

Engaging Students in Official SAT Practice

There are three main approaches to supporting students using Official SAT Practice. The district or schools can decide how best to implement Official SAT Practice to support their students—a focus on one of these approaches or a combination of two or more.

Independent Practice

Students practice individually or in study groups at home.

Parent involvement is essential to encouraging independent practice:

- Share information about Official SAT at a parent night, with PTAs or parent group at school
- Encourage parents to work with student to set and stick to a study schedule
- Link to resources on website, through social media, make announcements, and post flyers around school
- In **Long Beach Unified School District, CA**, letters are sent to parents to engage families and help them understand their students' scores

Extracurricular Practice

Students practice in study hall, after-school sessions, or with a community-based organization:

- Incorporate Official SAT Practice tools during non content classes, such as a college prep class, Study hall, Advisory Period, or AVID courses
- Partner with Community-Based/College-Access Organizations to offer a place and time for students to practice
- **Houston Independent School District, TX** ran a districtwide initiative and had students practice during non-core, college skill-building classes

Teacher-Guided Practice

Students practice in class, using Official SAT Practice as a learning tool:

- Teachers incorporate independent practice into the class period and answer student questions
- Some examples include:
- Use an SAT question from Official SAT Practice or the Daily Practice app as bell work or an exit ticket
 - Assign 60 minutes of SAT practice per week as homework
 - Ask students to report energy points, levels of progress, or quiz results
 - **Orange County Public Schools, FL** incorporated Official SAT Practice into the school day, once a week during ELA classes across the district