

DATE:	3/19/2020
SUBJECT:	TEA Coronavirus Update: SAT, ACT, TSIA, and AP/IB Programs
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TEA has been working with the College Board, ACT Inc., the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, and the International Baccalaureate Organization to mitigate the impact on our Texas students participating in these programs. This letter contains initial updates on the SAT, ACT, and TSIA test administrations and Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate programs.

SAT

The College Board has cancelled the March 28, 2020 and May 2, 2020 national test administrations. Registered students will receive a refund. The College Board has not yet cancelled the national SAT test administration scheduled for June 6, 2020. The College Board is assessing future testing opportunities as well as drafting guidance on school day administrations for the SAT, PSAT 10, and PSAT 8/9. The College Board will update their [webpage](#) regularly with information about the impact of the coronavirus.

To help students keep their college readiness skills sharp while many schools are closed, the College Board and Khan Academy continue to provide free resources online, including full-length practice tests and personalized learning tools at khanacademy.org/sat.

ACT

ACT has rescheduled the April 4, 2020 national test administration to June 13, 2020. ACT will send an email to registered students with instructions on how to reschedule. ACT is assessing guidance on district/school day administrations and has created a [webpage](#) with real-time updates for this evolving situation.

Texas Success Initiative Assessment (TSIA)

For all TSIA 1.0 testing, the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board is encouraging testing centers to utilize [Examity](#), College Board's Online proctoring partner. Examity is offering a reduced price of \$20 per test session through April 12, 2020. For more information, please register for one of the following 30 min webinars:

- [Thursday, March 19, 2020 at 1:00 EDT](#)
- [Tuesday March 24, 2020 at 1:00 EDT](#)
- [Wednesday, March 25, 2020 at 1:00 EDT](#)
- [Thursday, March 26, 2020 at 1:00 EDT](#)

Additionally, all TSIA 2.0 trainings through May 31, 2020 are cancelled. The THECB is working to reschedule all sessions as well as exploring alternative delivery methods. All institutions will be notified with new training dates once they have been established. For more information, THECB has a [website](#) that is regularly updated.

House Bill 3 (HB 3) Reimbursements

In light of this rapidly evolving situation, TEA decided to expand the college preparation assessment reimbursements to include summer testing administrations. An updated FAQ will provide additional updates on the [webpage](#) as they come.

Advanced Placement (AP): The College Board is developing tools to mitigate the impact of school closures on students in the Advanced Placement Program. All AP students and teachers will be able to access and use the free online resources provided to every AP classroom in the fall 2019. Additional resources will be made easily accessible to AP students and teachers through mobile phones and other devices. These resources include free online AP lessons and review sessions from some of the top AP teachers in the country.

Additionally, the AP Program is finalizing streamlined AP Exam options that would allow students to test at home, depending on the situation in May. The AP Program will communicate the details of these additional solutions to educators and students by March 20. Click [here](#) for the latest information from the AP Program.

International Baccalaureate (IB): The IB organization has created a [webpage](#) with extensive questions and answers on virtual learning, extended deadlines, school closures, examinations, and more. Please visit the webpage for more information as the situation evolves

Contact

For additional questions regarding these updates, please contact Advanced Academics at advancedacademics@tea.texas.gov. We are working rapidly for solutions to allow our Texas students to continue to pursue and participate in these programs. Thank you for all you do for children in Texas.