Superintendents or Principals to Parents and Teachers

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In 2019, all ninth- and 10th-graders attending public schools in Colorado will take the PSAT on a district selected date on April 9, 10 or 11. Colorado’s public school 11th-graders will take the SAT on April 9.

Taking the PSAT provides our students with several benefits. Through a partnership between the College Board, which owns the PSAT and SAT assessments, and the Khan Academy, students can choose to receive free, personalized SAT study plans tailored to the strengths and weaknesses that were identified from their PSAT results. The free materials from the Khan Academy include interactive questions, guided essay practice, video lessons and reference articles; thousands of practice questions; official full-length SAT and PSAT practice tests; and a mobile app for daily practice.

After taking the PSAT, students also can opt in to a service that will provide them with free information about admission to colleges and universities and financial aid resources.

As part of the SAT suite of assessments, the PSAT provides a good introduction to the SAT – Colorado’s state sponsored college entrance exam – because the questions and test format are similar. In addition to their overall score, students taking the SAT and PSAT will receive two section scores: evidence-based reading and writing and mathematics.