



Michigan Department of Education Guidance for the SAT Suite of Assessments Parental/Guardian Consent Processes

Students under the age of eighteen who are participating in one of the Michigan SAT Suite of Assessments on a school day – SAT® with Essay, PSAT/NMSQT®, or PSAT™10 – will need parental/guardian consent to provide College Board with optional student information; to opt into the BigFuture School™ mobile application; and to opt into Connections.

Students taking the PSAT 8/9 will not be able to opt into BigFuture School or Connections. However, parental/guardian consent will be required for students to complete the optional student questions for PSAT 8/9.

BigFuture School allows students to receive their test scores on their mobile device. Connections allows students to interact with colleges and universities to support planning for post-secondary success; through Connections, students can connect with colleges, universities, scholarship organizations, and other educational organizations without disclosing their personal information.

Guidelines for Districts and Schools:

- Parental consent must be collected by schools before students submit College Board’s optional student information, opt into College Board’s BigFuture School, and/or opt into Connections.
 - Schools will gather parental consent in accordance with their district policy.
 - If they choose to do so, schools can use the **Parental/Guardian Consent Form for the SAT Suite of Assessments**, which is available on the Michigan Department of Education’s [MME web page \(www.michigan.gov/mme\)](http://www.michigan.gov/mme) under SAT and on the [PSAT web page \(www.michigan.gov/psat\)](http://www.michigan.gov/psat) under Current Assessment Administration.
 - Helpful Tip: Schools may distribute the consent form to students/parents at the beginning of the year in welcome/orientation packets, at parent/teacher conferences, or electronically to parents. Note: The completed forms are to be collected before testing begins.
 - Schools will have to obtain parental consent just once. If a student takes an additional College Board assessment at the school where parental consent is already on file, the student will not be required to obtain parental consent the second time.

- It is not required that consent forms be returned to College Board or MDE. Rather, they must be retained at the school for three years.
 - Helpful Tip: Schools can place the parental consent form in the student’s CA-60 Cumulative Student Record Folder to follow the student through any change of schools.
- Students will be able to opt out of BigFuture School by replying STOP to any text sent by/about 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 the same number.

Resources:

- Districts and schools can find additional guidance from 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, a College Board account is another way for a student to view their scores for the Michigan-provided SAT with Essay, PSAT 10, and PSAT 8/9. A student who chooses to create a College Board account has the option to opt into Student Search Service®. Students who join Student Search can receive information from colleges and scholarship programs on majors, campus life, and ways to make college more affordable. If students are encouraged to create a College Board account as part of a school day activity, parental notification is required.
- A College Board flyer, Connect with Colleges and Scholarship Programs: Student Search Service, is available for distribution to parents on the [MME](http://www.michigan.gov/mme) (www.michigan.gov/mme) and [PSAT](http://www.michigan.gov/psat) (www.michigan.gov/psat) web pages under Parent/Student Information.
- **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).