

# Introduction to Khan Academy and Official SAT® Practice on KhanAcademy.org

In 2014, Khan Academy and the College Board announced a landmark partnership to provide free, world-class test practice for all students. Beginning in early June 2015, all students will have the opportunity to practice for the redesigned SAT® using Khan Academy's online tools, including diagnostic quizzes, full-length practice tests, interactive problems, and personalized practice recommendations. Students will also receive instant feedback on their answers so they can see their progress and make the most of their study time.

Official SAT Practice will continue to be enhanced after its launch. For example, scaled scoring for practice tests will be available by fall 2015, allowing students to track their growth and see how they might perform on the real test. Eventually, students will even be able to upload their PSAT/NMSQT® scores to Khan Academy to get an even more personalized SAT practice experience.

**Khan Academy** is a nonprofit that provides free online materials and resources to support personalized education for learners of all ages. The 501(c)(3) organization was founded by Salman Khan in 2008 and now has a team of around 60 full-time **staff**.

Khan Academy serves to inspire, instruct, and guide users' learning. Their learning resources include practice exercises, instructional videos, dashboard analytics, and teacher tools designed to empower learners inside and outside of the classroom to study at their own pace. The learning experience adapts to each individual, helps them to see their progress and goals, creates personalized recommendations about what to learn next, and motivates them to master the skills they seek.

Khan Academy reaches all corners of the globe. While 60 percent of their students are from the United States, the rest hail from countries like India, Brazil, Mexico, South Africa, and beyond. They have video lessons translated into almost 40 languages and counting, and have full **Spanish**, **French**, and **Brazilian Portuguese** versions of the site.

To date, Khan Academy has delivered over 400 million lessons and learners have completed over 3 billion exercise problems (around 4 million per day!). In addition, 900,000 registered teachers around the world use Khan Academy in their classrooms to help inspire, motivate, and guide students along their learning paths. In fact, many students getting ready for the SAT are already using Khan Academy in school or for homework help.

Khan Academy covers subjects from **basic math** to **physics**, **biology**, **economics**, **art history**, **computer science**, **health and medicine**, and more. They have also partnered with institutions like **NASA**, **The Museum of Modern Art**, **The California Academy of Sciences**, and **MIT** to offer specialized content.

To learn more about Khan Academy, please visit [khanacademy.org](http://khanacademy.org).

# Suggestions for Sharing Information with Students and Parents Before Summer Break

We have provided a few ideas to help you share information about both the redesigned SAT and [Official SAT Practice on KhanAcademy.org](#) with students and families.

## Sample Tweets:

Use your summer wisely! Create an account on [@KhanAcademy](#), and start practicing for the [@OfficialSAT](#) for free at [satpractice.org](#) #newSAT.

Want to get ahead this summer? Learn more about the new PSAT/NMSQT and SAT at [collegereadiness.collegeboard.org](#) and follow [@OfficialSAT](#).

## Sample Facebook posts:

[(School name) or (HS Class of 2017)], do you know that you can start practicing for the March 2016 SAT today? Log on to Khan Academy to access official SAT sample questions, instructional videos, and practice tests for free: [satpractice.org](#).

[(School name) or (HS Class of 2017)], make the most of your summer! Start your practice for the SAT on [satpractice.org](#). It's free, accessible anytime, and gives you personalized practice recommendations tailored to your strengths, weaknesses, and progress.

## Sample email or newsletter language:

Students! Keep your brain active and your skills sharp this summer by getting a head start on practice for the SAT.

The College Board and Khan Academy — a leader in online education — have teamed up to provide world-class practice tools to all students for free. Launching in early June 2015 at [satpractice.org](#), [Official SAT Practice on KhanAcademy.org](#) can be accessed from any computer with Internet access.

On Khan Academy, you will find full-length practice tests from the College Board as well as thousands of practice questions written in collaboration with the same developers who are creating the redesigned SAT. In addition to being free and accessible anytime, anywhere, [Official SAT Practice on KhanAcademy.org](#) will give you personalized practice recommendations tailored to your strengths, weaknesses, and progress.

Log on to [satpractice.org](#) to understand what Khan Academy is all about and start practicing today!

# What's Happening When: Test Dates, Resources, Updates to Official SAT Practice, and More

The timeline below outlines key dates for the administration of the College Board's redesigned assessments, the release of upcoming resources, and [Official SAT Practice on KhanAcademy.org](#).

## 2015

### June

**Official SAT Practice on KhanAcademy.org** ([satpractice.org](http://satpractice.org)) for the redesigned SAT will launch. It will include:

- Four full-length practice tests\* written by the College Board.
- Answer explanations for the practice tests, along with calculated raw scores (*scaled scores will be available by fall 2015*).
- Thousands of practice questions written by the Khan Academy team and approved by the College Board, as well as video lessons and reference articles.
- Personalized practice recommendations to help students focus on the skills likely to have the biggest impact on their performance, building a solid foundation for the SAT and beyond.
- Additional features will be released later in the year. The College Board and Khan Academy will provide updates on these features as they become available.

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June's installment of the Counselor Webinar Series offered.

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*Redesigned SAT Teacher Implementation Guide* and professional development modules 1–5 on the redesigned assessments released.

*\*Want paper versions of the practice tests? Visit the College Board website ([collegereadiness.collegeboard.org](http://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org)) to download and print the practice tests.*

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**July/August** College Board AP Annual Conference

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*Higher Education Implementation Guide* on Concordance and Validity published.

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During fall 2015, Official SAT Practice will be enhanced with new features, including: additional full-length practice tests written by Khan Academy and approved by the College Board; additional practice questions written by Khan Academy and approved by the College Board; and scaled scoring for College Board practice tests so students can track their growth and see how they might perform on the actual test.

## 2015 (continued)

<b>September</b>	Fall PSAT™ 8/9 testing window opens.  A new mobile app debuts that will enable students to take an SAT practice test on paper, then instantly scan it and get their score. Eventually, students will be able to upload this score to Khan Academy to get an even more personalized SAT practice experience.  Using Assessment Results to Inform Instruction and Implementation, Support Resources for School and District Leaders, and professional development module 6 on reporting released.
<b>October</b>	First redesigned PSAT/NMSQT administration.  SAT, SAT Subject Tests™, and SAT School Day administrations ( <i>current SAT</i> ).
<b>November</b>	SAT and SAT Subject Tests administrations ( <i>current SAT</i> ).
<b>December</b>	SAT and SAT Subject Tests administrations ( <i>current SAT</i> ).  Redesigned PSAT/NMSQT score release. Eventually, students will be able to upload their PSAT/NMSQT scores to Khan Academy to further personalize their SAT practice experience.  PSAT/NMSQT concordance released online.

## 2016

<b>January</b>	Fall PSAT 8/9 testing window closes.  SAT and SAT Subject Tests administrations ( <i>final administration of the current SAT</i> ).  Practice resources for the current SAT will be retired following the January administration.
<b>February</b>	Spring PSAT 8/9 and PSAT™ 10 testing window opens.
<b>March</b>	First redesigned SAT administration.  SAT School Day administration ( <i>redesigned SAT</i> ).  Spring PSAT 8/9 and PSAT 10 testing window closes.
<b>April</b>	SAT School Day administration ( <i>redesigned SAT</i> ).
<b>May</b>	SAT and SAT Subject Tests administrations ( <i>redesigned SAT</i> ).  Redesigned SAT score release.  SAT concordance published.
<b>June</b>	SAT and SAT Subject Tests administrations ( <i>redesigned SAT</i> ).

For more details on the SAT Suite of Assessments, please visit [collegereadiness.collegeboard.org](http://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org).

# Frequently Asked Questions

We've answered some frequently asked questions here to help you better understand what our partnership with Khan Academy is all about. You'll also find a few questions that describe how students can get started using Khan Academy to practice for their SATs. Remember that [collegereadiness.collegeboard.org](http://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org) is your best resource for learning about the redesigned assessments, and [satpractice.org](http://satpractice.org) should be bookmarked as your one-stop-source for free, interactive SAT practice.

## Overview of Official SAT Practice on Khan Academy

### Q What is Khan Academy?

A Khan Academy is a nonprofit with a mission to provide a free, world-class education for anyone, anywhere. Khan Academy offers practice exercises, instructional videos, and a personalized learning dashboard that empower learners of all ages to study at their own pace inside and outside the classroom.

### Q Why have the College Board and Khan Academy partnered?

A The College Board wanted to partner with an organization to help build out high-quality resources for all students to practice for our redesigned assessments. The partnership between Khan Academy and the College Board directly addresses one of the greatest inequities around college entrance exams: the culture of high-priced test preparation. Now, for the first time, all students will have the opportunity to practice for the SAT with completely free, best-in-class materials.

### Q Who created Official SAT Practice on KhanAcademy.org?

A The full-length practice tests on Khan Academy were developed by the same College Board team that wrote the redesigned SAT, and all practice questions were created by Khan Academy in consultation with these developers. Khan Academy also created a brand-new system to provide personalized practice recommendations for students.

Official SAT Practice on KhanAcademy.org will reflect the redesigned SAT's entire domain. This means that students will encounter all of the different skills measured by the redesigned SAT when practicing for the exam using Khan Academy.

### Q Who can use Official SAT Practice on KhanAcademy.org?

A Khan Academy can be accessed by anyone, anytime, from any computer with Internet access. [Official SAT Practice on KhanAcademy.org](http://OfficialSATPracticeonKhanAcademy.org) was designed to help students practice for the redesigned SAT and is completely free of cost.

Students can begin using [Official SAT Practice on KhanAcademy.org](http://OfficialSATPracticeonKhanAcademy.org) in early June 2015. We will continue to enhance the program over the summer, so look for additional features in the fall.

**Q Which tests can Khan Academy help students study for?**

**A** Khan Academy's tools are being created to help students practice for the redesigned SAT, but students may also find the materials useful for PSAT/NMSQT and PSAT 10 practice because of the close alignment between the exams.

It's also important to keep in mind that the best preparation for the SAT is learning and understanding the content and skills being taught in high school classes. The redesigned SAT will mirror the course work done in the classroom, so by focusing on mastering high school content, students can build the knowledge base needed to be successful on the test.

**Q Will using Khan Academy help students understand their strengths and weaknesses?**

**A** Yes. Because [Official SAT Practice on KhanAcademy.org](#) includes personalized practice recommendations, the experience will be tailored to students' strengths and areas for development. The more students practice, the better the program will be at recommending materials with the greatest potential to boost student performance. Students will also be able to choose what topics they wish to work on in case they want to practice a different topic area or skill.

## Khan Academy's Technology, Equipment, and Privacy

**Q What devices can be used to access Official SAT Practice on KhanAcademy.org?**

**A** Students will be able to access the practice program on any computer with Internet access.

**Q How can students use Khan Academy if they don't have a computer with Internet access?**

**A** There will be many opportunities to access Khan Academy, even for students who don't have a computer that has Internet access. Many places students regularly go have computers they can use: schools, libraries, places of worship, or friends' houses. Additionally, the College Board is engaged in a broad outreach effort with community groups like the Boys & Girls Clubs of America to support training and student SAT practice within students' neighborhoods. If students can't think of a place where they can access the Internet, school counselors should be able to help find a location.

The College Board is committed to making sure all students can access Khan Academy's free practice tools. We are working to partner with organizations to expand access to these tools and will continue to publish practice materials that students can download and print on [collegereadiness.collegeboard.org](http://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org).

**Q Will parents and teachers be able to see students' Official SAT Practice on KhanAcademy.org results?**

**A** When [Official SAT Practice on KhanAcademy.org](#) launches in early June 2015, only student users can access their practice results. If students wish, they can show parents, guardians, or teachers their Khan Academy account so that others can see how they're doing and support their learning.

**Q Will students have to ask their parents before creating a Khan Academy account?**

**A** Students who are 13 and older do not need parental permission to create a Khan Academy account. This is true for students residing in all 50 states.

**Q Can students link their College Board account to their Khan Academy account?**

**A** Account linking will not be available when [Official SAT Practice on KhanAcademy.org](#) first launches in early June 2015, but we plan to add this feature as we continue to enhance our practice tools.

Once linking is available, the College Board will not share any personal information with Khan Academy. This means that, even after students link their two accounts, the College Board will not provide Khan Academy with their name, address, or demographic data. The only information that will be shared when students link their accounts is SAT, PSAT/NMSQT, and/or PSAT 10 performance results, which will be transmitted through a secure token. It should be noted that, once this feature is available, students will be able to deactivate the link between their College Board and Khan Academy accounts at any time.

**Q Where do users report crashes, bugs, and technical problems?**

**A** Khan Academy's team has years of experience building robust education tools that support millions of students at a time. That said, we know that glitches do happen. Students can report any technical issues using the "Report a problem" link ([khanacademy.zendesk.com/hc/en-us](http://khanacademy.zendesk.com/hc/en-us)) on Khan Academy's website.

## What's Available on Khan Academy and What's Coming

**Q When students log on in June 2015, what SAT practice tools will they see?**

**A** If users log on to Khan Academy today (or any day before June 2, 2015), they will find free practice materials for the current SAT (that is, the SAT offered through January 2016), including questions from unreleased SATs and videos that take them step by step from problem to solution.

Once we launch [Official SAT Practice on KhanAcademy.org](#) in early June for the redesigned SAT (which will first be administered in March 2016), users will find full-length practice tests for the redesigned SAT as well as video lessons and thousands of interactive problems.

As we receive feedback from students, parents, and educators, we'll continue to update [Official SAT Practice on KhanAcademy.org](#) and add new features, including an app that will allow students to upload their PSAT/NMSQT scores to Khan Academy to get an even more personalized SAT practice experience.

**Q Will Khan Academy be launching any updates?**

**A** Yes, we look forward to receiving feedback from students, parents, and educators so that we can continue to improve our practice tools and add new features for the fall, including additional practice tests and scaled scoring for practice tests so students can see how they might perform on the real SAT and track their growth.

In the future, students will be able to upload their PSAT/NMSQT results to Khan Academy to further personalize their practice experience. In addition, the College Board SAT Practice app will enable students to take an SAT practice test on paper and then scan it, get their score, and upload their results to Khan Academy right from their phone.

We'll provide updates on these features as they become available. Creating an account on Khan Academy is a great way to make sure you receive these updates.

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