



Dear Colleagues,

Beginning in spring 2017, the SAT® will be used as the high school accountability exam in Illinois. Public school students in 11th grade will take the SAT free of charge during school hours.

The College Board is working closely with state officials to develop a clear plan to support students, families, and educators during the state's transition to the SAT. Key to this work is making sure you're well informed about the changes and feel prepared to answer questions. We recognize the central role you play in advising students and their families, and have enclosed the following set of tools to support you in these conversations:

- An SAT overview and an SAT School Day poster to share with students.
- An SAT overview with information for teachers and other school staff.
- A single-page SAT Test Day Quick Facts.
- A flash drive with digital versions of the enclosed materials, plus additional resources.

These materials provide details about the benefits that our partnership with Illinois provides, including:

- **Free, personalized SAT practice resources from Khan Academy®:** These online resources complement the great work already happening in Illinois classrooms.
- **Scholarship opportunities and college application fee waivers for eligible students:** The College Board's SAT connects Illinois students to scholarship and financial aid opportunities from more than 1,200 organizations.
- **In-person and web-based professional development for:**
 - ♦ Local test administrators, proctors, and technology coordinators.
 - ♦ Teachers, students, and parents, helping them understand the SAT and analyze test results.

We look forward to working closely with you throughout this partnership. Please visit collegeboard.org/Illinois to learn more.

Sincerely,

The College Board