Expanding Access, Building Pathways

SAT and AP updates for the

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Agenda

SAT reserved seats at your school

The new SAT Science score

AP Career Kickstart and college credit

AP professional learning for teachers

When nearby seats fill up, students travel farther or wait for another date.

SAT RESERVED SEATS

Two Paths that Remove Barriers

Offer SAT School Day or Serve as an SAT Weekend Testing Center

1

Reliable access

Seats are held for your own students, even when nearby sites reach capacity.

2

Familiar and close

Students test in a trusted setting at school instead of travelling across town.

3

Fewer barriers

Less travel and scheduling stress for students and families means broader participation.

4

A clearer path

Easier access to admissions testing opens doors to college and scholarships.

Introducing the SAT Science score

Science Practices and Foundations: a new reportable score derived from existing SAT items.

PRACTICES*

Cross-disciplinary with reading, writing, math

Students demonstrate common science and engineering practices in science contexts.

FOUNDATIONS

Quantitative skills

Students demonstrate essential quantitative competencies that underpin success in science coursework and STEM pathways.

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added minutes of testing time

How to use the Science score

One data point in the picture of, and conversations about, students' science learning.

What SPF reflects

Demonstration of achievement of science practices and math skills/knowledge that underpin success in secondary and postsecondary science experiences

What SPF does NOT reflect

Mastery of specific science content or discipline-specific course expectations or fully integrated three-dimensional (3D) state standards

SPF uses, alongside other information

- Discussing readiness and postsecondary pathways
- Advising and course selection
- Reviewing programs
- Fostering cross-disciplinary educator conversations

Unsupported SPF uses

- Diagnosing individual content gaps
- Informing day-to-day instructional decisions

CAREER KICKSTART

Enhance CTE pathways with college credit.



AP Career Kickstart courses help schools build on strong CTE pathways by adding the opportunity to earn college credit through AP. They give schools another way to offer rigorous, career-relevant coursework that connects students' learning to future study and careers.

CAREER KICKSTART · COURSE SPOTLIGHT

Three courses. Real projects. Real credentials.

AP Business with Personal Finance

Launching 2026–27

Business and personal-finance skills built through projects and case studies. Student teams build a real business plan.

WHAT STUDENTS DO
Build and pitch a team business plan.

AP Cybersecurity

Launching 2026–27

Protecting data, devices, and networks — technical and professional skills taught through applied career scenarios.

WHAT STUDENTS DO
Secure a small organization's data and devices.

AP Networking

Launching 2027–28

How networks are designed, connected, and kept running — the infrastructure layer behind every digital job.

WHAT STUDENTS DO
Design and troubleshoot a working network.

All three are part of AP Career Kickstart — career-connected AP courses built with employers and higher education. In Butler County, employers report open roles and a shortage of qualified applicants.

Colleges are already saying yes

Colleges are showing early enthusiasm for AP Networking, even though the course doesn't launch until 2027-28.

417+

institutions in 48 states have credit or placement policies for Career Kickstart courses.

368

policies for AP Business with Personal Finance, across 47 states.

362

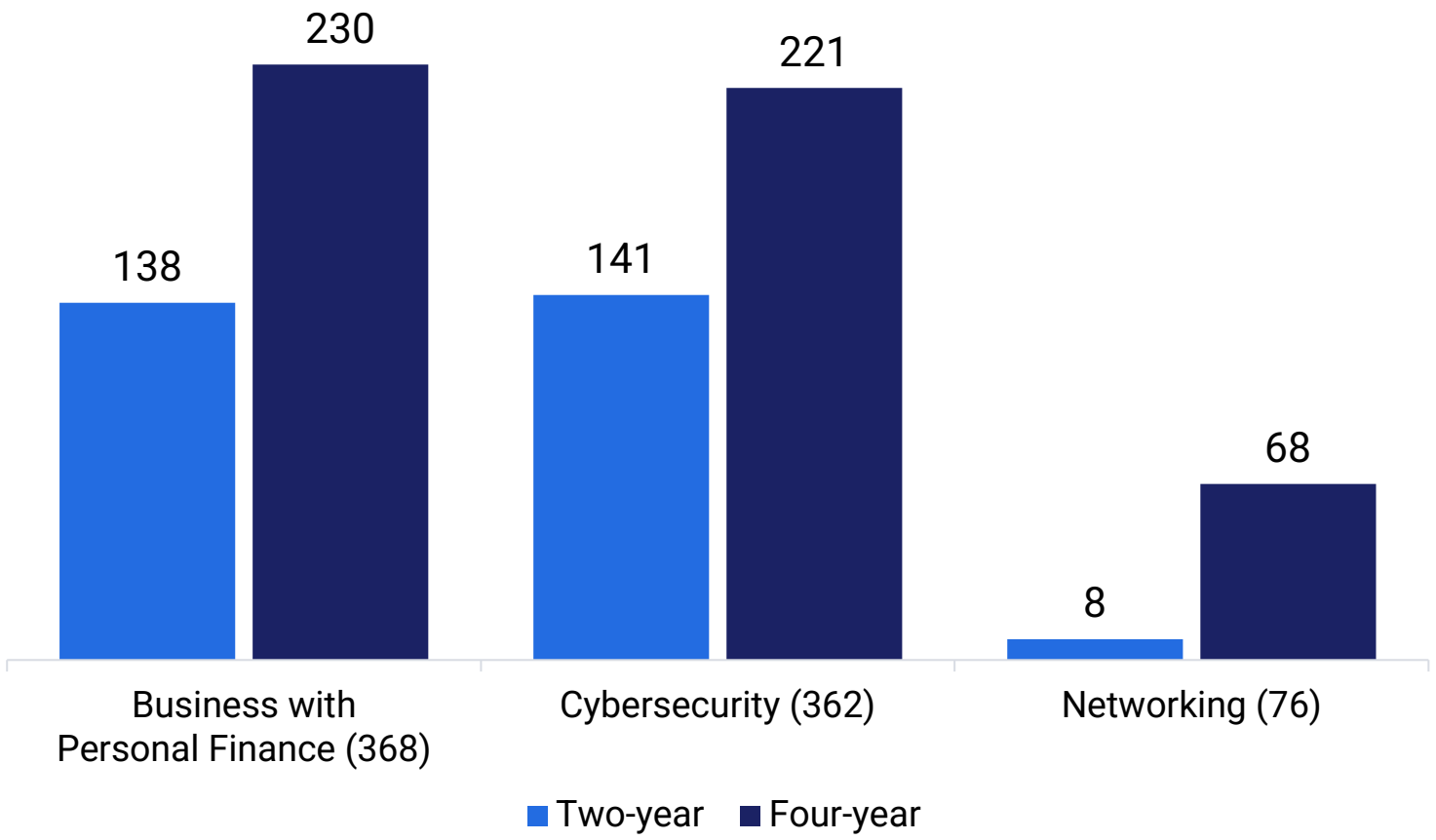
policies for AP Cybersecurity, across 46 states.

76

policies for AP Networking, across 30 states, before the course launches.

Utilize our **AP Credit Policy Search** tool to look up that institution's specific AP credit and placement policies.

Every type of college is on board



Business and Cybersecurity each reach nearly every state.

Networking is the newest course: 76 policies in 30 states, including 8 community colleges.

Every course has policies at community colleges, four-year publics, and private institutions.

Support for teachers, all year

Summer

AP Summer Institutes (APSIs)

Fall-spring

AP in Practice Series and workshops

Year-round

School and district-hosted workshops

AP professional learning helps teachers strengthen how they teach.

Learn more on the updated AP Professional Learning website.

AP in Practice Series

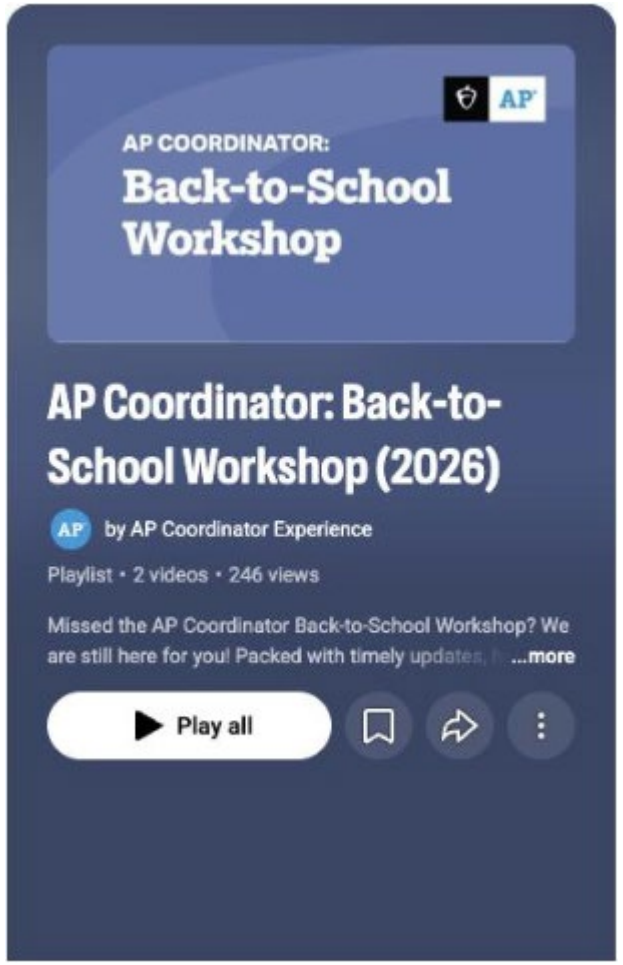
Online, course-specific, small-group support (2-16 participants). Join up to five two-hour sessions, August-April. Sessions have begun; register through the AP professional learning calendar.

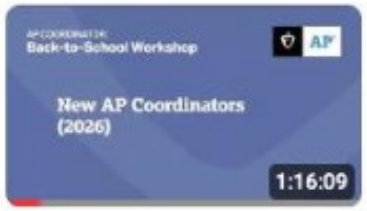
Aug/Sep	Oct/Nov	Nov/Dec	Jan/Feb	Mar/Apr
Planning Initial Instruction and Pacing	Preparing for Complex Content	Using Assessment Data to Adjust Instruction	Managing Complex Content and Time Constraints	Completing Content and Preparing for the AP Exam

Members
$55 per session | $225 full series of 5
Sign up for the full series before session 1

Non-members
$65 per session | $275 full series

Back-to-School Workshop, on demand





AP Coordinator: Back-to-School Workshop-New Coordinators (2026)
AP Coordinator Experience
▷ 456 3w ago



AP Coordinator: Back-to-School Workshop - Experienced AP Coordinators (2026)
AP Coordinator Experience
▷ 140 3w ago

Missed it? Two recordings are ready for AP coordinators: one for new coordinators and one for experienced coordinators.

Find the playlist on the AP Coordinator Experience YouTube channel.

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Science Practices and Foundations



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More Insight.
Same Test.

A Science Score

Built from Skills Already Measured on the SAT



No Additional Questions



No Additional Testing Time

Science Practices and Foundations 201

1	**An evolution**	The cross-section score evolves from prior SAT Suite science scores.
2	**Well-defined and well-aligned**	Practices connect to high school science standards. Foundations includes math skills that underpin success in secondary and postsecondary science courses.
3	**Validity and reliability**	SPF aims to enhance both, without adding testing time.
4	**Supported by evidence**	We will walk through the validity evidence, expert feedback, and studies ahead.
5	**Data point**	SPF provides a data point to contribute to the picture of, and conversations about, students' science learning.

Introducing: Science Practices and Foundations

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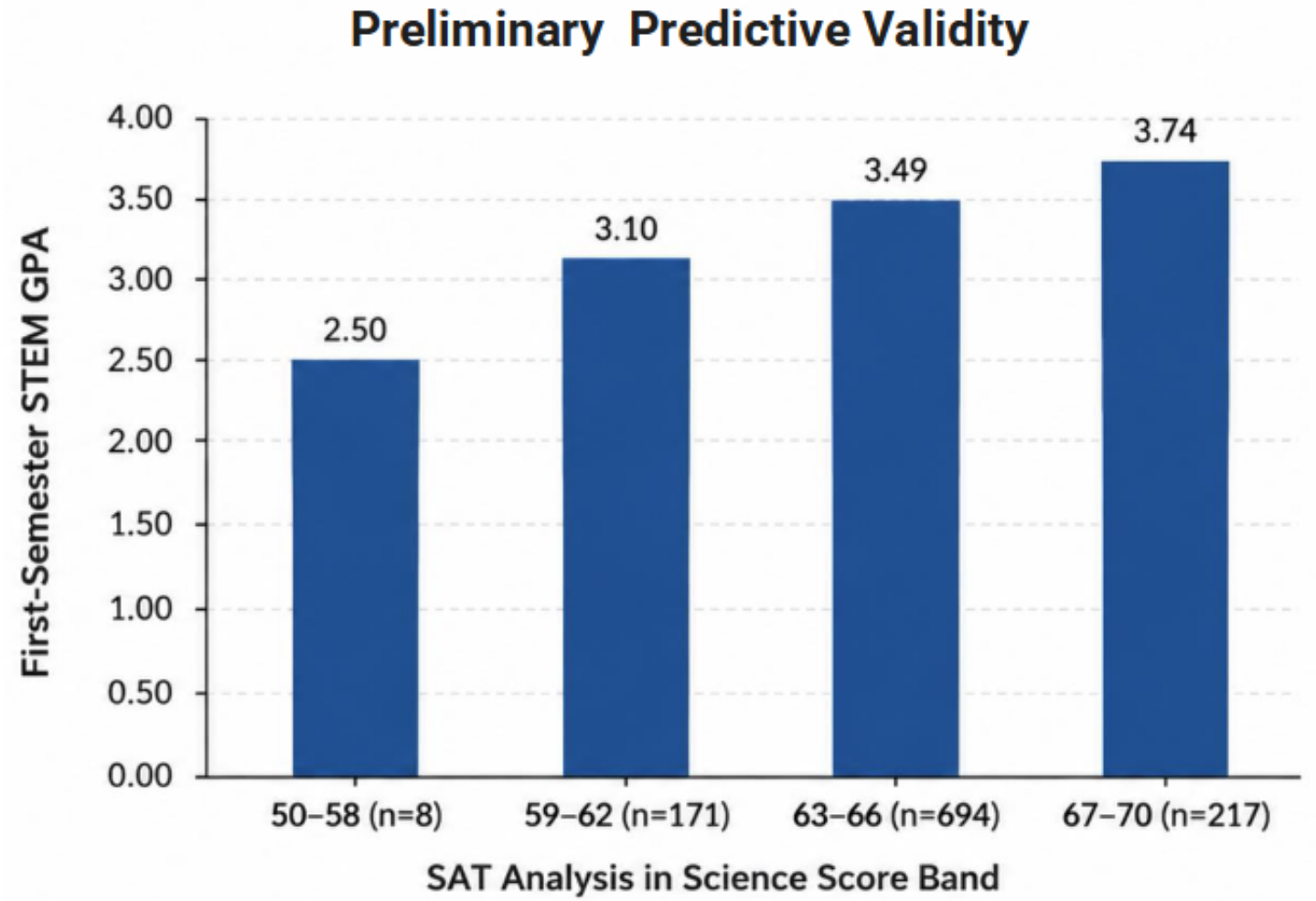
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*Not College Reportable
**Most state standards include science practices

SPF is supported by evidence.

Digital SAT Analysis in Science Validity Evidence (College Board, 2026)



Science SPF Compendium Roadmap: Four studies are complete



Literature review

We evaluated why foundational math skills matter for postsecondary STEM success.



Skills identified

Science experts identified foundational skills in the SAT Math section.

Completed April 2026



Skills validated

External experts confirmed the math skills and their ties to NGSS and classroom activities.

Completed May 2026



WebbAlign pilot

Small-scale study of item alignment to Practices and Crosscutting Concepts.

Completed June 2026

Studies Ahead

Four studies done:

Literature review, expert identification, expert validation, and WebbAlign pilot

Pilot SPF Benchmark Study

Includes an examination of first-semester STEM GPA

Validity Compendium

All the evidence, brought together



WebbAlign at scale

Larger-scale alignment study plus science framework analysis

Convergent Validity Study

Examines the correlation between SPF scores and AP science exam scores

Science Expert Feedback



"Having these foundational math skills is a very reasonable measure for student preparedness to be successful in science courses."



"After reviewing the materials I spent a bit of time going over sample ACT Science questions. I find the SAT Cross-Test Science Score just as valid an assessment of the skills students need to be successful in science classes."



"These [math] skills make up the 'language' we use to discuss science. Students that cannot speak this language have a very hard time understanding the underlying concepts."



"Almost all of the SAT math skills that were included here are used regularly in chemistry or AP chemistry. Performing unit conversions and working with linear functions are critical skills in chemistry, especially when it comes to labwork."



"The SAT math skills reviewed demonstrate strong alignment with the NGSS SEPs, CCCs, and the mathematics references in Appendix L, supporting a bridge between standardized math assessment with science education frameworks."

SAT Advantage

Meaningful science insight without additional testing burden

Others Require…	The SAT Delivers…
Additional testing time	No additional testing time
Additional questions	No additional questions
Additional science test	All in one assessment
Added administration burden	One Seamless Administration