

Official SAT Practice Strategies

Tips for Success

College Board and Khan Academy® teamed up in 2015 to make world-class SAT® practice free for all students. Since then, more than 10 million students have used Official SAT Practice on Khan Academy to prepare for the SAT.

Schools and districts have achieved success in creatively utilizing Official SAT Practice on Khan Academy to help students and educators. Here are some fundamental steps to achieve success:

1 GOAL SETTING

Consider setting districtwide goals for freshmen, sophomores, and juniors to guide priorities and motivate students.

At Reavis High School:

- Students are encouraged to take the diagnostic quizzes, as they provide the most flexibility. They can be broken into multiple short sessions and take less time than a full test.
- Educators also promote taking a full-length Official SAT Practice test since it provides students with a score.
- Students can see skill areas on which they need to focus, and the results allow them to set personal goals for both the SAT and their prep work.

2 PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

To train and support teachers schoolwide, utilize online professional development modules and resources for educators to successfully support students in reaching their goals. Educator resources are available at: satpractice.org/k12.

At Dixon High School:

- Support staff are trained on how to help students use the Official SAT Practice and continue to access online training for ongoing support.
- At the beginning of each semester, staff members guide students in the process of setting up their College Board account and accessing the Official SAT Practice with a mass linking initiative.

Official SAT Practice on Khan Academy

“The Official SAT Practice with Khan Academy is a strong education tool and effective learning indicator that can help students shape their plans for a postsecondary education.”

“The outcome of the SAT is not just a test score, it serves as a progression to the test score—this gives students the tools to learn how to take the test and improve their scores.”

DAVID ARDREY, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR,
ASSOCIATION OF ILLINOIS RURAL AND
SMALL SCHOOLS

At Reavis High School:

- A dedicated teacher leader serves as the SAT prep coordinator who analyzes SAT results, prepares additional data to share with teachers, and is the main point of contact for our instructors using Official SAT Practice.
- The SAT prep coordinator provides updates about changes to the Khan Academy dashboard and the instructional program and goals.

3 INCENTIVES/STUDENT ENGAGEMENT

Encourage student participation in Official SAT Practice on Khan Academy with rewards for work well done.

At Reavis High School, they awarded student practice and growth:

- Incentivizing student buy-in from preferred parking spots to coffee gift cards to senior picnics, the Khan Academy coaching dashboard allowed us to be able to track student performance on Khan Academy SAT prep and reward those students who invested during our program and on their own.

4 A FLEXIBLE IMPLEMENTATION STRUCTURE

Consider providing options for Official SAT Practice that align with the needs of students in and out of the classroom:

Encourage Individual Practice:

- Share information about Official SAT Practice with parents or through the PTA, by encouraging parents to work with students to set and stick to a study schedule, and to practice individually at home or in virtual study groups.
- Link to resources on the website, through social media, and with YouTube videos.

Offer Extracurricular Practice:

- Students can practice in virtual study halls/after school sessions or through a virtual college prep course or a community-based organization.

Support Teacher-Guided Practice:

- Incorporate independent practice into the class period, and answer specific questions from students.
- Use an SAT question from Official SAT Practice as bell work or an exit ticket.
- Assign 60 minutes of SAT practice per week as homework.

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“Seniors who demonstrated improvement on their SAT scores are highlighted on posters around the school. They also serve as mentors to junior students, encouraging them to take advantage of all the SAT resources that College Board offers.”

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