

From Your Ridgecrest Counselor

The College Board, a not-for-profit organization, helps prepare high school students to make a successful transition to college through college readiness programs such as the SAT exam. In correlation with the implementation of Common Core, the College Board aligned their program to meet this need and therefore redesigned the SAT exam.

The redesigned SAT will take effect in Spring of 2016. All current students enrolled in middle school will take the newly formatted SAT exam administered during their junior/senior years (grades 11–12) of high school. To learn more about the direction the SAT is heading, please read [College Board: Delivery Opportunity and the Redesigned SAT](#) (pages 2–6 cover Common Core content).

In this [letter](#) written by the President/CEO and Chief of Assessment of The College Board, they express their goals and efforts behind the redesigned SAT and how to take advantage of the available resources. Additionally, in this [letter](#) addressed by the leaders of the University of California (UC), California State University (CSU), California Community Colleges (CCC), and the Association of Independent California Colleges and Universities (AICCU), they communicate their endorsement of the Common Core standards.

As a school and district, we recognize that these changes may raise many questions regarding the impact on your child(ren)'s education. Our goal is to support you and alleviate any concerns. Please take the time to explore [PVPUSD's website](#) on Common Core State Standards (CCSS), including the [FAQ link](#) which is regularly updated. Furthermore, you will also discover content in great detail on math pathways on the website.

Please let us know how we can support you as we continue to evolve with the implementation of CCSS.

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