personalized recommendations based on each student's strengths and weaknesses
- Tailored practice schedule mapping out each students' path to test day
- SAT tips and strategies, sharing information about each part of the test

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

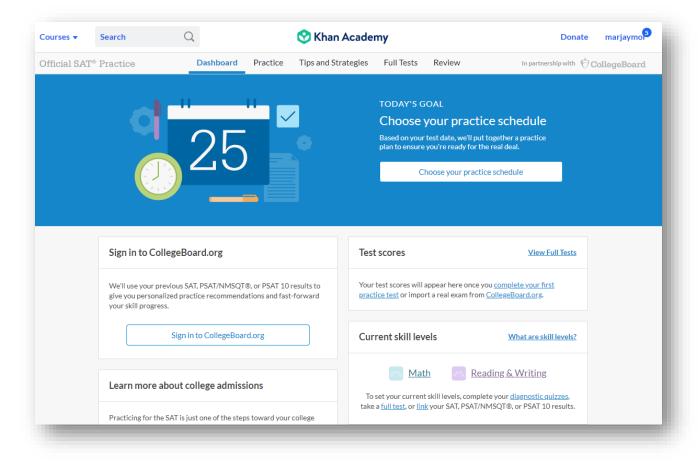
When prompted, hit "Send" to authorize the account linking.

Step 5

Start practicing on Official SAT® Practice on Khan Academy!

- After successfully logging in to your College Board account, you will be asked to authorize the account linking.
- After clicking "Send," you will be redirected to SAT® Practice on the Khan Academy site.
- You can remove the link at any time by clicking on "Revoke," which is found in your College Board account settings.

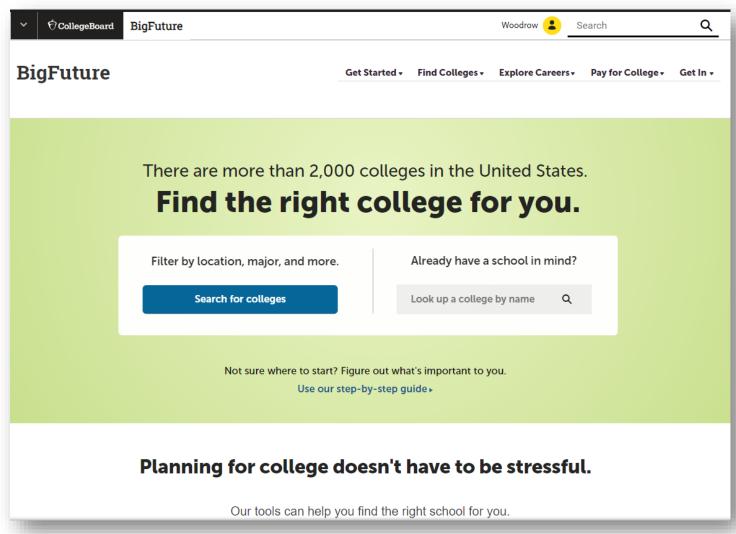
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- Watch videos from real students.
- Hear from education professionals.
- Learn about different colleges.
- Get help paying for college.
- Build a personalized plan for getting into college.





Thank you!

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