

**HAYS CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Date: September 24, 2024

Agenda Item: L.2a

Board Goal: Student Achievement

Subject: Procurement: Administration of PSAT & SAT Assessments — The College Board

Administrator Responsible/Position: Marivel Sedillo – Chief Academic Officer
Joy Philpott, Director of Advanced Academics
Derek McDaniel, Executive Officer of C&I

A. Purpose of Agenda Item:

Action needed Information only Receive input

B. Authority for This Action:

Local Policy Law or Rule N/A

C. Goal or Need Addressed:

The purpose of this agenda is to procure PSAT & SAT exams from College Board.

D. Summary:

Previous board action relating to this item – Board Approved College Board for PSAT/SAT Exams in April of 2023.

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 2024-2025 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 and PSAT to 9th, 10th and 11th grade students (Approximately \$116,671)
2. Administer SAT school day to all juniors in the spring (March) (Approximately \$77,900*)
**Refunded by the state*

To reiterate, our initial outlay of funds will be \$194,571. TEA will refund approximately \$77,900 making our total final cost approximately \$116,671.

E. Scope of Options Reviewed:

Sole Source Letter on File

F. Comments Received:

Cabinet DLT FBOC Teacher Org. Reps. Other: Curriculum and Instruction

G. Administrative Recommendation:

The administration recommends the approval of procurement of the PSAT & SAT exams from College Board.

H. Fiscal Impact and Cost: See table below

Amount: \$ 194,571 Initial District Outlay
 \$ 77,900 Refunded by State
Total Amount: **\$116,671**

Budget – General Operating Fund Bond Grant/Special Funds Other
 Budget Amendment Needed

Prior Year Spending - \$115,724.61

Future/Ongoing – Moving into the 2024-25 school year, we will plan to administer the PSAT 8 to all 8th grade students, the PSAT to all 9th, 10th, and 11th grade students, 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.

I. Monitoring and Reporting Time Line:

Person responsible for evaluating this decision or action— Joy Philpott – Director of Advanced Academics

Evaluation method and time line -

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.

J. Suggested Motion:

I move that the Hays CISD Board of Trustees approve the procurement for the administration of PSAT & SAT assessments from The College Board for \$194,571 (which will be approximately \$116,671 after TEA reimbursement), as presented.