



North Haven Public Schools Vision: As a result of their experience in the North Haven Public Schools, every student will acquire the skills necessary to meet the demands of the twenty-first century.

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The SAT for NHHS Students

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Dear Students, Parents, and Guardians,

The SAT is the official Connecticut high school assessment. All NHHS juniors will take the SAT, which now serves two roles: official state assessment and college admissions factor. What follows is an overview of the schedule for the state test date of April 5, 2017, and links to additional resources.

Schedule

The SAT will be administered to all juniors on Wednesday, April 5, 2017. Juniors will be in their test rooms from 7:30 AM until about 11:45 AM providing pre-test information, taking the test, and having well deserved breaks. After that, juniors will go to lunch then block 4. Freshmen, sophomores, and seniors will have a regular school day with one exception: all math classes will be cancelled because the test will be administered in the math wing. Instead of math, students will report to the cafeteria for a study hall. Also, as the SAT is a state-required test, any student absent during the test is required to make it up on April 26th, 2015. In the event of school cancellation or delay on April 5th, all juniors will take the test on April 25, 2017.

Reduced Standardized Testing for Students

State and federal laws require that all high school students take a state-approved assessment in English language arts/literacy and math. With Connecticut's adoption of the SAT instead of the SBAC in 2015, juniors will spend less time in standardized testing and take a test with other value to them.

Cost

The Connecticut School-Day SAT State Assessment is FREE to students.

The Connecticut Version of the SAT

The Connecticut School-Day SAT State Assessment does not include the essay portion. Most colleges do not require the essay for admissions purposes. Students wishing to take the essay will have to register for a separate administration of the SAT at their own expense. Students choosing to do so are still required to take the The Connecticut School-Day SAT State Assessment.

Helping Our Students To Be Prepared

Here are a few school and outside strategies to help students succeed on the SAT:

1. Our curriculum includes the knowledge and skills students need for the SAT. Our teachers continue to engage in professional development and curriculum writing to improve student opportunities.

2. Sophomores and juniors take the PSAT (practice SAT) at NHHS, which gives them experience and a chance to grow, while providing our teachers with useful information.
3. Free SAT practice tests, sample questions, and video tutorials are available through Khan Academy, a nonprofit educational company partnered with the SAT: www.satpractice.org.
4. NHHS provides an optional SAT preparation course for \$150.00. It is held once a week for four weeks in the evening. It begins in late January, and you can register by calling the school.

Following up on the PSAT/SAT

Students who took the PSAT this fall are encouraged to [set up an online SAT/College Board account](#) to access their scores reports, which detail student performance, strengths, and growth areas. NHHS recently held an advisory for students to explain this process. By linking their College Board accounts to their Khan Academy accounts, students receive a personalized practice plan based on their PSAT results.

Option to Cancel Scores for College Purposes

Students may cancel their SAT scores for college purposes, though not for state testing purposes. To do so, a student must complete the Request to Cancel Test Scores Form on test day or mail it within three business days after the test. Please contact your child's counselor with any questions.

Resources

The following are links to key SAT information and support sites:

- [College Board Website Regarding SAT and College Readiness](#)
- [Create Your Student College Board Account](#)
- [Khan Academy SAT Practice and Information Site](#)

If we can help you with anything, please be in touch with our school counseling department or administration.

Sincerely,



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