



11 REASONS WHY **BPS** STUDENTS SHOULD TAKE THE **SAT & PSAT**



IT'S FREE!

Taking the test for free grants BPS students an opportunity to participate in an exam that students nationwide take every year.

Open doors to college

While some colleges considered SAT scores optional during COVID, many schools still require them and the future of "test optional" admissions is uncertain.

Stand out from the crowd

Even if your scores aren't above average for the college, if they're high for your school or neighborhood, they'll help you make a great impression.

Scores on transcripts are optional

If you aren't happy with your score, it does not have to appear on your transcript and you don't have to send it to colleges.

Earn merit scholarships

If you do well on the SAT, you can get scholarships! Some colleges use a combination of SAT (or ACT) scores and your GPA to award merit-based scholarships.

Earn more scholarships!

Many outside scholarships require an SAT or ACT score as part of the application process. Check out [these scholarships](#) right now!

Earn a spot in an H/EOP program

Even when the college doesn't require the SAT, some H/EOP Programs still require the SAT as part of their admissions process.

Avoid placement exams

Some colleges may allow you to submit your SAT scores instead of having to take a placement exam in order to determine your classes during your first year in college.

Offset a low GPA

If you have a low GPA but do well on the SAT, you're letting colleges know you have potential to succeed in college.

Discover your AP potential

Taking the PSAT & SAT provides schools with info about how successful a student is likely to be in certain AP courses. Strong AP test scores can be used for college credit.

Qualify for application fee waivers

The College Board offers fee waivers to qualifying students for SAT score reports and college applications.



GET STUDYING! Students may connect their College Board accounts to Khan Academy at <https://www.khanacademy.org/sat> where they have access to free tutorials to build skills over time. Targeted practice can strengthen academic skills and improve test scores over time.