

Equitable Access to On-Site College Readiness Testing

The School District of Indian River County believes in giving students access to college readiness testing in high school.

For the 2020-21 school year, the district will partner with College Board to administer the SAT during the school day. Currently, there is legislation that includes funding from the state level to pay for every junior to take the SAT or ACT. If the state does not fund the SAT for all juniors, the district has budgeted the funds to ensure African American students are given the opportunity to take the SAT during the school day.

The district will administer the following assessments during the school day:

- SAT
- PSAT/NMSQT
- Postsecondary Education Readiness Test (PERT)

Administering the SAT during the school day eliminates transportation as a barrier. The results can also be used as a concordant score for the graduation requirements. Before students are eligible to earn a high school diploma, they must pass or earn a concordant score for the 10th Grade English Language Arts assessment and the Algebra 1 End of Courses Exam. The school day exam also allows eligible low-income students to take the SAT without using a waiver.

The SAT will be available to all juniors during the second semester. The assessment will be free of charge for any junior wanting to participate.

In addition to juniors, the SAT will also be administered to any senior who has not met a concordant score in either English Language Arts or the Algebra 1 End of Course Exam. The assessment will be made available to the eligible seniors twice a year, free of charge. The SAT will be available once during the first semester and once during the second semester.

The district will continue to work with the Florida Department of Education and College Board to offer the PSAT/NMSQT, free of charge, to all sophomores. The PSAT/NMSQT helps link students to scholarships, such as the National Merit Scholarship. The PSAT can also be used as a concordant score for graduation on the English Language Arts and Algebra 1 EOC.

The district also offers the PERT test to any senior who has not met a concordant score on the Algebra 1 EOC during the school day. The PERT will be scheduled the week before the state's Algebra 1 EOC windows and each month following the spring window to maximize student's opportunities to earn a concordant score.

High schools will identify any African American senior who has not met the graduation requirements for English Language Arts or the Algebra 1 EOC. Schools will meet with eligible students to ensure they are aware of the opportunity to take the SAT during the school day, sign them up to take the SAT, and provide resources, such as access to Kahn Academy. African American students needing the Algebra 1 EOC graduation requirement will also be given the opportunity to take PERT assessment.

High schools will ensure that all juniors are scheduled to take the SAT during the second semester. They will also communicate the opportunity and helpful resources with families.

SAT Timeline*:

Action	Due Date
Secure funding and School Board approval of School Day SAT	June 30
Identify Seniors needing a concordant score for ELA or Algebra 1	August 1
Deadline for test book orders	August 14
Meet with qualifying seniors	August 14
Work with students and families to provide resources, such as Kahn Academy	August 14 – October 14
Submit student accommodations	August 27
Deadline to reduce order, order standard and accommodated books, request time for English Language Learners	September 19
Administer the SAT to seniors who need a concordant score	October 14
Return materials	October 14-15
Identify Seniors needing a concordant score for ELA or Algebra 1	January 4
Deadline for test book orders	January 10
Meet with qualifying seniors	January 10
Work with students and families to provide resources, such as Kahn Academy	January 10
Submit student accommodations	January 14
Deadline to reduce order, order standard and accommodated books, request time for English Language Learners	January 31
Administer the SAT to all juniors and any senior who need a concordant score	March 4
Return materials	March 4-5

*These dates are anticipated dates. The College Board has not released the deadlines for the 2020-21 school year.

PSAT/NMSQT Timeline*:

Deadline for early ordering	June 28
Deadline for test book orders	August 14
Submit student accommodations	August 27
Communicate with sophomore families the testing dates and resources such as Kahn Academy	September 1
Deadline to increase or decrease materials and order accommodated test materials	September 19
Administer the PSAT/NMSQT	October 14
Return materials	October 14-15

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PERT Timeline:

Upload student information to College Success	August 17
Offer student support	August 17- September 11
Administer the PERT	August 31- September 1-11
Upload student information to College Success	October 19
Offer student support	October 26- November 20
Administer the PERT	November 9-20
Upload student information to College Success	January 25
Offer student support	January 25- February 19
Administer the PERT	February 8-19
Upload student information to College Success	March 15
Administer the PERT	April 5-16
Administer the PERT	May 10-21