Dear Parents and Guardians,

As a junior this school year, your child is looking forward to graduation in spring 2025. The Ohio Department of Education and Workforce is making sure your child is ready for the next steps after high school.

Through a relationship between College Board and the Ohio Department of Education and Workforce, your child will take the SAT®, a college admission test, in spring 2024 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 schools to provide the following basic demographic information in order to administer and score the test: student name, grade level, school they attend, gender, and date of birth. Your child’s school will also provide your child’s state student ID (SSID) to College Board to support educational reporting back to the school, district, and state. College Board will provide score reports to your child’s school. Additionally, students may access their test scores on College Board’s BigFuture® School mobile application.

Students can download BigFuture School from an app store and then use the phone number they provided during testing to authenticate into the app, where they can see their scores and get customized career information and guidance about planning and paying for college. The phone number the student provides during testing is used only for app authentication and to notify your child by text that their test scores are ready.

During testing and while they’re using the BigFuture School app, students can also choose to opt in to Connections™. This new program, which is free to students, connects students to nonprofit colleges, scholarship organizations, and nonprofit educational organizations interested in students like them, without disclosing any of your child’s personal information. In BigFuture School, your child will see messages sent on behalf of these college/scholarship organizations, who at no point will know your child’s identity. These messages can also be sent to the student through their email and postal mail, if the student has provided these addresses during testing. If a student is interested in one of the colleges or programs, the student decides if and when to contact them.

Through Connections, colleges and programs tell College Board who they are looking for, and College Board matches those requests to students who opt in to Connections, based on both information the student and their school provided during testing and the student’s test score range. Students can control specific communication preferences in Connections and may opt out of the program at any time.

During testing, your child may choose to provide basic information about themselves, which may be used to maintain the fairness and validity of the test. If your child chooses to access the optional BigFuture School mobile app or to participate in Connections, this information is also used to customize their experiences in the app.

You can learn more about the SAT Suite Benefits: For Students & Parents and access the student guides and testing rules at Supplemental Materials and Resources. You can also learn more about the BigFuture School mobile app and Connections at Get Ready for the BigFuture School Mobile App and view the optional personal information students may provide at the College Board Privacy Center.

How We Share Your Child’s Scores

Your child’s school and district will receive their SAT scores through a secure online portal. Your child’s school and district receive these scores to assist them in understanding student performance and helping your child understand their results. Your school will decide which users are authorized to have access to information in the portal.
The Ohio Department of Education and Workforce 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.

You child may select up to four colleges or scholarship programs to send their SAT score, when taking the SAT School Day. College Board also automatically sends your child’s scores and information to the U.S. Presidential Scholars Program to consider their eligibility for the program, unless the student opts out by notifying College Board’s Customer Service.

For more information about College Board and the Ohio State-Funded SAT School Day, please visit our website at collegeboard.org/ohio. If you have further questions, contact College Board Customer Service at 866-609-2205.

Sincerely,

College Board