



Dear Parent/Guardian of Grade 11 Student(s),

On: Tuesday, March 19, 2024 Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) will offer the SAT free of charge to all Grade 11 students at each local high school. The SAT is an essential measure of each student's readiness for college and careers that many colleges and universities use in the admissions process. Offering the SAT during the school day helps to remove barriers associated with college entrance examinations and ensures equitable access to these critical steps to college and career readiness.

Before the SAT administration, there is a Digital Readiness Check that serves two main purposes. First, information about your child will be provided to the College Board (by the provider of the SAT), such as name, school, state, student ID, grade, gender, and date of birth. In addition, MCPS shares information with the College Board regarding students who qualify for a fee waiver, which is utilized solely for that purpose and is not otherwise tracked or maintained by the College Board.

Second, with your consent, your child will be able to participate in the optional Student Survey. The College Board gives students and families complete discretion regarding any voluntary information they provide as part of the Student Survey. Information is gathered for group reporting, analysis to ensure the exams are fair for all groups, connecting your child with potential colleges or scholarship opportunities, and for research.

To provide consent for your child to participate in the optional Student Survey, you must return a signed consent form before the Digital Readiness Check. Whether or not you consent for your child to participate in the optional Student Survey, your child will still participate in SAT School Day.

Your child's school counselor and other staff will be working individually with your student over the next several weeks to prepare for the administration of the SAT. If you have any further questions, please contact your child's school counselor.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Dr. Debra Mugge".

Dr. Debra Mugge

Principal

As part of the administration of the SAT, your child will have the opportunity to participate, with your consent, in the optional Student Survey. Your child's responses to all questions on the Student Survey, other than the required registration questions, are optional.

The survey can help:

- Give counselors and college admission officers information to help your child plan for the future. The more information they have, the more assistance they can provide to you.
- Provide information to the College Board that ensures the exam is a fair and accurate test for all students.
- Is used by the College Board for research and planning to improve our tests and services
- Contribute—combined with responses of all other students taking the same exam—to an understanding of your graduating class. This lets colleges and universities deliver programs and opportunities to serve you and your classmates.
- A primary benefit of completing the optional Student Survey is to participate in Student Search Service, which is a program that connects your child to college and scholarship opportunities that reflect your child's interests. If you choose to permit your child to complete the optional Student Survey, the data your child provides will be added to your child's College Board student record, even if you choose not to participate in Student Search Service.

Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) has a data sharing agreement with the College Board for the administration of the SAT. The College Board has assured MCPS that it only shares data with eligible colleges, universities, scholarships, and educational opportunity programs that sign a license agreement with the College Board. The College Board consistently monitors these organizations' use of student information for compliance. Individual student scores are not shared through Student Search Service, and you may withdraw your participation in Student Search Service at any time. To be clear, completion of the Student Survey and participation in Student Search Service are optional and voluntary for all students.

More information on the SAT can be found here: <https://satsuite.collegeboard.org/digital>

I provide consent for my child to complete the optional Student Survey and participate in the College Board's Student Search Service, as part of the pre-administration process for the PSAT administration in MCPS.

Please return this complete form to Mrs. Polischeck

Printed Student Name

Student ID #

Student Signature

Date

Printed Parent/Guardian Name

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date