

Dear Counseling Colleague:

Approximately 105,000 10<sup>th</sup> grade students in Georgia completed the PSAT in October, 2015. Last month The College Board reached out to these students who have taken the PSAT/NMSQT to let them know they have an advantage that no student has had before. For the first time ever, they can connect the results of their PSAT/NMSQT and PSAT 8/9 directly to Official SAT Practice on Khan Academy to create a free personalized practice plan just for them, focusing on improving the specific skills that will help them do their absolute best on the SAT and other high stakes exams. Khan Academy can be used to support the goal of each high school to have more students college and career ready. However, only 5,595 students have linked their accounts to Khan Academy. In an effort to improve SAT means across the state, a tremendous opportunity for free practice is missed if students do not link their data to the Khan platform.

## Seven Ways to Get Students Practicing

- Point students to the diagnostic quizzes, personalized suggestions, and video lessons at [Khan Academy](#)®.
- [Screen this short video](#) that shows how students can share their PSAT/NMSQT and PSAT 10 scores with Khan Academy for recommendations based on their results.
- [Share these College Board practice tools.](#)
- Print a [full-length SAT practice test](#) and pass it out — or host a practice test at school.
- Direct students to their local [Boys & Girls Club](#); many clubs provide SAT practice support.
- Encourage students to start their own [SAT study group](#).
- Tweet encouragement: Keep students motivated with these [tweets and Facebook posts](#).

To encourage more students to link their accounts, several principals across the state have already employed the following tactics with great success:

- A) Promote the use of Khan Academy as a school wide priority. Allow teachers to set aside classroom time or computer lab time to get students set up, making sure students review their PSAT/NMSQT results first.
- B) Share the [video](#) included in this email.
- C) Additional resources are available here: [satpractice.org/k12](http://satpractice.org/k12)
- C) Offer some type of competition or incentive to move the percentage of students with linked accounts from 9% to 90%-100% by a specific date.

If you want additional information regarding the number of students who have linked accounts in your school/district or need personal assistance in creating your own school plan for increasing the number of students who are college and career ready, please contact:

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