

# Benjamin E. Mays High School

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

As Atlanta Public Schools continues its mission to ensure every student will graduate ready for college and career, we are pleased to inform you of our participation in the College Board's Suite of SAT assessments using their **SAT SCHOOL DAY PROGRAM**. Through this new and unique partnership with the College Board and Khan Academy, all **juniors** will take the **SAT**, **free of charge during the school day on Wednesday, March 6, 2019**.

Created by the College Board, the SAT is an entrance exam used by most colleges and universities to make admissions decisions. The idea is to provide colleges with one common criterion that can be used to compare all applicants; however, it is just one factor in the admissions decision. Colleges also consider students' high school GPAs, academic transcripts, letters of recommendation, extracurricular activities, interviews, community service, and personal essays. The weight placed on SAT scores varies from school to school.

Participating in the SAT School Day Program:

- Allows students to test in a familiar environment.
- Provides a testing time within the school day.
- Increases opportunities for students to attend college.
- Can be considered an "opportunity search", as SAT scores and student profiles are matched with colleges and scholarships nationwide.
- Helps students make a more informed decision regarding their future, and opens doors for many different opportunities.

In preparation for the SAT, please encourage your student to use his/her linked College Board and Khan Academy accounts to prepare for the test.

Feel free to contact our testing coordinator, Helena Thomas, at 404-802-5100 or [Helena.thomas@atlanta.k12.ga.us](mailto:Helena.thomas@atlanta.k12.ga.us) if you have questions or need additional clarity. You may also obtain additional information about the test on the College Board website at <https://www.collegeboard.org/sat>.

Sincerely,

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