

The SAT®

WHAT IT IS, WHY IT WORKS, AND HOW IT OPENS DOORS FOR ALL STUDENTS

Equal access to college opportunity — that's the essential value of the SAT®. Used by colleges and universities worldwide, the SAT measures not only the reading, writing, and math skills that students develop in high school, but also their potential to use those skills successfully in college.

Inside, you'll find information, services, and resources that help tell the SAT story and, by extension, support your efforts in guiding students on the road to college.



For more tools and resources to help you spread the word, visit sat.org/toolkit.

The SAT: Facts and Fundamentals

A GLOBALLY USED COLLEGE ENTRANCE EXAM

Accepted by more than 4,000 colleges and universities throughout the country and the world, the SAT delivers opportunity for millions of students each year.

The SAT assesses students' knowledge in reading, writing, and math—the same subjects taught in high school. But it also goes one step further, measuring the skills needed to be successful in college and beyond:

- critical thinking
- problem solving
- written communication

SAT BY THE NUMBERS

2+
MILLION
STUDENTS

7,000+
TEST CENTERS

175+
COUNTRIES AND TERRITORIES



ACCESS FOR ALL

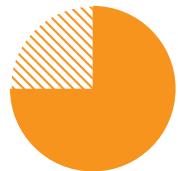
SAT TAKERS REPRESENT ALL 50 STATES AND PUERTO RICO, INCLUDING:



46%
WHO ARE
MINORITY
STUDENTS



28%
WHO COME FROM HOMES
WHERE ENGLISH IS NOT THE
ONLY LANGUAGE SPOKEN



75%
WHO PLAN
TO APPLY FOR
FINANCIAL AID

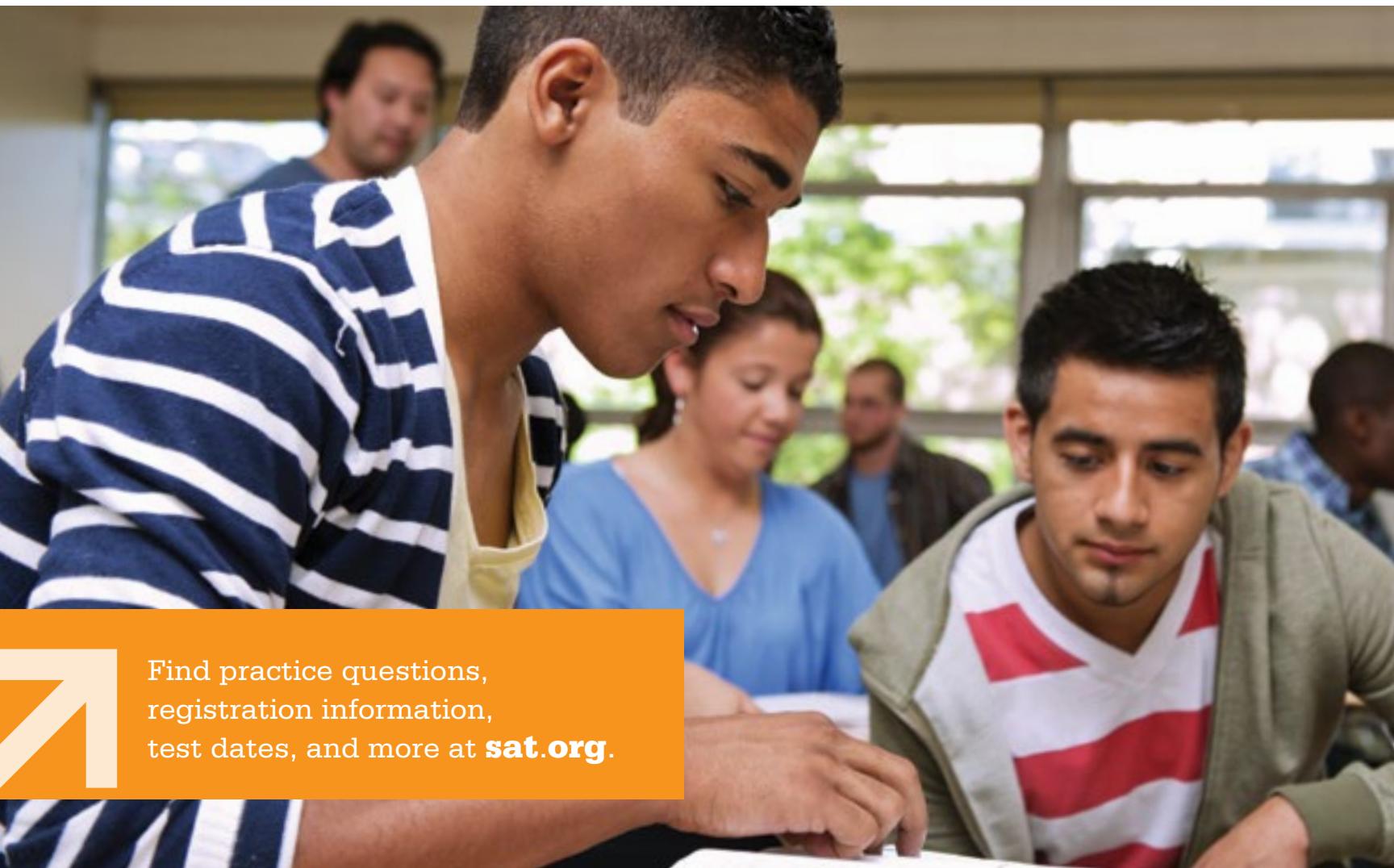


45%
WHO PLAN TO BE THE
FIRST IN THEIR FAMILY TO
GO TO COLLEGE



Access to the SAT is a vital step in opening the doors to opportunity for all students.

Every year, the exam is taken by a varied population reflecting the diversity of our nation's classrooms. SAT fee waivers allow hundreds of thousands of low-income students to take the SAT for free every year.



Find practice questions,
registration information,
test dates, and more at **sat.org**.

MORE THAN A TEST

The SAT is not only an essential way for students to show their skills, knowledge, and potential to colleges, it also helps them connect to a wealth of valuable resources like:

- A comprehensive online college database, with tools to easily search, track, and compare colleges
- Scholarship and merit aid information
- College planning guidance through **BigFuture.org**
- Student Search Service®, which helps students and colleges find each other

Student Q&A

“Is the SAT harder than other admission exams?”

“That’s a common myth, but in fact, there’s no difference in difficulty between the SAT and other admission exams. SAT questions are fair for all students, and each question is reviewed and pretested with students just like you. Colleges here and around the country accept the SAT because it’s a reliable predictor of your potential for college success.”



FAIRNESS. VALIDITY. TRUST.

After more than 80 years, the SAT continues to be a trusted, relevant, and valued part of the admission process at colleges throughout the country and the world.

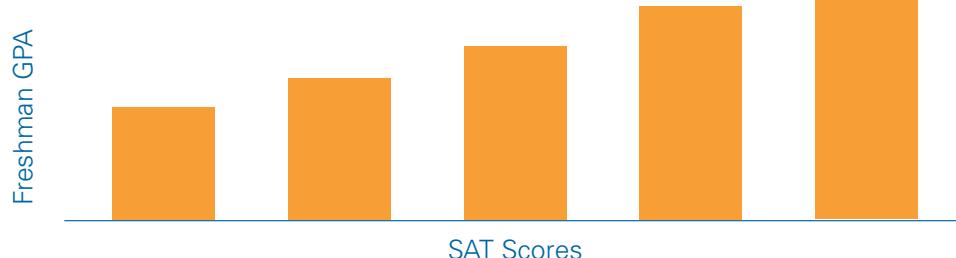
No test is more rigorously researched every year to ensure that it is fair to all students and reflects what they need to know to be successful in college and beyond. Before any question makes it to the exam, it is:

- Thoroughly reviewed to eliminate any bias (e.g., gender/sex, socioeconomic, ethnic, cultural, etc.).
- Field tested extensively in all 50 states to ensure fairness across education systems.

This rigorous, continuous process of validation ensures that the SAT provides the most reliable information about students' readiness for higher education.

GPA PREDICTOR

RESEARCH SHOWS THAT SAT SCORES ARE AN EXCELLENT PREDICTOR OF COLLEGE GPA, AS WELL AS OF THE LIKELIHOOD OF STUDENTS TO STAY IN COLLEGE AND GRADUATE.*

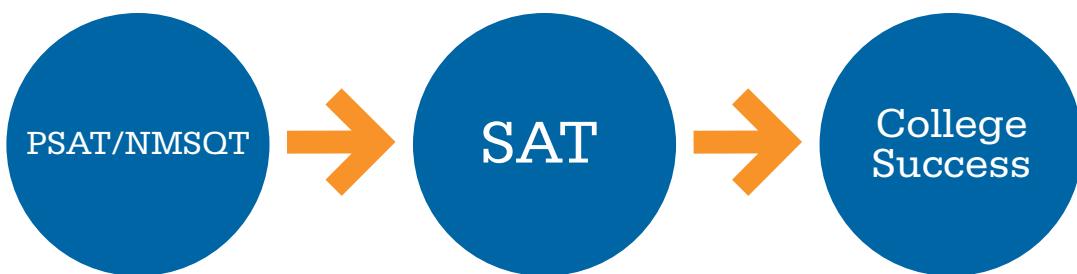


* Validity of the SAT for Predicting First-Year Grades: 2011 SAT Validity Sample

The PSAT/NMSQT® Advantage

The PSAT/NMSQT® gives students and educators the opportunity to measure current skills, pinpoint areas of development, and make plans to improve. Here are some additional benefits:

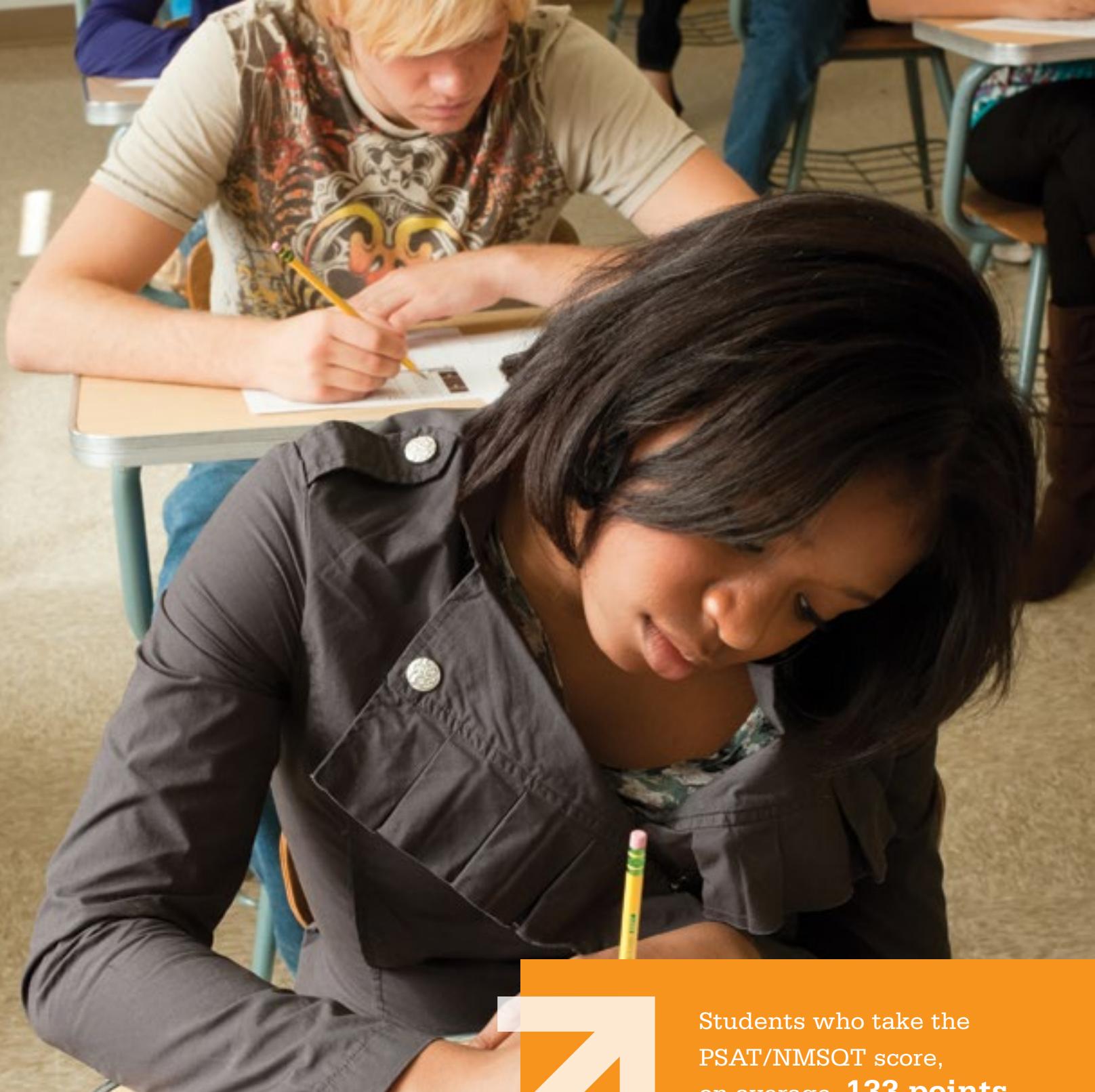
- The test format and content are similar to that of the SAT, so students feel more prepared for the later exam.
- The PSAT/NMSQT Score Report provides detailed feedback so students can take advantage of their strengths and address areas for improvement.
- My College QuickStart™ gives students a personal SAT study plan based on their PSAT/NMSQT scores.
- Students can opt in to Student Search Service to connect with colleges and scholarship programs looking for students like them.



Student Q&A

“Why should I take a college entrance exam?”

“Even if you’re unsure about what to do after high school, it’s important to be ready if you decide college is in your future. The SAT measures what you learn in school, and your scores are good for five years. When you take the SAT, it shows colleges that you’re serious about embracing opportunity and reaching for success.”



Students who take the
PSAT/NMSQT score,
on average, **133 points**
higher on the SAT.



SAT Subject Tests™

ANOTHER WAY TO STAND OUT

SAT SubjectTests™ are hour-long, content-based exams that give students the opportunity to showcase achievement in specific subject areas where they excel.

SAT Subject Tests help students stand out in the college admission process and send a strong message about their readiness for specific majors or programs in college.

- Many colleges require or recommend SAT Subject Tests for admission.
- Colleges often use Subject Tests to place students in appropriate courses and to advise students about their options.



20 TESTS
IN FIVE SUBJECTS

SAT SUBJECT TESTS ARE AVAILABLE IN FIVE GENERAL SUBJECT AREAS



ENGLISH



HISTORY



MATH



LANGUAGES



SCIENCE

Student
Q&A

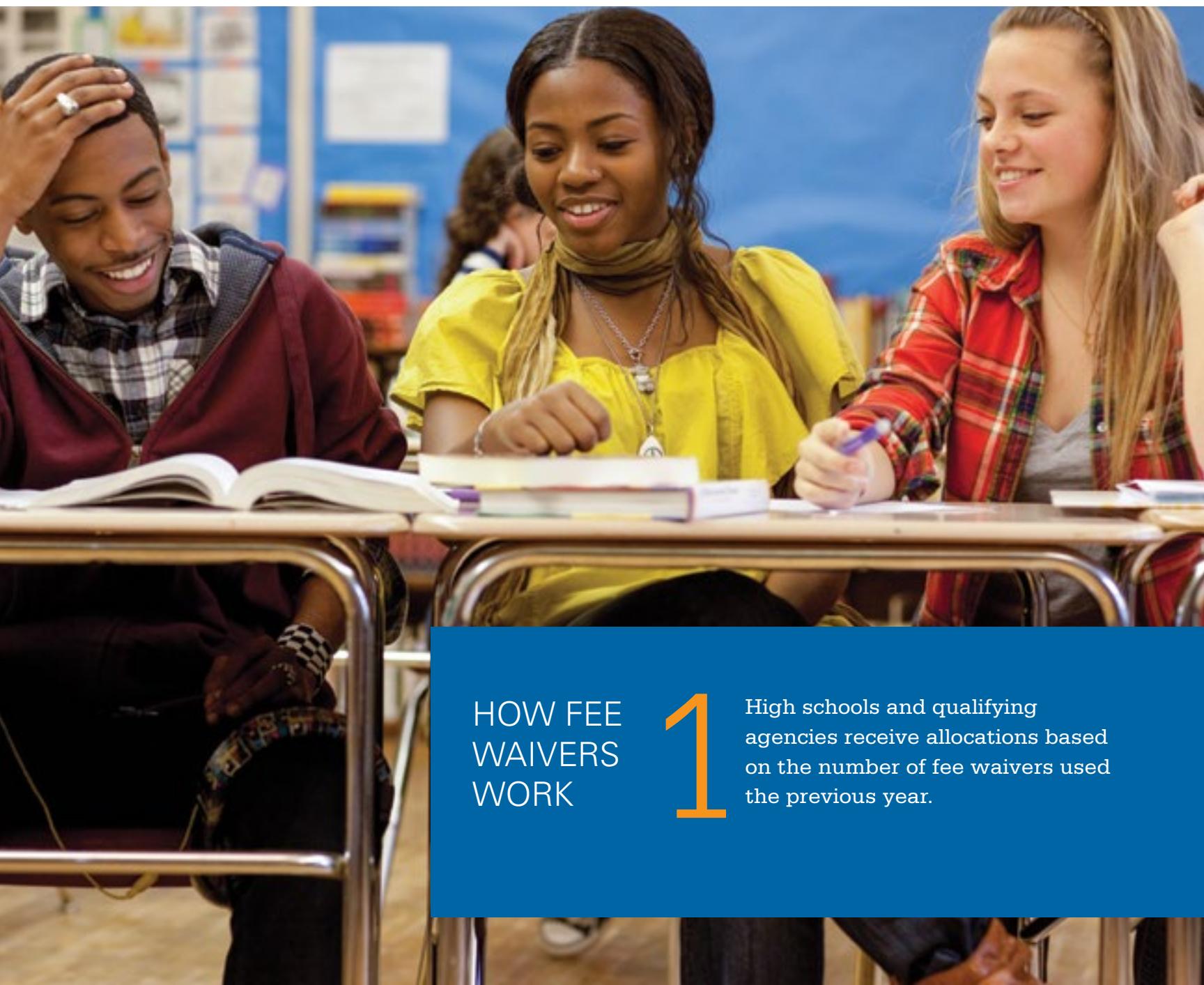
“Should I take an SAT Subject Test if I didn’t do well in that subject?”

“If you’re interested in the subject, it’s definitely worth taking the SAT Subject Test. With all of your valuable classroom experience, you’ll have an advantage on test day. And remember: it’s best to take a SAT Subject Test soon after taking that subject in class.”

Fee Waivers

DELIVERING OPPORTUNITY TO THE UNDERSERVED

As part of the College Board's commitment to help students of all backgrounds get to college, SAT and SAT Subject Test fee waivers are made available to eligible low-income students.



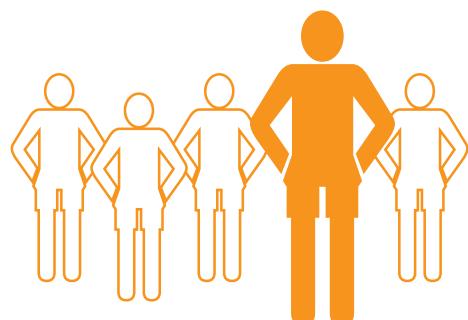
HOW FEE WAIVERS WORK

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High schools and qualifying agencies receive allocations based on the number of fee waivers used the previous year.

WHAT FEE WAIVERS COVER

- Up to two SAT registrations and up to two SAT Subject Test registrations (a total of four fee waivers)
- One SAT registration or up to three SAT Subject Tests on one test day
- Four additional score reports to be used at registration or at any time after receiving scores
- The Question-and-Answer Service or the Student Answer Service if ordered during registration
- A \$40 discount for The Official SAT Online Course™ when ordered during registration
- Up to four requests to waive college application fees
- Coverage of the Non-U.S. Regional Fee for testing internationally



1 IN 5

TEST-TAKERS
USE AN SAT
FEE WAIVER

Learn more about fee waivers at sat.org/fee-waivers

2

School counselors determine student eligibility, complete the Counselor section of the Fee Waiver Card, and distribute it to students.

3

Students must fill out the Student Information section completely. To register online, students enter the unique 12-digit identifier on the card. Students registering by mail send the Fee Waiver Card with their completed registration form.

Resources and Support

FOR COUNSELORS

The SAT Counselor Resource Center at sat.org/crc is your source for valuable SAT information, tools, and support. In addition to the SAT Toolkit, you will find:



Key test information to help keep students and families up to date about deadlines, procedures, and requirements



The SAT Counselor Registration Report, which provides counselors insight into which students registered for the SAT and SAT Subject Tests, used fee waivers, and much more



Downloadable presentations and handouts for students and families to use during college planning informational events



Free practice materials and college planning information to share with students and families

FOR TEACHERS AND ADMINISTRATORS

The College Board's website for educators, professionals.collegeboard.com/educator, offers a wealth of resources, tools, and announcements created specifically to help educators expand a college-going culture in their schools.



Visit the SAT Counselor
Resource Center at
sat.org/crc.

PRACTICE

The SAT provides free practice materials to help students prepare to do their best on test day.

- **Official SAT Practice Questions and Practice Test—**
Same format as the actual SAT
- **The Official SAT Question of the Day™**
An SAT question every day via mobile app, the SAT website, or Twitter (@SATQuestion)
- **[sat.org/practice](#)**—Includes free study tips, a custom study planning tool, videos, and more

For more practice, these affordable tools are also available:

- **The Official SAT Online Course**
18 interactive lessons, 600+ practice questions, personalized essay scoring, and more
- **The Official SAT Study Guide™ with DVD**
11 official tests and exclusive practice tools

Student Q&A

“Isn’t SAT prep expensive?”

“You don’t have to spend a lot of money to get ready for the SAT. There are free, official practice resources available online at [sat.org](#). Since these are available from the test maker, they will be closest to the kinds of questions you’ll see on the actual test.”



COLLEGE PLANNING HELP

As students and families prepare for college, they should look to these resources for important planning and informational support:

My College QuickStart™

collegeboard.org/quickstart

Helps students who take the PSAT/NMSQT explore their unique skills, needs, and interests.



bigfuture.org

Provides college search data, financial aid information, and planning tools based on students' career interests.



youcango.collegeboard.org

Features inspiring student stories, practical college planning advice, and more for traditionally underserved students.

A close-up photograph of a young man with dark, curly hair and a warm complexion. He is smiling broadly, showing his teeth, and looking slightly to his left. He is wearing a light-colored, long-sleeved shirt. The background is a soft-focus outdoor scene with greenery.

Help students take the
next step at **sat.org**.