

**BOARD BRIEF**

Date: May 5, 2023

**BOARD INFORMATION:**   X  

**MEETING PREPARATION:**       

**FROM:** Peter Balas, Executive Principal, Alexandria City High School

**THROUGH:** Pierrette Finney, Ed.D, Executive Director of School Leadership  
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**TO:** The Honorable Meagan L. Alderton, Chair, and  
Members of the Alexandria City School Board

**TOPIC:** 2023-2024 School Day PSAT/SAT Dates for Alexandria City High School

**ACPS 2025 STRATEGIC PLAN GOAL:**

Goal 2: Instructional Excellence  
Goal 3: Student Accessibility and Support

**SY 2022-2023 FOCUS AREA:**

Social Emotional and Academic Learning Recovery  
Hispanic Males  
Continued SST Support Expansion  
Strategic Plan Implementation  
Implementation of Student with Disabilities Plan  
Continuous Improvement in KPI Disparities

**FY 2023 BUDGET PRIORITY:**

Equitable TAG Identification of Black and Hispanic Students  
Address Chronic Absenteeism & High School Graduation Rate Among Hispanic Male Students  
Social and Emotional Supports for Students  
Expand Access and Improve Quality of Out of School Learning

**SUMMARY:**

The dates for administering the PSAT and SAT at Alexandria City High School (ACHS) have been decided for the 2023-2024 academic year.

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<p><b>October 11, 2023</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● PSAT 8/9 for grade 9 students will take place at the Minnie Howard and King Street Campuses.</li><li>● PSAT for grade 10 students will take place at the King Street Campus.</li><li>● National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (NMSQT) for grade 11 students who register through their school counselors will test at the King Street Campus.</li><li>● SAT for students in grades 11 and 12 who opt-in and register through their school counselor.</li><li>● On this day, students taking the test will be released upon completion, which will be approximately 1:15 p.m. Students with extra time accommodations will be released upon completion. Transportation will be provided at 1:15 p.m. and 3:15 p.m.</li><li>● Students in grades 11 and 12 who are not testing at the King Street Campus will not report to school and will work on assignments posted in Canvas.</li><li>● Students who are not testing at the Satellite and Chance for Change Campuses will report to school as usual.</li><li>● Breakfast and lunch will be served.</li></ul>
<p><b>April 16, 2024</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● SAT Exam for grade 11 students will take place at the King Street Campus.<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ This will give students a score for the early college application process.</li></ul></li><li>● On this day, students taking the test will be released upon completion, which will be approximately 1:15 p.m. Students with extra time accommodations will be released upon completion. Transportation will be provided at 1:15 p.m. and 3:15 p.m.</li><li>● Students who are not testing at the King Street Campus will not report to school and will work on assignments posted in Canvas.</li><li>● Students who are not testing at the Satellite and Chance for Change Campuses will report to school as usual.</li><li>● Students at Minnie Howard Campus will report to school as usual.</li><li>● Breakfast and lunch will be served.</li></ul>

**BACKGROUND:**

Each school year, students in grades 9-12 have the opportunity to participate in school day testing for the PSAT/SAT. The dates are selected in collaboration with the College Board and the Titan Testing Team. Testing usually occurs in October and April of a given school year. These school testing days affords Titans greater access to assessments that can be highlighted on college resumes, allows students to qualify for National Merit Scholarships, and have SAT scores for the early college application process. There are no fees to students for these assessments.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

The Interim Superintendent recommends that the School Board review the information regarding the 2023-2024 School Day PSAT/SAT dates.

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**IMPACT:**

High School students will be able to participate in the PSAT and SAT during the school day.

**REFERENCES:**

None

**ATTACHMENTS:**

None

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