

September 1st, 2020

Dear Castle View High School 12th grade students and parents/guardians,

As you saw from our last letter in July, **Castle View HS seniors are scheduled to take the Official SAT on Wednesday, September 23rd free of charge.** CDE has announced they will pay for and support an optional SAT administration for 12th grade students in place of the spring 2020 SAT school day exam that was not administered due to school closures that resulted from the COVID-19 public health crisis. The fall 2020 school day administration of the SAT is not required by CDE, but results can be used by students for things such as college admissions and scholarships.

Just as with the originally scheduled test, **all senior students will be automatically registered for this SAT test.** Students do not need to register separately. During the week of September 14th, advisement teachers will be handing out SAT preparation packets to all 12th grade students. The packet offers a practice exam, detailed information about sending scores to colleges, and additional information about the exam.

SAT With Essay: Only students who had previously indicated that they wanted to take the optional essay (for last spring's cancelled state-mandated SAT) will have the essay added to this September 23rd test. If students need to add the essay or cancel the optional essay, they need to email kawinsor@dcsdk12.org immediately.

Cohorts: Seniors in cohorts A, B and eLearning have been separated from each other through staggered entrance and testing areas of the building. Please see below to see when your student(s) needs to report and approximately what time s/he will be dismissed. Students with accommodations will receive additional communication from school staff about extended time or multi-day tests.

National Merit Alternate Entry: Students wishing to use this SAT as alternate entry into the National Merit Scholarship from the postponed PSAT last October can still do so as the deadline has been extended through this September. You can find full details by rereading the letter we sent out last year ([attached](#)). Students can pick up the official application for alternate entry from the counseling office. Please read it carefully and follow all steps, including sending an official report of your SAT scores to MNSC (code 0085) by bubbling in this code on your SAT answer sheet. Students who already submitted a request for alternate entry but then had their SAT cancelled should submit another form.

Scores: Students can send 4 free score reports to colleges every time they take the SAT. This is the fastest way to send scores to colleges and scholarship programs—and there's no fee. When students fill out their personal information on the answer sheet on test day, they can use their free score reports up to 11:59 p.m., U.S. Eastern Time, nine days after the test by identifying these by the codes provided on test day, or by logging in to their College Board accounts online.

Khan Academy: As a reminder, all seniors should have a Khan Academy account already set up from prior years at CVHS. They can access FREE Official SAT practice and study resources at www.khanacademy.org. Khan Academy uses PSAT scores to personalize practice for future tests.

Vouchers: In the recent email from College Board vouchers were mentioned. Because our school will administer the statewide SAT on the 23rd, no vouchers will be given for cohort A and B students unless there are extenuating situations where students could not attend the September 23rd School Day Testing. ELearning students can choose to test at CVHS in a separate part of the building, or request a voucher for a Saturday administration through the College Board's website (note: there may be travel involved to another school/state to find an available test center).

Please note: due to ongoing uncertainty related to the COVID-19 pandemic, test dates may be canceled in the event of a local or regional closure. In the event of closure, it is not expected that additional test dates or options will be available. Replacement administrations are not being offered for the canceled CMAS exams.

SAT- all seniors test Sept. 23rd @ CVHS

- No afternoon classes. This is an independent learning day for all students. Teachers' assignments have been modified/shortened to accommodate seniors testing and teachers proctoring.
- No lunch service.
- Only students who have the optional essay or extended time accommodations will be permitted to bring snacks and will be escorted outside to eat (small granola bars, etc.).
- Buses will run on a normal schedule. Students in Group 2 arriving earlier than 8:30AM will need to wait outside the building or in the commons.

Testing group #1:

- Cohort B seniors (enter & exit at the lower/back entrance by 9000 & commons) test in lower pods/classrooms
- All SAT + Essay students (enter at the front to the mobiles)
- All extended time and multi-day testers (enter at the front to the mobiles)

Arrive at 7:30AM

Dismiss cohort B (standard testers) at 12:00PM

Dismiss SAT + Essay at 12:45PM

Students with accommodations will dismiss at approximately 2:00PM

MP3 (multi-day) testers will return on Sept. 24th at 8:00am after all other students are in classrooms and head straight to the library for part two of their SAT administration.

Testing group #2:

- Cohort A seniors (enter & exit at the upper/main entrance) test in upper pods/classrooms
- eLearners (enter & exit at the band entrance) in the wrestling and band/theater rooms
- eLearners also have the option to use a Saturday Voucher for a National Saturday test date. Please email kawinsor@dcsdk12.org right away if you would like this option.

Arrive at 8:30AM

Dismiss at 1:15PM

Please let us know if you have any questions.

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Here is a list of **free resources** that are available for students so that they can continue to prepare:

[SAT Full-Length Practice Tests](#)

[Free SAT prep on Khan Academy](#)

[How to Link College Board scores to Khan Academy](#)