

SAT[®] CollegeBoard

Dear Parent/Guardian,

As a junior this school year, your child is looking forward to graduation in June 2022. The Ohio Department of Education is making sure that your child is ready for the next steps after high school.

Through a relationship between College Board and the Ohio Department of Education, your child will take the SAT[®], a college admission test, in spring 2021, at no cost to your family. This great opportunity will occur during a school day, and your child can use the results for admission into colleges and universities.

College Board, the maker of the SAT, requires students to provide the following basic demographic information in order to score the test: student name, state student ID (SSID), and date of birth. College Board also wants to ensure that students and their families are connected to key opportunities available to them including college information, financial aid information, scholarship information, etc. Therefore, students are asked to complete a questionnaire portion on their answer sheet or in the digital testing platform, depending on how your school is administering the SAT. By providing this information, your child and family may benefit from information about potential scholarships and programs that meet your child's career goals.

The questionnaire allows students to share information about their grades, interests, intended major, and college plans. **The questionnaire portion is optional**, and students do not need to answer all questions. One question students will be asked is whether they choose to opt in to Student Search Service[®]—an important step on their road to college and career success. The service is free to students, but education organizations pay College Board a licensing fee to use the service. College Board uses those license fees to support its mission-driven work. By opting in to Student Search Service, students can expect to receive emails and postal mail from colleges across the state and country or from around the world. The more complete a student's answers to the questionnaire, the more information that colleges will have to match their services to student interests. Colleges will receive a student's name related to score range information, but exact scores will not be reported. The colleges may send the students:

- Information about majors, courses, and degree options.
- Information on financial aid, scholarships, or other ways to make college more affordable.
- Details on campus life and student programs.

Based on the information collected from the questionnaire, we can help students navigate the college planning, application, and financial aid processes.

- College Board's Access to Opportunity[™] (A2O[™]) Program uses student information to identify high-achieving income-eligible students, and provides them with resources that are designed to connect them to opportunities, such as state and national scholarships, awards, and recognition.
- Qualified students and their respective educators receive information packets including guidance on the college application process and fee waivers.

Please discuss opting in to Student Search Service with your child.

Students may opt out of this service at any time

College Board will only share data with eligible colleges, universities, and scholarship programs that have a signed agreement about student information. We monitor their use of your student's information for compliance. Student scores are not shared through Student Search Service. Students may cancel their participation in Student Search by opting out at studentsearchservice.org or by contacting Student Search Service at SearchCustomerService@collegeboard.org or by phone at 866-825-8051.

How we share your child's scores

Your child's school and district will receive the SAT scores, as well as the information your child provides on the optional questionnaire, through a secure online portal. Your child's school and district receive these to assist them in understanding student performance and helping your child understand the results. Your school will decide which users are authorized to have access to information in the portal.

The Ohio Department of Education will receive student scores based only on a student number. Student names or demographic information will not be shared. More broadly, College Board will use students' overall performance data (but not personal information) to create district, state, and national trend reports to help inform policy, strategy, and operational decisions to improve opportunities for students.

Creating a student account on collegeboard.org

With a College Board account, students can access their SAT scores online and send them to colleges. The account also allows them to create a college list, save scholarship searches, compare costs at colleges of interest, and more. When setting up an account, students can sign up to receive monthly newsletters and alerts. This gives them access to information about college planning milestones, test preparation strategies, score availability, AP[®] resources, advice about creating effective college applications, and information on searching for colleges and scholarship opportunities.

In their College Board account, students can also request that additional SAT scores (other than the four they receive for free) be sent to colleges, universities, and scholarship organizations. Lastly, if your student provides a parent's or guardian's name and email address, that parent or guardian will receive an email from College Board asking if they want to receive copies of the emails their child receives, along with an invitation to join College Board's monthly parent/guardian newsletter providing advice about what students need to get ready for college.

For more information about College Board and the Ohio SAT School Day, please visit our website at collegeboard.org/ohio. If you have further questions, contact College Board customer service department at 866-756-7346.

Sincerely,

The SAT Program