

SENIORS - TAKE THE JANUARY SAT!!

Seniors and Parents!

Did you know the SAT assessment is changing? **This could impact your ability to use certain SAT scores for APS qualification purposes.** Please read this important message:

- Seniors planning to take the SAT for APS qualification are strongly encouraged to take the January 23, 2016 test - the last national administration of the current SAT assessment. The regular [registration deadline](#) for this SAT administration is December 28th.
- Starting in March 2016, the [new SAT](#) will replace the current SAT. The new SAT scores required for APS qualification will be aligned to those on the current SAT, but students who take the March or April administrations of the new SAT will **experience a delay in score reporting**. In addition, the concordance table allowing the new SAT scores to be compared to the current SAT scores will not be available until late May.
- Given graduation dates and the tight timeline for release of the concordance table, ***we strongly encourage seniors to [register](#) for the January SAT administration to ensure timely score reporting for APS qualification.***

As a reminder, either a qualifying SAT or ACT score will satisfy the testing requirement for an APS award that can be used to pursue a technical certificate or a collegiate degree. Students may use a qualifying WorkKeys score towards eligibility for an APS award that may only be used for technical certificate programs.

IF you ARE a junior: Juniors are encouraged to take the [new SAT](#) starting in March 2016. The new SAT is [vastly different](#) from the current SAT – it includes different test area components, focus areas, and a new scoring structure and total score range (400-1600). By taking the new SAT as a junior, you will experience the same assessment format should you choose to retest as a senior. At least half of all students take the SAT twice – in the spring as a junior and in the fall as a senior. Most students improve their score the second time they take the SAT.

If you have questions, please contact your high school counselor or call ACPE's customer service center at 1-800-441-2962. You can also look up your school's APS contact person on the APS website at www.aps.alaska.gov.