

PCS Talent Identification Program (PCS TIP)

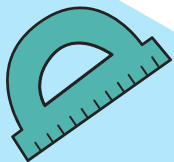
**Parent Information Session
Thurgood Marshall Fundamental Middle
November 29, 2022**



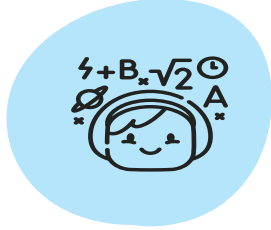
Why does PCS offer this opportunity?



The PCS TIP SAT and Road to Recognition experiences are intended to increase student awareness and enrollment in higher level courses, while fostering college readiness through early exposure to measurable, tested SAT skills.



PCS TIP GOALS



**Identify and enrich
academically talented
7th grade students.**



**Support students and
their families to
develop college-
preparatory plans for
8th grade, high school
and beyond.**



**Provide early practice
to increase potential
for National Merit
and other scholarship
opportunities as well
as college admission.**

QUICK FACTS ABOUT THE SAT

3 PARTS

- Reading
- Writing and Language
- Math

QUESTIONS

Multiple Choice
with 4 options, no
penalty for wrong
answers

SCORE RANGE

400 - 1600

ACCEPTANCE

SAT is taken by more
than 2 million
students annually and
accepted by virtually
all colleges and
universities

USE

SAT & PSAT
assist counselors
in advisement for
course selection

- For college admissions purposes, the SAT is taken during spring of the junior year and again in fall of senior year if a student wants to improve their scores. **Colleges will not use the scores from 7th grade for admissions after high school.**
- As a trusted and globally recognized indicator of readiness for college, the SAT is a bridge between what a student does in high school and a college that is a strong fit for the future path of a student.
- Having the experience of taking the SAT early and also taking a series of PSATs diminishes nerves on test day and improves performance in the junior and senior years when it counts for college entrance.
- Practice is something every professional engages in to hone their craft and achieve their best performance...think about the practice time invested by professional athletes, chess players, musicians, actors, etc.






SAT ACCOMMODATIONS



ACCOMMODATIONS FOR SAT MUST BE PRE-APPROVED BY COLLEGE BOARD

- Accommodations are requested by the SSD Coordinator through the College Board's Services for Students with Disabilities (SSD) online platform at least 7 weeks in advance (deadline January 10, 2023)
 - Students have had difficulty transferring their accommodations to their high school so we encourage families to request this only if it is a necessity. **It may be worth attempting the SAT without accommodations at this age to see how it goes while it doesn't count for anything.**
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STEPS FOR STUDENTS TO PARTICIPATE

Below is an outline of the steps that will occur for students to sit for the TIP SAT on March 1, 2023.

November 29 th	Parent Information Night
December 5 th - January 16 th	Parent submits credit card payment via RevTrak link
January 23 rd - February 24 th	Student attends TIP Tutorial sessions (Schedule TBA)
February 22 nd	SAT Day & Road to Recognition Overview for Families – Livestream event (The link for this session will be provided to parents of registered students one week in advance.)
March 1 st	SAT at school
April 15 th	Road to Recognition event (registration required after SAT participation)



REGISTRATION INFORMATION



- SAT Fee is **\$60.00**
- Students identified in Focus as low-income (based on free/reduced lunch status) must pay a **reduced fee of \$15.00** and Pinellas County Schools will work with a sponsor to provide a scholarship for the remaining amount
- Submitting payment **using the RevTrak link** automatically registers the student to take the SAT at his/her middle school on March 1, 2023

***The link below is the RevTrak link where parents submit payment:**

<https://pcsb.revtrak.net/advanced-studies/tip-sat-exams/#/list>

- **Payment deadline is January 16, 2023.** **No late registrations** can be accepted due to ordering deadline.
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AFTER THE SAT



Students exit SAT with invitation to Road to Recognition. Parents register for event. (limited capacity so register early)



SAT scores will be reviewed at the Road to Recognition event during one of the workshop sessions.

Families unable to attend will receive scores from the school the following week.

