

**Subject: High School Statewide Assessment**

*Legal Reference: RSA 193:C*

*This Technical Advisory provides information regarding the use of the College Board's SAT for the high school statewide assessment requirement.*

On November 18, 2015, the New Hampshire Executive Council approved the Department of Education's (DOE) fiscal contract with the College Board allowing the state to implement the SAT as the required high school statewide assessment for public school juniors. The SAT will replace the Smarter Balanced Assessment beginning in the spring of 2016 for 11th grade students only. All other students (in grades 3 through 8) will continue to use the Smarter Balanced Assessment. Dynamic Learning Maps assessment will continue to be offered as the state's alternate assessment for students in all grades who need this option.

All students who are in the 11th grade will be required to take the English language arts (reading, writing) and math portions of the SAT during the school day on March 2, 2016, at no cost to them or their family. There will be one make-up day available in April. Although the state will not be paying for the essay portion of the SAT, a school district / charter school may offer or a family can choose for their student to take that portion for an additional cost (taken on the same day). The NH DOE will provide more information as the registration process is developed.

Each school district / charter school will provide one Test Center Supervisor for each high school. The supervisor will be the main point of contact for the NH DOE and College Board regarding the implementation of the SAT at the school. In addition, each school will have a Services for Students with Disabilities (SSD) Coordinator to manage the accommodation registration process. There will be trainings for both of these roles (could be one or two people), as well as trainings for assessment proctors. These trainings will start the week of November 23rd with a Kick-Off Orientation webinar. School district superintendents, school principals and Test Center Supervisors should expect an email from the NH DOE regarding that webinar.

In addition to trainings, the NH DOE and College Board will continually provide information as it is developed to Test Center Supervisors regarding registration and accommodation approval procedures and support services to students, such as the Khan Academy. It is critical to the success of the SAT implementation that communication channels are clearly designed and communicated within each school district between the Test Center Supervisor, SSD Coordinators, other assessment staff, principals and district leadership.

No later than December 4th, Test Center Supervisors will receive the Test Center Master Form. This form is required to be completed and sent back to the College Board per the instructions on the form so that the schools can be properly registered as a testing site. The College Board will also use the information to ensure Test Center Supervisors and SSD Coordinators know when trainings are available and the processes developed for implementation.

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