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Dear Parent(s) or Guardian(s):

During the 2020-2021 school year, The Atlanta Public School System (APS) will administer the SAT to all students in the Class of 2022 who opt to sit for the SAT School Day assessment on Wednesday, March 24, 2021. SAT School Day administration is an annual decision; we will move forward with testing based upon each school's ability to adhere to staffing needs and APS COVID-19 safety guidelines. We will announce our ability to approve or decline test participation requests by Monday, March 1st.

We ask that all parents complete the [SAT School Day Opt-In Form](#) by February 12<sup>th</sup> to register their student for the March 24<sup>th</sup> administration of SAT School Day. Failure to complete the form will exclude your student from testing. In partnership with Achieve Atlanta, APS allocated funds to pay exam fees for students in the Class of 2022 to participate in SAT School Day. Results from the SAT School Day assessment may be used as an alternate qualifier for the [National Merit Scholarship Program](#); as well as match and fit criteria for college/university admissions and scholarships. **Additionally, MJHS will offer SAT 101 on March 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:00p via Zoom. The purpose of this session is to answer any questions or concerns concerning the SAT from parents or students. Please see the attachment for more information.**

SAT School Day provides schools, districts, and states a way to offer the SAT to juniors and seniors in school, on a weekday, expanding access to a globally recognized college admission test that's accepted at all U.S. colleges. Over 3.7 million students in over 3,000 districts and 9,000 schools have participated in SAT School Day. Although this is an excellent opportunity, we are asking parents/guardians to be reflective about their desire to have their child complete the assessment in a face-to-face setting; and trust that each family will decide based on the needs of their individual child and the safety of the community.

By breaking down barriers to access, SAT School Day can have a profound impact on a community—opening doors to college, scholarships, and financial aid for every student. Parents/Guardians and students may prepare for the SAT School Day assessment by utilizing <https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat/practice/full-length-practice-tests>. This link provides important test details, familiarizes students with question types, and information on the SAT exam.

College Board has not made provisions for a virtual test administration of the SAT; therefore, **it is the expectation that APS provides a safe and secure testing environment for students who would like to participate.** With that, the SAT School Day exam will be administered face to face at each high school. Below outlines APS' SAT School Day test administration process.

#### **SAT School Day Administration Process:**

1. Parents/Guardians must complete the [SAT School Day Opt-In Form](#) by February 12<sup>th</sup> to register their student for the March 24<sup>th</sup> administration of the SAT School Day exam.
2. Students must test at their home school.
3. APS will provide meals and transportation for students who request them using the form.
4. Communication regarding Class of 2022 participation, transportation and testing room assignments will be communicated via calling post, phone call, Email, Remind, etc. Please ensure accurate contact information is included on the opt-in form.
5. Student must wear face covering or mask for the entire test administration.

**\*\*The Atlanta Public School System will follow all Georgia Health Department and the Center for Disease Control Health and Safety Guidelines as related to the COVID-19 pandemic. \*\***

**\*\*If students are showing signs of fever, cough, runny nose, chills, or any other cold-like symptoms, they should not participate in this administration. \*\***

If you have any questions regarding SAT School Day, please contact your site-based test coordinator, **Donavin Murdock**, at **404-802-5225** or [dmurdock@atlanta.k12.ga.us](mailto:dmurdock@atlanta.k12.ga.us)

Sincerely,

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