

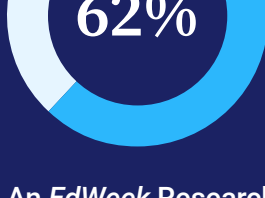
Connecting Skills to Careers: What School and District Leaders Should Know

Every student deserves to see where their skills could take them. Explore how new SAT Suite of Assessments enhancements make that connection clearer.



Most students who take the SAT® think about one thing: whether their score is good enough for college. But a score can do more than that. It can show students what they're capable of and where their strengths could take them. Every student, regardless of their path after high school, benefits from the chance to explore what's next. And every career, regardless of the path that leads there, draws on the same foundational skills that the **SAT Suite of Assessments—PSAT™ 8/9, PSAT™ 10, PSAT/NMSQT®, and SAT—**measures. Starting in spring 2027, new enhancements will give every student actionable, skills-based insight into what their SAT Suite score means for their future, regardless of their postsecondary path. Here's why the timing matters.

What the Research Shows



An *EdWeek Research Center* survey found a majority of district leaders (62%) report offering more career and technical education courses now than a decade ago.



According to a 2025 study published in *Nature Human Behaviour*, nearly 80% of the wage premium from advanced skills depends on underlying foundational competencies, including reading, verbal skills, and math.

4 in 5



Over 4 in 5 college-bound students (89%) and non-college-bound students (84%) agree they would like more career exploration opportunities in high school.

Together, these numbers point to the same conclusion: Students want more exposure to career paths, districts are expanding how they deliver it, and the foundational skills behind these paths are the same ones the SAT Suite measures. The new career relevance enhancements will sharpen the connection between these skills and career exploration.

Sources: EdWeek Research Center, 2024; College Board/Morning Consult, Student Attitudes Towards Postsecondary Pathways, 2022; Hosseinioun et al., *Nature Human Behaviour*, 2025.

Students Have Always Had a Score. Now They Have a Map.



Every student's SAT Suite score report already includes a list of growing career options in their state, drawn from a database of 1,800+ careers mapped to their results. When College Board surveyed students after scores were released in fall 2025, the responses were consistent. Students pay attention when career information is accompanied by evidence of what they can already do.

College Board is building on this strong foundation with **more personalized, skills-based guidance** that grows with each student, and a way for districts to deliver it at scale.

78%

of fall '25 students surveyed appreciated getting a list of potential careers alongside their scores.

2 in 3

students surveyed found the career examples on their score report valuable.

75%+

of students surveyed were committed to learning more about their abilities and interests after viewing Career Insights.

Source: College Board post-score release student survey, fall 2025.



What This Means for Districts

Districts administer the SAT Suite to reach students across every postsecondary path. But for students who aren't sure what comes next, a college readiness score alone can feel like only part of the story. The new career relevance enhancements coming in spring 2027 give districts something to offer every student who tests: a skills-based picture of what their performance means for their future and a personalized starting point for what to explore next. And because it's built into an assessment districts may already administer, this career exploration infrastructure comes at no additional cost.

Counselors

The enhancements provide a richer tool for advising conversations, one that's relevant for all students, not just those with a clear college destination.

States and Districts

For those investing in career exploration and postsecondary planning, the SAT Suite becomes a tool that supports those goals.

Same Assessment, Expanded Value

Nothing changes about how districts administer the SAT Suite. What changes is what students walk away with.

What every student gets today

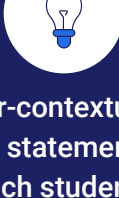


A college reportable score

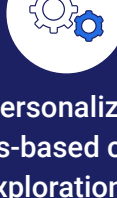


Snapshot of six careers that might be a good fit

What's coming in spring 2027



Career-contextualized skills statements on each student's score report



Personalized skills-based career exploration in BigFuture® School



A separately reported science score, on the SAT, drawn from questions already on the test

Today, every career shown in each student's score report is one that's growing in their state, pays a living wage, and requires education after high school. Starting in spring 2027, that connection goes further, turning a single score into a connected story from performance to possibility, grounded in the skills students have demonstrated and the real labor market in their state.



Career Context, Right on the Score Report



Starting in spring 2027, students will see clear statements about what they can do in real-world career contexts, paired with the top career clusters in their state where those skills are most in demand. Every student, regardless of their postsecondary plans, receives a score report that feels relevant to their future.

From Academic Skills to Career Path

From the score report, students move into a personalized exploration experience in **BigFuture School**, where the academic skills they're demonstrating through the SAT connect to specific career pathways. Students can round out this picture with their **AP®** courses and extracurriculars, then explore real-time wages and demand data for careers in their state and save the ones they want to revisit. Rather than browsing generic lists, students explore possibilities grounded in the skills they're actively developing—and see a clear next step for where to grow.

Together, these enhancements make the SAT Suite more meaningful for every student who takes them, turning a score into a starting point for career exploration, grounded in real skills and real labor market data.

A New Signal: The Science Score



Scientific reasoning and analytical skills are essential for college and career readiness today. To provide students a meaningful signal of their readiness for further learning and work in science, starting in spring 2027, the SAT will report a science cross-testing score drawn from reading, writing, and math questions already on the test. This score measures students' demonstrated achievement of key science practices and the mathematical skills that science demands. No additional testing time or optional sections required.

Expand or bring the SAT Suite to your students.

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