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- BigFuture®
- SAT Suite of Assessments
- Resources



Advanced Placement

More Students, Same High Bar

A growing and more representative group of students is meeting AP's standards

AP is expanding access and raising rigor at the same time, and students are rising to meet it.

1.3M

students in the Class of 2025 took at least one AP Exam, 37% of U.S. public high school graduates.

876K

graduates scored a 3 or higher (24.8%), up 4.1 percentage points over the past decade.

+167K

more students from traditionally underrepresented groups taking AP since 2015.

Broadening access and upholding high standards are not mutually exclusive.



AP Pays Off in College

Every AP experience counts, but it's the first one that makes the biggest difference

AP students consistently outperform comparable peers in college.

Students who take even one AP Exam, regardless of the score earned, are more likely to enroll in a four-year college.

+3 pts

more likely to graduate college in four years after one AP Exam

+6 pts

more likely to graduate college in four years with a score of 3 or higher on one AP Exam

+16 pts increase in 4-year college degree attainment for students earning a 3+ on their first AP Exam

Colleges keep accepting AP credit because AP performance keeps predicting college success.



AP Credit Gets Students Ahead

Credit, credentials, and pathways for whatever comes after high school

Nearly all colleges nationwide award credit, advanced placement, or both for qualifying AP Exam scores.



Skip ahead

Qualifying scores can waive introductory and general education requirements



Finish on time

A greater likelihood of graduating in four years

Any path: professional skills for 2- and 4-year colleges, trade and technical schools, apprenticeships, military, or direct-to-workforce.



Meet the New Group of AP Courses

AP Career Kickstart™: Courses that lead to college credit and an employer-endorsed credential



AP Business with Personal Finance

Business fundamentals paired with personal finance, taught through 20+ case studies and hands-on projects.



AP Cybersecurity

Foundational cybersecurity knowledge and skills, built through authentic work-based scenarios.



AP Networking

Core networking knowledge and skills that complete the information technology pathway.

Available in 2027-28

Every AP Career Kickstart course is designed to:

- Focus on students' college and career interests.
- Teach career-relevant skills through project based learning.
- Involve employers alongside college faculty in course development.



AP Business with Personal Finance

Sets up students for entrepreneurial success and ensures they can manage money well.



No Prerequisites

No prerequisite courses are required.



Projects

Projects allow all students to apply college-level content and skills in an experiential and relevant manner.



Case Studies

Case studies allow students to see themselves in the business leaders of today.



Any Pathway

Depth of content prepares students for success no matter which business pathway or career they choose.

Two signature projects put learning into practice:

Business Project

Students build a business with the Business Canvas Project: They define a product and customer, market and sell it, plan funding, test the idea, and make their pitch.

Financial Advisor Project

Acting as advisors, students identify a family's goals, evaluate the budget, incorporate taxes and insurance, and build a plan matched to the family's risk tolerance.



AP Cybersecurity

Arms students with the tools they need to fortify digital defenses



No Prior Experience

No prior experience in coding or cybersecurity is required.



Relatable Scenarios

Scenarios make content accessible and relatable to students with varied interests.



Every IT Pathway

Knowledge and skills can be used globally across all information technology pathways and careers.

Every unit includes work-based scenarios, such as:

- Conduct a physical vulnerability assessment of a new lab.
- Assess risk from vulnerabilities of internet-connected farm equipment.
- Diagram security features for 3 LANs on a naval submarine.
- Set access to proprietary research and development on an air-gapped computer.



Updates for the 2026-27 School Year

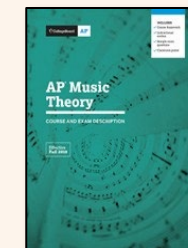
For May 2027: 38 digital AP Exam subjects (26 fully digital, 12 hybrid digital) + AP Networking (fully digital pilot)

- **6 AP world language and culture courses** have undergone course and exam revisions and shift to a fully digital format
- **AP Spanish Literature and Culture Exam** will shift to a fully digital format
- **AP Statistics** has undergone a course and exam revision and shifts from hybrid digital to fully digital
- 2 new fully digital AP Exams launch this school year: **AP Cybersecurity** and **AP Business with Personal Finance** (1 pilot AP Exam: AP Networking).
- **AP Music Theory Exam** will shift to a hybrid digital format
- Plan for use of **wired headsets with microphones** for all AP world language and culture exams, AP Spanish Literature, and AP Music Theory.

New Fully Digital AP Exams

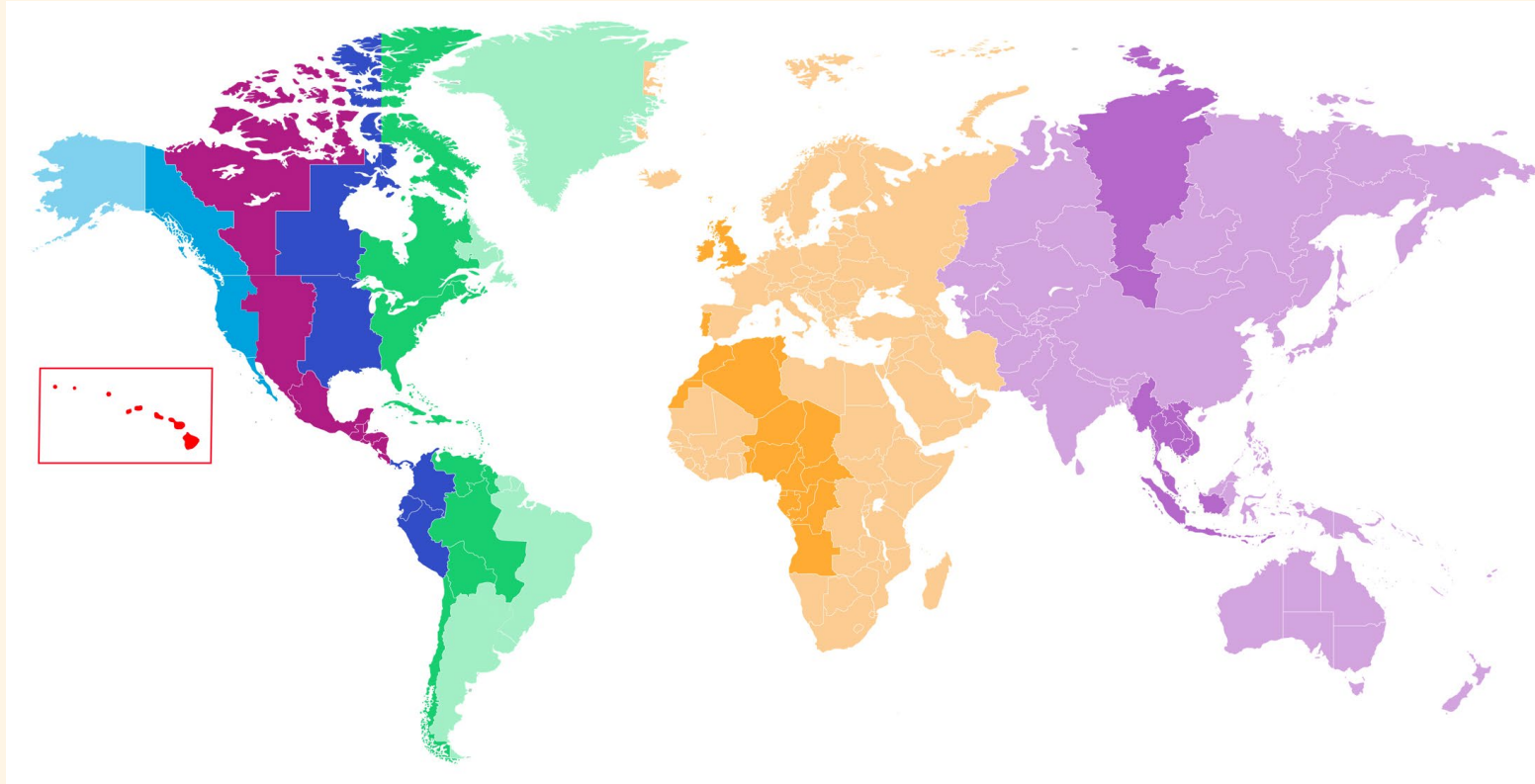


New Hybrid Digital AP Exam



AP Exam Administration: Start Times

Beginning in May 2027, some schools will follow updated AP Exam start times.



Bookmark and Review:

[2027 AP Exam Start Times](#)

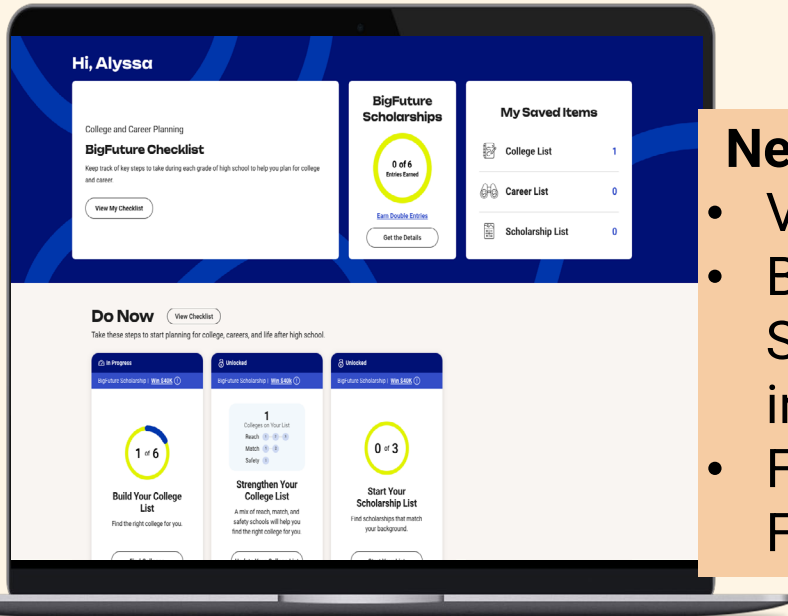
- **Goal:** To prevent the disclosure of secure exam content across time zones.
- For most schools, including the contiguous United States and Hawaii, exams still begin at 8 a.m. and 12 p.m. local time.
- For international and Alaskan schools, AP Exams are offered as Session 1 and Session 2, replacing the former morning and afternoon designations.



BigFuture

BigFuture personalizes career and college exploration.

Supporting students' journeys and connecting their learning to opportunities.

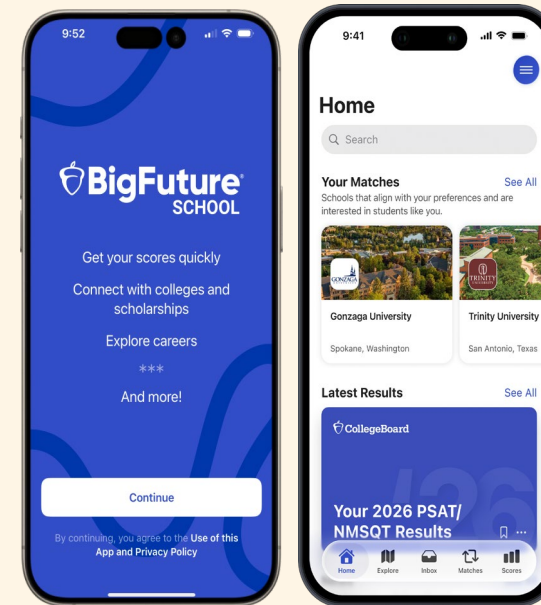


New for 2026 – 2027:

- Vision Builder
- BigFuture Scholarships Earlier in 10th Grade
- Free Parent and Family Resources

bigfuture.org

Free for all students (Must be 13+)



New for 2026 - 2027

- Expansion to AP Students
- Skills-Based Exploration
- Connections for 9th grade

BigFuture School Mobile App

Available for teens (must be 13+) who take the SAT, PSAT/NMSQT®, PSAT™ 10, and PSAT™ 8/9 at schools or who are enrolled in AP courses (where available)



FALL COUNSELOR WORKSHOPS

Vision Builder offers space to dream and reflect on values, interests, and aspirations first.

- Download and share it
- Use it to check your decisions
- Use your statements to guide exploration
- Use as a starting point in conversations

Coming this fall on bigfuture.org

Your Big Picture

You may already know more about your future than you think! Use this summary as you explore what's next so your choices reflect who you are and what matters most to you.

[Download](#)

Your vision board



Your Vision Statements

1. **Balance is your north star.** You don't chase one thing at the expense of everything else — family, curiosity, creativity, and work all have a place in the life you're building.
2. **You find meaning in the world beyond your own backyard.** Travel isn't just a hobby for you; it's how you learn, connect, and feel most alive — especially when the people you love are with you.
3. **Stories from the past shape how you see the future.** You're drawn to literature, history, and ideas that have stood the test of time. You trust depth over novelty.
4. **You thrive where energy is high, but you need places to breathe.** Cities energize you — the pace, the possibility, the skyline. But nature restores you. You need both.
5. **Your accomplishments are something to be proud of, not taken for granted.** Putting yourself through school at BU wasn't just an achievement — it's part of your identity and a reminder of what you're capable of.
6. **Creativity isn't a career path for you — it's a life requirement.** Whether it's music, books, or the texture of a cobblestone street in Europe, beauty and art are woven into how you experience the world.



In three steps, students can go from images to insights.

Vision Builder is exploratory, personalized, and only takes about 5-10 minutes to create on bigfuture.org.

Show Their Vision

Students add images to a digital canvas. They can revisit and evolve it over time.

1

Receive and Share Summary

Review, revise, and share synthesized descriptive statements for accuracy.

3

Articulate Their Vision

Walk through their board.
What's on it and why?

2



BigFuture Scholarships Launching Earlier for 10th Graders

Scholarships open in October for 10th graders on bigfuture.org

- 6 steps to qualify for monthly \$500 and \$40,000 scholarships, beginning for class of 2029:
 - Build Your Vision (Any time)
 - Start Your Career List (Any time)
 - Take the College Quiz (Before start of 12th grade)
 - Start Your College List (Before start of 12th grade)
 - Find Your Personal College Fit (12th grade only)
 - Start Your Scholarship List (12th grade only)



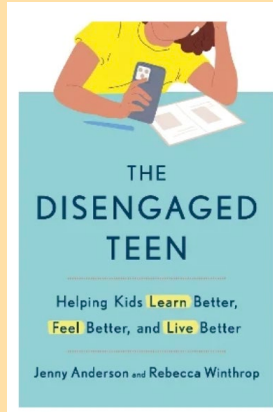
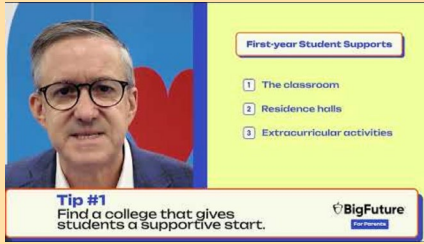
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**\$26M+ awarded to more than
31,000 students nationwide
since 2019.**

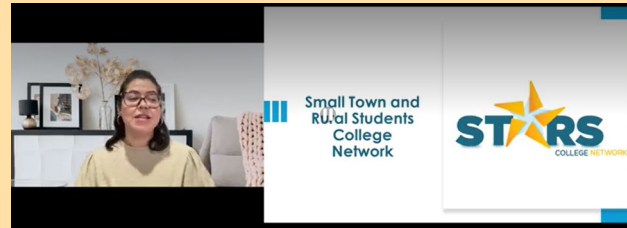
BigFuture.org helps families support teens on their journeys.

New, free resources to help parents understand the process and talk to teens with the right amount of support.



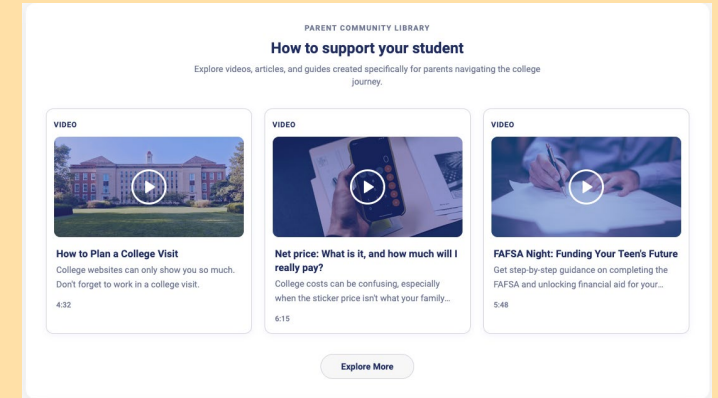
Parent-First Content

- Monthly newsletter with timely resources by grade level
- New videos with college and career experts all fall long



Virtual Parent Events

- New This Fall:* Find Their Fit series, beginning August 26
- Short, expert-led events
 - Parent questions answered
 - Conversation starters



Parent Experience

- *New this Fall:* Parent log-in to access hundreds of Community Library articles and videos plus college and career tools for teens

Visit BigFuture.org/Parents to learn more.

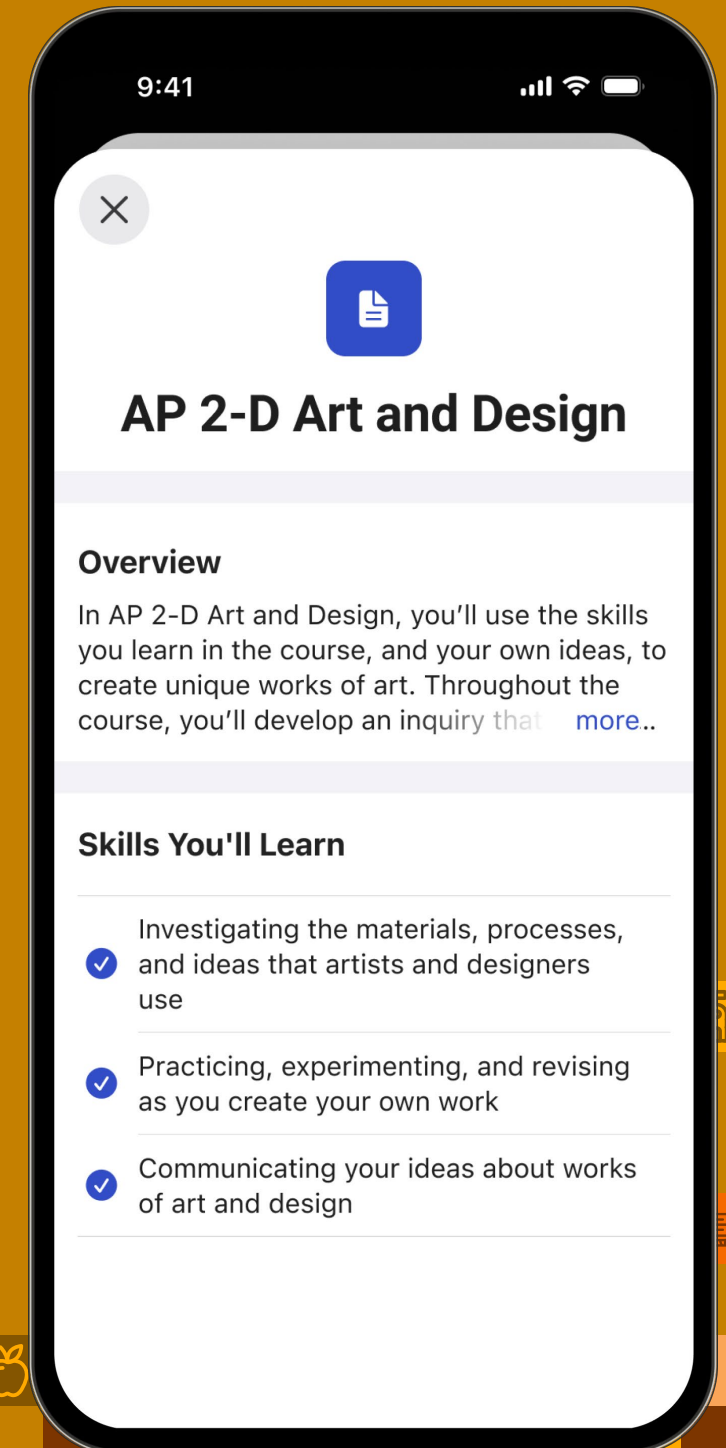


BigFuture School and Connections are now available to AP students whose schools enable access.

Helping AP students connect their learning to future opportunities.

- **What AP Coordinators Can Expect:** During AP Registration and Ordering setup, AP coordinators can enable access to BigFuture School and Connections™ for students enrolled in AP courses in their school.
- **What Students Can Expect:** After AP coordinators enable access, students can then choose to participate during their registration process in My AP by providing a mobile number to access the BigFuture School app.

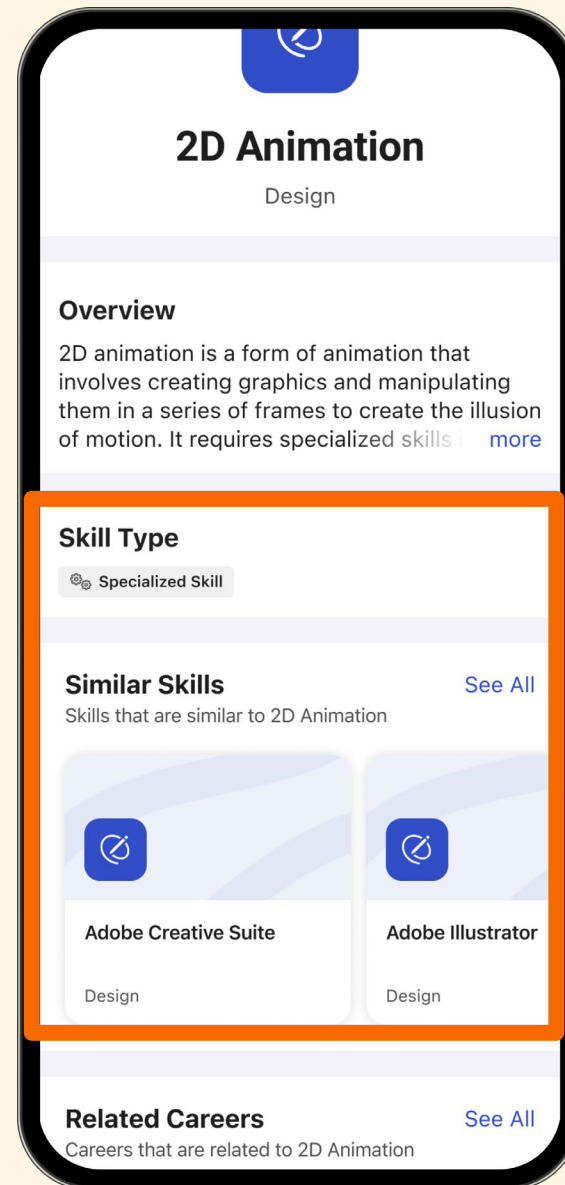
*BigFuture School and Connections aren't offered to students as part of their AP course participation in New York or outside of the United States at this time. There may be other exclusions.



New! Skill-Based Exploration on BigFuture School

Students can find their fit based on their interests, skills, and goals.

Beginning this fall, the skill-based exploration tool surfaces skills you may have developed and potential careers, based on enrollment in AP courses and performance on the SAT Suite of Assessments.



Interactive Tools

Discover relevant options with tools such as Career Search, College Quiz, and College Search.

In-App Personalized Guidance

Timely in-app messages provide guidance based on grade level, AP course, time of year, and college major.

Connections

(where available)

Connections puts students in the driver's seat, offering multiple ways to find college and scholarship opportunities.



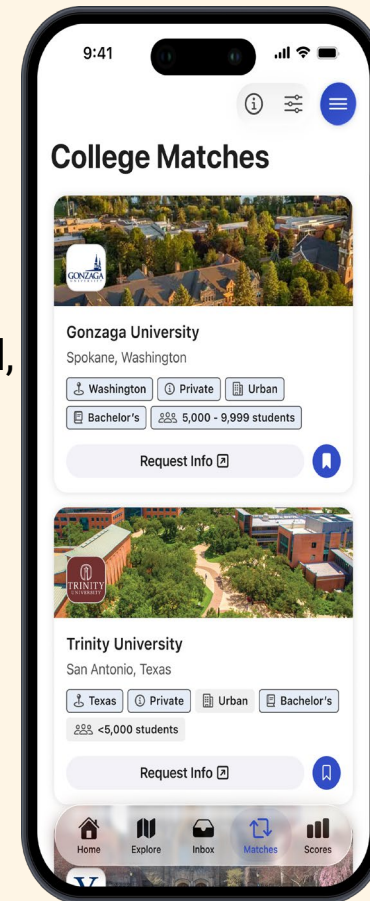
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Now as early as 9th grade, students can start to discover a broad range of college options.

Connections is now available to 9th graders taking the PSAT 8/9.

- Students can update their preferences using College Quiz.
 - Preferences include Location, College Type, Major, Degree Level, Size, Setting
- College Matches: Colleges that match their preferences and indicated an interest in students like them.

**A state, district, or school can decide not to offer Connections. Connections isn't offered in New York or to 8th-grade PSAT 8/9 test takers.*



SAT Suite of Assessments

Building on Access: The Role of SAT Weekend

SAT School Day ensures baseline access. SAT Weekend expands opportunity.

Why this matters for students:

- Enables opportunity for skill improvement
- Provides flexibility for students with competing responsibilities
- Expands access in high-demand areas and areas not historically represented.

Schools can play a critical role in expanding access:

- Become a Weekend Test Center.
- Encourage students to build skills using practice resources.
- Share information about supports like fee waivers and device lending.



Continued engagement equates to higher outcomes.

Students who test on both a school day and weekend have a significantly higher mean score than those that test on a school day alone.

**Spring SAT Weekend Registration
opens on September 29, 2026**



Continuous Improvements to Expand Access to Weekend Testing



NotifyMe

Get notified when seats open

- Free opt-in alert when seats open closer to home
- No commitment, no cost



Waitlist

Be the first to get open seats

- Preregister + pay to secure a spot; auto-placed as seats open
- Cancel up to 3 days before test day, no extra fee



Seat Reserve

Hold seats for your students

- ~40% of seats held for home-school students first
- Fully automated—no action needed after opting in



SAT Fee Waivers

2026-27 Changes

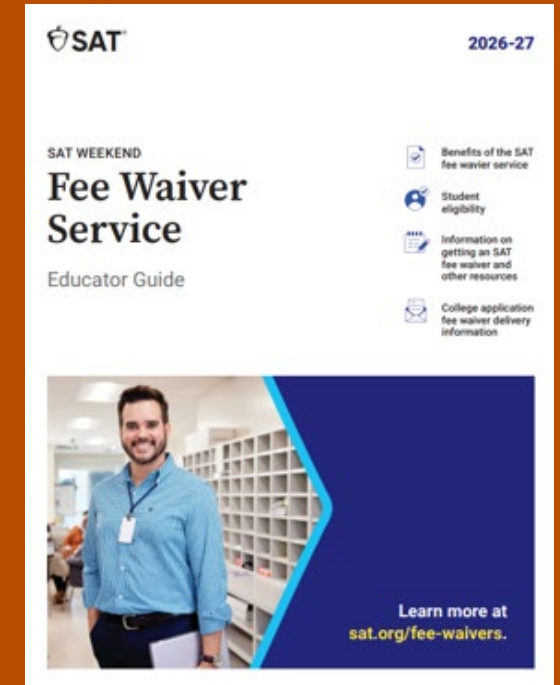
- FW25 codes expired August 13
- New codes (starting with “FW26”) were distributed via the K–12 Score Reporting Portal

Fee Waiver Benefits

- 2 Free SAT Tests
- Unlimited Score Sends
- College Application Fee Waivers
- Free CSS Profile® Applications
- No Late or Cancellation Fees

Students need only meet **ONE** criterion to qualify. Full list and more information is available at sat.org/fee-waivers.

Fee Waiver Service Educator Guide



Click the link in
Event Resources



SAT Suite Practice Resources

College Board and our partner resources are free and accessible to all students, with *proven* results.



Bluebook Practice Tests and My Practice

Build confidence and target improvement with **11 full-length, adaptive Bluebook™ practice tests**.

Review questions, answer explanations and get tailored questions in **My Practice**.



Student Question Bank

Access and filter **thousands of real SAT questions** by skill and level for even more tailored practice.



Question of the Day

Stay sharp with new daily questions. Earn badges, build streaks and have fun!



Khan Academy®

Grow skills with **Official SAT Prep**, built in partnership with College Board. Available direct to students and for states, districts, and schools.



schoolhouse.world

Get **free, live, SAT tutoring through virtual small-group sessions** led by trained peer volunteers. Build skills, ask questions, and learn alongside peers.



Expanding Practice Insights



Tailored Practice for Test Day Results

The Practice Specific Questions section in My Practice will also offer tailored questions based on a student's actual test day PSAT-related assessment and SAT scores, providing more opportunities to optimize practice.



My Practice Tailored Quizzes

The Practice Specific Questions section in My Practice will be enhanced with quiz functionality, providing more tailored questions, right/wrong scoring and summary quiz results.



Coming in Spring 2027

Score Report Enhancements

Separately Reported Science Score

- **The Science Practices and Foundations** score will provide a new measure of science practices and math skills critical to success in science courses.
- The score comes from a subset of questions on the SAT's Reading and Writing and Math sections—no separate science assessment, and no extra testing time required.

Richer, More Actionable Career Insights

- New skills-based profiles on SAT Suite score reports and personalized career exploration in BigFuture School will connect students' skills to real-world career pathways.
- Student score reports will provide counselors with clear, practical information to support conversations about coursework, career exploration, and postsecondary planning.

More details coming later this year



Services for Students with Disabilities (SSD) Updates

Center-Based Text-to-Speech

- Beginning with the August SAT Weekend administration, the accommodation of text-to-speech (embedded) is now available in **all test centers**.
- Students approved for this accommodation will take the SAT in test centers with their peers and will **no longer need to take the test at their own school**.

PSAT 8/9 One-Time Supports

- To streamline test preparations and administration for the PSAT 8/9, One-Time Supports will be available.
- These supports don't need to be approved by SSD.
- They will be valid for the PSAT 8/9 test only.



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