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Dear Parents and Guardians,

On October 7, 2015, the Connecticut State Board of Education adopted the SAT (created by the College Board) as the annual state assessment for eleventh graders in Connecticut. All students in Connecticut must be tested once in high school for English language arts/ literacy and mathematics using the same assessment for all students. This is a requirement of federal and state law. By adopting the SAT, we are eliminating duplicate testing and eleventh grade students in Connecticut will have an opportunity to take the SAT free of charge during the school day. FWHS will administer the SAT (without essay) to all students in the 11th grade on Wednesday, March 2nd. There is no charge and no registration required.

The SAT assesses the critical thinking skills students need for academic success. Supports are available for students with special needs, as determined by an individualized education program (IEP) or an Americans with Disabilities Act-Section 504 plan. There will also be accommodations for English Learner (EL) students. School personnel are being trained in all aspects of administration of the SAT, including supports for students with special needs and English learners. Many students will be able to use their SAT scores for both the state school accountability system, as well as college admission (if agreed upon by the student/family and the College Board).

On Tuesday, February 16th students will receive an informational booklet on the SAT produced by the Connecticut State Department of Education. Please look for this and read it carefully, especially sections on cancelling scores and sending scores to colleges.

There are many free College Board resources to help students get to know the exam. Resources will provide targeted review and authentic practice with SAT approved questions. Please visit the following Web site <https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/> to view resources such as sample questions, printable full practice tests, and other practice materials at KhanAcademy.

As educators, we are committed to working together to support all students and families with resources and information on the SAT, in the hopes that each student will achieve his or her personal best.

Sincerely,

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