

The background of the slide is a collage. The top left shows a line of yellow school buses, with the number '32' visible on the front of one. The bottom left shows a classroom with blue walls, decorated with colorful balloons and framed pictures. There are several small white tables and chairs arranged in the room.

Commissioner's Report

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Commissioner of Education



SAT: Kentucky's College Admissions Exam

College Admissions Exam – New Vendor

- Beginning with the 2025–2026 school year, College Board was awarded the contract based on a competitive bid process to provide the SAT for the state administration of the college admissions exam as required by [KRS 158.6453](#).
- Seniors (Class of 2026) took the ACT. Juniors (Class of 2027) will be impacted by this contract.
- Many districts are already familiar with College Board through the Advanced Placement (AP) courses and exams. This existing relationship is expected to ease the transition and support a smooth implementation across Kentucky high schools.
- This transition will provide students with a high-quality assessment that continues to support Postsecondary Readiness. The [SAT benchmark scores](#) that determine academic readiness are established by the Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education. More information can be found on how [SAT assesses college and career readiness](#).

College Admissions Exam – SAT Assessment and Test Window

- The SAT Junior State Administration is an online adaptive exam. It is a two hour and 14-minute exam that assesses students' reading, writing, math and science skills. The test has two sections, Reading & Writing and Math.
- Through its unique design, the SAT also delivers an Analysis in Science score generated by students' performance on relevant questions within the Reading & Writing and Math sections.
- Analysis of Science score meets Kentucky's statutory requirements.
- The six-week test window will be March 2 through April 10, 2026, allowing schools to determine their own test administration dates.

College Admissions Exam – Cost

- The initial four-year contract, with a cost of \$30 per student locked in over the four years, can be extended up to nine years.
- It has the potential to save the Commonwealth up to \$350,000 annually.

College Admissions Exam – Resources

- For educators:
 - Alignment to Kentucky Academic Standards
 - Free [instructional planning tools](#), including an educator question bank, student skill insights, and resources to integrate questions into daily lessons
- For parents/students:
 - Easy-to-access scores plus personalized college and career planning guidance
 - [Guide to help students and families understand scores](#)
 - Opportunities to connect with colleges and scholarship programs through the [BigFuture application](#)
 - [Step-by-step guides to help parents support student preparation](#)
 - [Free personalized practice resources](#): full-length tests, question banks, and exclusive Khan Academy courses

SAT Upcoming Trainings

- SAT State Administration Office Hour #1 – Tues. Oct. 14
- SAT/Office of Assessment and Accountability (OAA) Spring 2026 Junior State Administration In-Person Trainings
 - West Kentucky Educational Cooperative (Eddyville) – Wed., Nov. 5
 - Northern Kentucky Cooperative for Educational Services (Alexandria) – Thurs., Nov. 6
 - Kentucky Educational Development Corporation (Ashland) – Fri., Nov. 7
 - Southeast/South Central Education Cooperative (London) – Mon., Nov. 10
 - Kentucky Department of Education (Frankfort) – Mon., Nov. 17
 - Kentucky Valley Educational Cooperative (Hazard) – Wed., Nov. 19
 - Green River Regional Educational Cooperative (Bowling Green) – Fri., Nov. 21

Note: additional trainings and support will be provided as the process progresses.



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Commissioner's School Visits



Kentucky School for the Blind (KSB)



Kentucky School for the Deaf (KSD)



Area Technology Centers (ATCs)





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