

Federal Way Public Schools and College Board

Where All Means ALL - Building
Student Capacity Locally, So They Can
Contribute Globally

The Next Step in Aligning Our Work

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College Readiness Pathway

- 8th -12th grade college readiness exams and inventories
- AP exams
- Alignment to Common Core

Global End - E-1

Each student will graduate with the skills and academic knowledge to succeed as a responsible, contributing member of a global society.

Academic Program, Standards, and Practices - EL-13

The Superintendent shall not fail to adopt and develop a rigorous standards-based academic program that enables all students to achieve the Board's *Ends* policies.

Accordingly, the Superintendent may not:

- Fail to develop and implement an academic program that is research-based, provides access and challenge for all, is complete, is culturally responsive, comprehensively uses resources, encourages innovation, and considers class size and organization.

College Readiness Pathway

This fall, Federal Way Public Schools will be utilizing the College Board's "College Readiness Pathway." This integrated series of assessments is designed for 8th through 12th graders to measure, monitor, and direct student progress from middle school through high school to ensure college and career readiness.

The assessments are aligned to measure a vertical progression of state and federal academic standards, including the Common Core State Standards.

Building Better Transitions From Middle School to Higher Ed.

On Wednesday, October 17, 2012, **All** 8th through 12th graders will be participating in assessments or activities to help inform students, schools, and the district about the knowledge and skills students need in order to be college and career ready.

Getting On The Right Track!

8th graders will take ReadiStep, a “low-stakes” middle school assessment which measures skills students need to be on track for college success.

It provides insight into students’ academic progress and also equips educators with tools they can use to make informed decisions in the classroom.



Practicing For the Feature



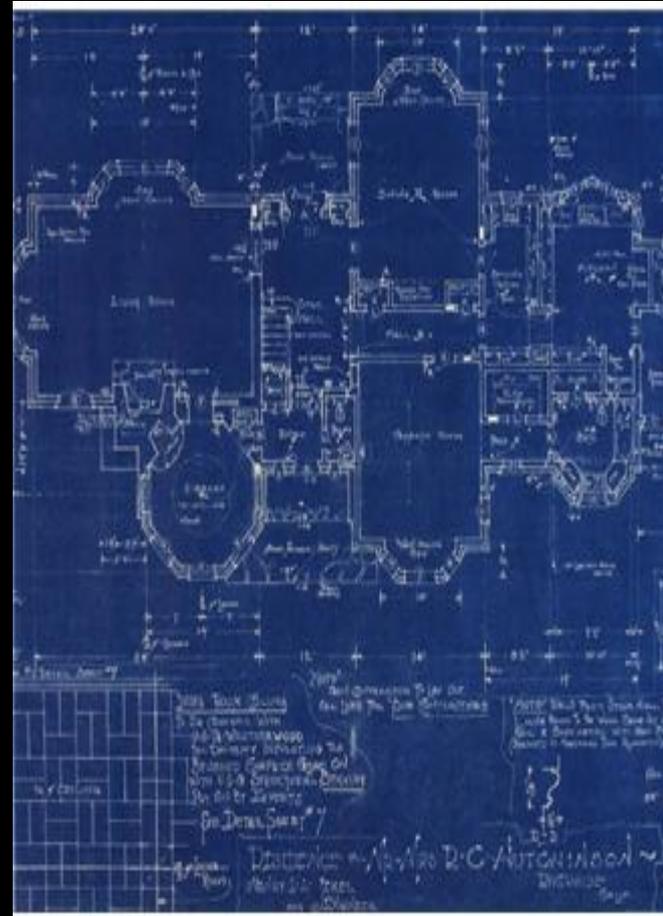
9th graders will take the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test (PSAT), a diagnostic assessment which provides SAT practice, skills feedback, and access to college and career planning tools.

The PSAT measures critical reading skills, math problem-solving skills, and writing skills.

Inventorying Before It is Too Late

10th graders will use “My College QuickStart,” a personalized college and career planning tool to help develop their “High School and Beyond Plan,” which is a graduation requirement.

Students will be able to:
review their previous PSAT scores and the questions they got wrong and why; access practice SAT questions; save college searches; and take a personality test to identify possible majors and careers.



A Safe Place To Prepare

11th graders will take the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test (PSAT), a diagnostic assessment which provides SAT practice, skills feedback, and access to college and career planning tools.

The PSAT measures critical reading skills, math problem-solving skills, and writing skills, which allows our students another opportunity to demonstrate meeting standard (Alignment to Board Policy).

For 11th graders, this is also the National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (NMSQT), which allows qualified students to enter competitions for prestigious scholarships and recognition programs.



Preparing for Life After High School



12th graders will take the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT), which measures college readiness.

The SAT is a globally recognized college admission test that lets students show colleges what they know and how well they can apply that knowledge.

Almost all colleges and universities use the SAT to make admission decisions.

In addition, taking the test enables students to connect to scholarship opportunities and access college planning tools.

Free on-line SAT tutoring available for our students (additional savings for community).

How Does This Help

Student and Families

- Eliminates costs for ALL families
- Removes transportation difficulties
- Provides meaningful data
- Provides more consistent and focused attention to the preparation

Staff

- Meaningful data – connected to grades (correlations)
- Multiple opportunities for students to demonstrate learning in our power standards
- Assists in fostering a rigorous academic culture

Who Else Does This?

- Many schools and districts are getting on board with PSAT.
- Several small districts do direct billing with the College Board for a Saturday SAT, however they still may charge students.
- Some states give SAT/ACT for juniors as part of their state requirements.
- Federal Way is the first district in the Western Region to be able to do a midweek SAT for all seniors.
- One of the only public school districts in the nation to develop a college readiness assessment path for all students at no additional charge for the individual family.

It Just Doesn't Happen

Creative thinking and recognition that all schools and districts are not funded equally.

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Questions or Comments?