

# Secondary Presentation (9/11/2017)

U.S. College Board Assessments

Academic year 2017-2018



**The greater danger for most of us is not that our aim is too high and we miss it, but that it is too low and we reach it. Michaelangelo**



A person in a light-colored shirt and dark pants stands in a classroom, pointing at a green chalkboard. The chalkboard contains the text: "We are currently preparing students for jobs that don't yet exist...".

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# US College Board: Introduction

- Al Dhafra Private School is recognized on The College Board with a high school code (697095).
- It is also a certified SAT/PSAT/AP testing center (52870).



# The Importance of the PSAT

The PSAT is a version of the SAT for 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> graders, developed by the College Board.

The PSAT will provide each student with an individualized score that tells them what score they would have received on the SAT as well as detailed information on what areas they should focus on to improve their scores.

## Key benefits of taking the PSAT are:

- Covers the same content areas as SAT and is delivered under the same conditions—providing ideal practice
- Shows students how they would do at SAT, with score scale and score reports that are almost identical
- Provides detailed feedback on exact areas of strength and weakness
- Allows students to automatically generate a personalized study plan for free online SAT preparation for example **Khan Academy**.

# SAT Calendar

## SAT Test Dates 2017-18 (U.S.)

Test Date	Normal Deadline	Late Registration*	Online Score Release
August 26, 2017	July 28, 2017	August 15, 2017	September 14, 2017
October 7, 2017	September 8, 2017	September 22, 2017	October 27, 2017
November 4, 2017	October 6, 2017	October 20, 2017	November 23, 2017
December 2, 2017	November 3, 2017	November 17, 2017	December 21, 2017
March 10, 2018**	February 9, 2018	February 23, 2018	March 29, 2018
May 5, 2018	April 6, 2018	April 20, 2018	May 24, 2018
June 2, 2018	May 4, 2018	May 18, 2018	June 21, 2018

# Merit Scholarships based on SAT

SCHOOL	SAT*	AVG. MERIT AWARD**
Santa Clara University	1380	\$18264
Dickinson College	1350	\$16952
University of North Carolina, Charlotte	1270	\$16455
Quinnipiac University	1100	\$17000
University of Maine	1100	\$10800
Saint Louis University	1070	\$16794

# **PSAT and SAT at Al Dhafra**

- **All Grade 10-12 Students are already using Khan Academy in Math and English**
- **Target setting for SAT exams is now being introduced in the senior grades**
- **Practice questions are now part of our curriculum, to help prepare students for the official College Board Assessments**
- **Grade 10 Students will sit a practice PSAT paper in school during Term 2, before the official assessments in Term 3**
- **Grade 11 & 12 Students are encouraged to try to achieve the highest possible mark in SAT1 and to sit SAT 2 if they have the ability to do so**



# WHAT IS AP?

- The College Board's **Advanced Placement Program** (AP) is an extensive program that offers high school students the chance to participate in what College Board describes as college-level classes.
- It also plays a large part in the college admissions process, showing students' intellectual capacity and genuine interest in learning.
- The program allows many students to gain college credit for high performance on the AP exams.

# WHY AP?

- Students will be taking part in a college level academic experience
- It will challenge them
- Prepare them for college and beyond
- It will give you the opportunity to earn credit or even advance placement in your chosen college course
- It will make your application more attractive to colleges and universities

# Thank You!

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