

Test Prep Tuesday Lesson Plan

Tuesday, September 7, 2021

Topic: Test-Taking Strategies, How to Utilize Your 2020 Score Report, and Finding Practice Resources

2. Expectation(s)

Expectations: Teachers will express the importance of success on the PSAT, which prepares students for the SAT and serves as the qualifier for the National Merit Scholarship (NMSQT) when taken during the student's junior year.

Teachers will show students how to access their PSAT scores through the College Board and how to practice for the SAT using <u>Khan</u> <u>Academy</u>.

3. Opening Session

Access the <u>PSAT overview video</u> for Test Prep Tuesday #1. Prepare to show the video on your smart TV. Also be sure you can access the <u>Harrison PSAT website</u> so you can show students where to find the webquest (Under the **PSAT Information** tab). Distribute the instructional handouts: <u>the benefits of using Khan Academy</u> and <u>how to connect your Khan Academy and College Board accounts</u>.

4. Working Session

- 1. Begin showing the <u>PSAT overview video</u> for Test Prep Tuesday #1. Pause the video after the narrator encourages you to discuss the PSAT benefits with your students. Below are some questions to help you facilitate this discussion:
 - 1. What is the PSAT? How is it similar to and different from other standardized tests you've taken?
 - 2. Why is it important to succeed on the PSAT?
 - *Experience in the testing environment to help prepare you for the SAT, ACT, AP Exams, and EOCs
 - *Insight into the content areas/types of questions on which you may need to focus to prepare for the SAT/ACT *Competitive during the college admission process
 - *Juniors' PSAT scores may qualify them for the National Merit Scholarship
- 2. Continue showing the introductory video. Pause the Harrison PSAT video when the narrator prompts you to show the College Board resources linked below:

-If your students need to create College Board accounts (likely freshmen), show this video:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=34&v=gglGKRsvXIY

-If your students have taken the PSAT before, show this video and encourage them to connect their College Board accounts to Khan Academy: <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=patbkNnnAQ4</u>

-Show ALL students this video: <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rAmqlQdmwnM</u>

3. Restart the PSAT overview video.

5. Closing Session

Remind students to complete the <u>PSAT Webquest</u> so they can earn a voucher for a free mushy cookie from the cafe!

Resources/Materials

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- PSAT Webquest
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- Show ALL students this video: <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rAmqlQdmwnM</u>
- Handout for the benefits of using Khan Academy and how to connect your Khan Academy and College Board accounts.