

HAYS CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Date: September 22, 2025

Agenda Item: J.2a

Board Goal: Student Achievement

Subject: Consideration and possible approval of the cost to Administer PSAT and SAT Assessments – The College Board

Administrator Responsible/Position: Marivel Sedillo, Deputy Superintendent / Chief Academic Officer
Emily Herrin, Director of Curriculum & Instruction

A. Purpose of Agenda Item:

☒ Action needed ☐ Information only ☐ Receive input

B. Authority for This Action:

☒ Local Policy: CH – Purchasing and Acquisition ☐ Law or Rule ☒ N/A

C. Goal or Need Addressed: The purpose of this agenda item is to procure PSAT and SAT exams from The College Board

D. Summary:

- ☒ **Previous board action relating to this item:** Board approved procurement on September 24, 2024.
- ☒ **Future action anticipated:** Annual procurement
- ☒ **Background information:** College Board offers PSAT assessments for 8th, 9th, 10th, and 11th grades and SAT for 11th grade for the 2025-2026 school year. The PSAT identifies students who are on track to be college ready and those who are likely to succeed in AP courses and AP exams. This identification increases access to AP and College Credit-bearing courses. The National Merit Scholarship Program uses the PSAT/NMSQT scores to identify candidates. SAT scores indicate college readiness and are part of Domain I and of Distinction Recognitions in the State Accountability system. The Texas Education Agency (TEA) will refund the cost of one college readiness assessment (SAT/ACT/TSIA) for each student.
Through HB3 the Texas Education Agency (TEA) funds (by reimbursement to districts) one college readiness exam (SAT, ACT, TSIA) for each student. While TEA will reimburse districts for each student to take either SAT or ACT or TSIA, we want to use the state reimbursement for SAT as it aligns with data that we already receive from PSAT. Students who take PSAT have individualized study plans for SAT through Khan Academy.

We will:

1. Continue to administer the PSAT 8/9 to 8th grade students; PSAT to 11th graders during the fall semester; and an Opt-in PSAT to 9th and 10th graders (*Approximately \$131,124*)
2. Administer SAT school day to all juniors in the spring (March) (*Approximately \$82,000--Refunded by the state*)

To reiterate, our initial outlay of funds will be \$213,124. TEA will refund approximately \$82,000 making our total final cost approximately \$131,124.

E. Comments Received:

☒ Cabinet ☐ DLT ☐ Teacher Org. Reps. ☒ Other: Curriculum & Instruction

F. Administrative Recommendation: Administration recommends the approval of procurement of the PSAT & SAT exams from College Board.

Advantages and benefits of this proposal: N/A

Expected results in terms of student benefit/achievement: N/A

Effect of this action on other parts of the system: N/A

Consequences of not approving this recommendation: N/A

G. Fiscal Impact and Cost: Amount: \$131,124

\$213,124 Initial District Outlay; \$82,000 refunded by the State

☒ **Budget**

☐ **Bond**

☐ **Grant/Special Funds:**

☐ **Other**

☐ **Budget Amendment Needed**

Prior Year Spending for this item/service: \$142,870.50

Reasons for rejecting alternatives: Sole Source

Future/Ongoing: Moving into the 2025-26 school year, we will plan to administer the PSAT 8 to all 8th grade students; an Opt-in option of PSAT to 9th and 10th; PSAT to all 11th grade students in the fall; and the SAT to juniors in the spring semester in an effort to continue to offer opportunities to demonstrate college readiness and to continue to utilize the reimbursement for one college readiness assessment for each student provided by TEA.

H. Monitoring and Reporting Time Line:

Person responsible for evaluating this decision or action: Marivel Sedillo, Derek McDaniel

Evaluation method and timeline: N/A

Next report to the Board: Reports on numbers of students on track to be college ready (PSAT) and college ready (SAT) will be delivered through board blog as results arrive. PSAT numbers are reported in January/February each year and SAT results will be reported when they arrive toward the end of the school year.

I. Suggested Motion:

I move that the Hays CISD Board of Trustees approve the cost to administer PSAT and SAT assessments through The College Board for a final transaction amount not to exceed \$131,124, as presented.