

District FAQs for Official SAT Practice on Khan Academy

Check out our answers to these frequently asked questions from districts. If we still haven't answered your question, or are still having issues, reach out to College Board customer service (866-630-9305) or report a problem to Khan Academy's [Help Center](#).

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Functionality

How does Official SAT Practice on Khan Academy work?

- Watch our video overview of Official SAT Practice [here](#).
- Official SAT Practice works by understanding each student's strengths and weaknesses and providing personalized recommendations on math, reading, and writing skills that will help prepare them for the SAT.
- These personalized recommendations are created based on students past test results (e.g. PSAT/NMSQT or SAT) or based on diagnostic quizzes.
- Videos & articles help students learn and brush up on SAT concepts and strategies.
- Practice problems, official full-length practice tests, timed mini-sections, and essay practice tools allow students to practice and apply what they've learned.
- Finally, a practice schedule based on each student's SAT test date will send weekly practice reminders to help students stay on track.

How does Official SAT Practice compare to other parts of Khan Academy?

- Like other parts of Khan Academy, Official SAT Practice:
 - Provides videos, articles, and practice problems to help students learn concepts that are important for college, the SAT, and your classroom curriculum.
 - Provides custom tailored recommendations based on strengths & weaknesses.
 - Adheres to the same principles of protecting student data and privacy. Read Khan Academy's privacy policy [here](#).
 - Uses the same login as the rest of KA.
 - Is completely free!
- Unlike other parts of Khan Academy, Official SAT Practice:
 - Was created through a joint partnership by Khan Academy and College Board, the makers of the SAT.
 - Does not yet have a coach feature that allows teachers to directly view student progress. But, we are working on this feature and will release it in the coming months!
 - Is only available through a web browser. It is not available through Khan Academy's mobile apps. While you can watch videos on the mobile app, you can't do practice

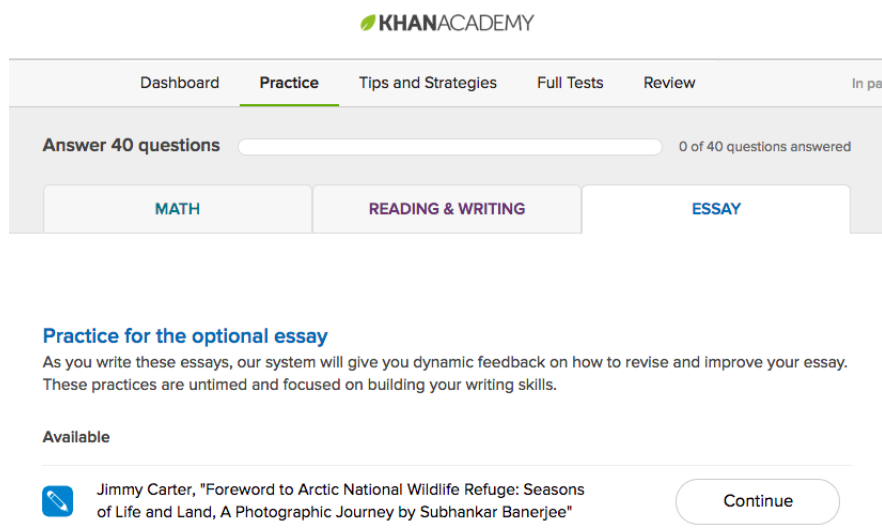
problems there. To access practice problems, you'll have to go to satpractice.org in a browser on a smartphone.

What technology do students need in order to use Official SAT Practice?

- Students need a device (e.g. laptop, smartphone, or tablet) and an internet connection to use Official SAT Practice.
- In order to do practice tests on paper and import those results into Official SAT Practice, students need a printer and the College Board Daily SAT Practice app.
- Students need Khan Academy accounts to get personalized recommendations and to save their progress on the platform.
- Students need a College Board account if they want to pull in their PSAT/NMSQT or SAT scores.

How can students practice the SAT essay?

- Khan Academy offers a way to practice the SAT essay using a tool called Revision Assistant. Revision Assistant allows students to pre-write and type their essays in an untimed setting while getting dynamic feedback as they go.
- The tool will also automatically grade the student's essay and provide feedback.
- Students can access essay practice by clicking on the 'Practice' tab of Official SAT Practice and then clicking on the 'Essay' section. See screenshot below:



Do we have any evidence as to whether Official SAT Practice works in improving scores?

- Efficacy data is not yet available, but once it is, we look forward to sharing it. We're proud to report students access Official SAT Practice at roughly equal rates across income levels, race/ethnicity and gender. As of Q1 2017, over 3 million students have used our free SAT prep.

Are students practicing real SAT questions as they go through the product?

- Yes! Questions on Official SAT Practice were created in collaboration with the College Board, the creators of the SAT. In addition, many of the practice tests are past SAT exams.

Why are my students not getting practice reminders from Khan Academy?

- Often, district email filters can be strict, so you may need to work with your district IT team to allow Khan Academy reminder emails to go through.

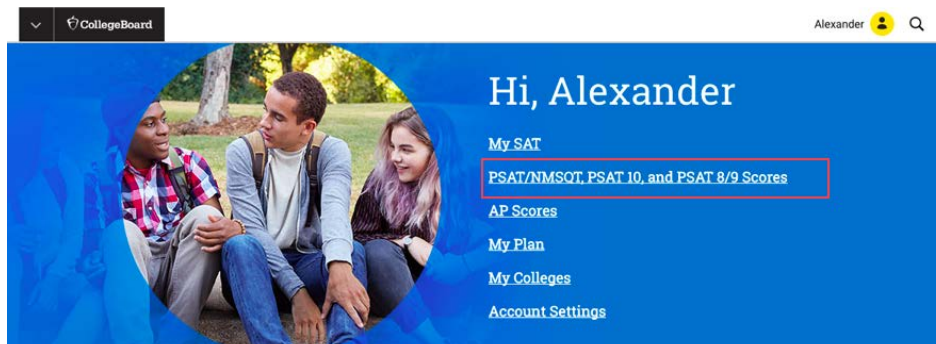
What data do Khan Academy and College Board collect about my students?

- KA is a signatory of the [Student Privacy Pledge](#). You can read more about our privacy policy and our commitment to protecting student data [here](#).
- No data is passed on to the College Board without the student's consent.

Linking College Board and Khan Academy accounts

What are common challenges to linking Khan Academy & College Board accounts?

- Trouble logging into College Board accounts:
 - Tell students to reset the password to their College Board account and then retry the linking process.
- Linking to the wrong CB account that doesn't have the student's test data:
 - If students created multiple College Board accounts, ask students to log in to the account they used to register for their past PSAT/NMSQT or SAT.
- PSAT/NMSQT scores don't show up after College Board and Khan Academy accounts are already linked:
 - Ask students to log in to CollegeBoard.org and check that they can see their PSAT/NMSQT® or PSAT 8/9 scores. Since the SAT (and PSAT/NMSQT) recently changed, results from previous administrations (before November 2015 for the PSAT/NMSQT and before March 2016 for the SAT) are *not incorporated* into Official SAT Practice.



- If students can see their scores on CollegeBoard.org, tell them to visit their Khan Academy settings and click "Disconnect from College Board".
- The button will then change to "Connect to College Board" – click it. Students will be prompted again to 'Allow' College Board to send their exam results. Once that's complete, your 2015 or 2016 PSAT/NMSQT® scores should now be visible.

How can students tell if their College Board and Khan Academy accounts are linked?

- Students who have linked their College Board and Khan Academy accounts will have their test scores available on the Official SAT Practice home page. In addition, the prompt asking students to 'Sign in to College Board' will disappear.

- Another way to check that the accounts are linked is to check your “Settings” by clicking on your profile name. The “Connected to CollegeBoard.org” section should say “Disconnect from College Board’ if accounts are successfully linked.

Connected to CollegeBoard.org

Your CollegeBoard.org account connection keeps your Khan Academy account updated with your official SAT, PSAT/NMSQT®, PSAT 10, or PSAT 8/9 scores.

Through this connection, we also share your Official SAT Practice activity with College Board.



Disconnect from CollegeBoard.org

How does a district know how many students have linked?

- You can contact your College Board representative: If you don’t know who that is, you can reach out here: collegeboard.org/about/region-offices.
- Districts participating in the SAT All-In Campaign will receive reports on how many students have linked in their schools. Please check with your College Board representative if you are not getting this report.
- To protect student privacy, these reports do not include student names.
- To check the linking status of individual students, teachers may ask students to submit a screenshot of their Official SAT Practice dashboard after they log in.

Can students link accounts if they don’t yet have PSAT or SAT results?

- Yes! When your students take the PSAT or SAT later and access their results on College Board, their Khan Academy accounts will automatically pull in those scores and customize their practice recommendations.

Do students need to do anything after they have linked accounts to feed in other test results?

- No, they should automatically be available. Once students see their results on College Board, they will be pulled into Khan Academy automatically.

Where can I get help if I have issues with account linking?

- Reach out to College Board customer service (866-630-9305) if you are continuing to have issues. You can also report a problem to Khan Academy's [Help Center](#).

What can we do if our schools block youtube videos?

- Students will still be able to watch videos using Khan Academy's fallback player. This should be automatic and require no additional steps to set up!

Tracking student progress

How can I track my students' progress on Official SAT Practice?

- Districts participating in the SAT All-In Program will receive reports with how many students have linked in their schools, how much time students have practiced, and how many problems students completed. This will be aggregate information by school and class year. If you are not yet participating in the All In Program and want to get involved, contact your College Board [representative](#) to express interest. When we expand the program, we will share more information.
- Students can always track their own progress as they go. In particular, the Review tab on Official SAT Practice shows a running log of all of the problems a student has completed.
- We don't currently have coach or teacher-centric features for the Khan Academy SAT platform, but we do plan to build them in the coming months! We put together an [article](#) describing how you might start using Official SAT Practice in the classroom right now. It includes a link to a survey you can take to provide us feedback/guidance about tools and resources that would be most useful to you as a teacher/coach. Take our teacher survey [here](#).
- Ask students to submit screenshots of their review tab on Official SAT Practice. The review tab keeps a running log of the problems that each student has completed on Official SAT Practice.
- Ask students to provide updates on what skills they have levelled up from level 2 to 3 to 4. This can be done using a poster in the classroom, Google Spreadsheet, or survey.

What can teachers see about students on Official SAT Practice?

- If you add a class or add students, you can track their energy points, videos watched, and days they logged in, but this is for all of Khan Academy, not just SAT work. You will be able to see energy points in total for all work done by each student, but not for the entire class.
- To see each student's energy points on all of Khan Academy (not just Official SAT Practice), sign in to your KA account, click Student Progress' from your home page, and then click on the individual students in your class.

Why can't my teachers see more details about what students are doing on Official SAT Practice?

- We don't currently have coach or teacher-centric features, but plan to build them in the coming months. In the meantime, check out this [article](#) to see how to start using Official SAT Practice in the classroom right now.

How are energy points calculated on Official SAT Practice? Note, the table below only applies to Official SAT Practice, not the rest of Khan Academy.

Activity	# of Questions	Energy Points Earned
Individual question (correct answer)	1	75 per question answered correctly
Individual skill practice	5 to 10	100 for completing a practice session + 75 points per correct answer
Initial diagnostic quiz	10	500
Instructional video watched	N/A	750
Timed mini-section	10	100 for completing a practice session + 75 points per correct answer

If students are struggling with the foundational skills, where should they start?

- Students who are struggling with foundational math skills should access Khan Academy's extensive [math resources](#) that cover math from K-12 and beyond. Students can search by math concept (e.g. fractions) or by class (e.g. Algebra I).
- Students who are struggling with foundational writing and reading should review our [grammar resources](#) that cover parts of speech, punctuation, syntax, and more.

Ideas on implementing Official SAT Practice in schools

Where can I go to get other ideas about what schools are doing?

- Check out our [article](#) on using Official SAT Practice in the classroom, College Board's [guide and checklist](#) on classroom best practices, or Khan Academy's [educator guide](#).
- For other resources like flyers, case studies, & presentations, head to satpractice.org/k12.
- There is also a PD Module and facilitators guide on Official SAT Practice available [here](#).

How can I roll out Official SAT Practice to my schools and classrooms?

- Identify a district owner who will lead the implementation, and create a small committee who will support the project.
- Your district owner & committee should create accounts to explore Official SAT Practice
- Together, set measurable district-wide or school-level goals based on how the SAT fits with your curriculum. You can contact your local [College Board office](#) to request the "SAT and state standards alignment document."
- Create a school implementation plan with your principals and teachers to build buy-in.
- Determine how you will measure and celebrate student progress through journals, daily logs, surveys, classroom posters, etc.
- Start using Official SAT Practice in your district, measure and celebrate your progress, and make improvements as you go.

Celebrating student progress

What are some ways to incentivize student progress?

- Use certificates, public recognition, or prizes to celebrate student progress as measured by time spent practicing, energy points, problems completed, etc. There is no single right metric to measure, so get creative and celebrate whatever will motivate your students.
- Let parents know about their student's great work by calling or sending a message home.
- Get local businesses to donate prizes or to host a special event for students.
- Check out some ideas from [Orange County Public Schools](#).
- You can also check out digital resources available here: www.sat.org/promotepractice.

Where can I submit other questions I have?

You can submit questions and find resources on our [help center](#) or [support community](#).

You can contact your College Board representative at collegeboard.org/about/region-offices.