



Michigan Department of Education Guidance for the Parental/Guardian Opt-Out Form for Optional Information Provided During the SAT Suite of Assessments

Students under the age of eighteen who are participating in one of the College Board SAT Suite of Assessments on a school day – SAT® with Essay, PSAT/NMSQT®, or PSAT™10 – will be asked to provide College Board with optional student information; this process includes the student opting into the BigFuture School™ mobile application and the Connections program.

Students taking the PSAT™ 8/9 assessment will not be offered access to the BigFuture School app nor offered the opportunity to opt into Connections. However, these students will be asked to provide College Board with optional student information.

In addition to getting their score reports from their school, students may access their test scores on the mobile application [College Board's BigFuture School™](https://satsuite.collegeboard.org/digital/educators/in-school-testing/introducing-bigfuture-school) (<https://satsuite.collegeboard.org/digital/educators/in-school-testing/introducing-bigfuture-school>). Students can download BigFuture School from an app store and then use the phone number they provided during testing to authenticate into the app. Once there, students can see their scores and get customized career information and guidance about planning and paying for college. The phone number that the student provides during testing is used only for app authentication and to notify the student by text that test scores are ready.

During testing and while using the BigFuture School app, students can opt into Connections™. This new program, which is free to students, connects students to nonprofit colleges, scholarship organizations, and nonprofit educational organizations interested in students like them, without disclosing any of the student's personal information.

Guidelines for Districts and Schools:

Beginning in Spring 2024, parents/guardians will no longer be asked to provide parental/guardian consent for their students to answer optional student information, access College Board's BigFuture School app, and opt into Connections during the SAT Suite of Assessments. Rather, parents/guardians will have the opportunity to opt out their students from providing this optional student information, including participation in BigFuture School and Connections.

- In accordance with district policy, schools must provide parent/guardians the opportunity to opt out their child from the optional information submission.
 - Schools may choose to use the **Parental/Guardian Opt-Out Form** for the SAT Suite of Assessments, which is available on the Michigan Department of Education's [MME web page](http://www.michigan.gov/mme) (www.michigan.gov/mme) under SAT (College Entrance Assessment) and on the [PSAT web page](http://www.michigan.gov/psat) (www.michigan.gov/psat) under Current Assessment Administration.

Opt-out forms are available in English, Spanish, and Arabic.

- Schools may choose to develop their own opt-out form for distribution to parents and guardians.
- Schools must distribute and collect the Opt-Out Form from parents and guardians on a timely basis according to district policy.
Options include but are not limited to:
 - Distribute the Parental/Guardian Opt-Out Form to students/parents at the beginning of the year in welcome/orientation packets, at parent/teacher conferences, or electronically to parents.
 - Utilize the district's Student Information System to distribute and collect the Opt-Out Form.
- Parents and guardians must be provided the opportunity to opt their student out of answering optional questions each school year.
- Completed Opt-Out Forms must be collected before testing begins.
- Completed Opt-Out Forms must be retained by the school or district for three years. Forms are not to be returned to College Board or the Michigan Department of Education.
- Completed Opt-Out Forms can be included in the student's CA-60 Cumulative Student Record Folder in the event the student transfers within the school year.
- Students can opt out of BigFuture School text messages by replying STOP to any text sent by BigFuture School, or by calling College Board at 866-756-7346.
- Students can opt out of Connections through the app or by calling College Board at 866-756-7346.

Resources:

- Districts and schools can find additional guidance in the U.S. Department of Education online publication [Technical Assistance on Student Privacy for State and Local Educational Agencies When Administering College Admission Examinations](https://studentprivacy.ed.gov/sites/default/files/resource_document/file/TA%20College%20Admissions%20Examinations.pdf) (https://studentprivacy.ed.gov/sites/default/files/resource_document/file/TA%20College%20Admissions%20Examinations.pdf).
- Parents can view the optional personal information students may provide at the [College Board Privacy Center](http://privacy.collegeboard.org/) (<http://privacy.collegeboard.org/>).
- While students can now get their scores through the BigFuture School app, another way for a student to view their scores for the Michigan-provided SAT with Essay, PSAT 10, and PSAT 8/9 is through a College Board account. A student who chooses to create a College Board account has the option to opt into Student Search Service®. With this service, students can receive information from colleges and scholarship programs on majors, campus life, and ways to make college more affordable.
- SAT Suite of Assessment Student Guides provide families with information regarding student privacy; testing rules; and on how to help students become familiar with test directions, review sample questions, and understand how tests are scored. Student Guides may be accessed at the [College Board Program Policy Page](https://privacy.collegeboard.org/program-policies) (<https://privacy.collegeboard.org/program-policies>).