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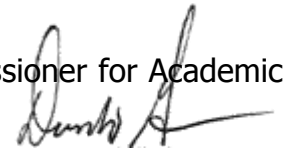
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MEMORANDUM

TO: Presidents, Chancellors, Chief Academic/Informational Officers at Texas public Institutions of Higher Education

Cc: Texas Education Agency

FROM: David W. Gardner, Deputy Commissioner for Academic Planning and Policy/Chief Academic Officer



DATE: May 16, 2016

RE: New SAT College Readiness Benchmarks

The revised College Board SAT test has been administered since March 5, 2016. Because the revised SAT is based on a new scoring system, the SAT college readiness benchmark scores as outlined in Texas Administrative Code (TAC) Rule 4.54 Exemptions, Exceptions, and Waivers no longer match the new scoring system. We are proposing amending TAC Rule 4.54 to reflect the new scoring system and benchmarks recently released by The College Board; an amended rule with the new SAT scores may be available upon Coordinating Board approval at its July 2016 meeting. We invite you to provide formal comments during this rule revision process.

Based on discussions with the College Board, the staff expects to propose rules setting SAT college readiness exempt scores for Texas Success Initiative (TSI) purposes as follows:

- Evidenced-Based Reading and Writing (EBRW) 480
- Math 530

Please note the proposed rules for the revised SAT will no longer require a combined score. Scores for TSI purposes must come from either the old SAT (administered prior to March 2016) or the revised SAT (administered March 5, 2016 and later), but not a combination of old SAT scores and revised SAT scores. The elimination of the combined score on the revised SAT prohibits such mixing of scores. Note that results from both SAT tests remain valid five (5) years from date of testing.

Once again, we invite you to review the proposed rule when posted and to provide formal comments or concerns.

Please feel free to contact Dr. Suzanne Morales-Vale in the Division of College Readiness and Success at suzanne.morales-vale@thecb.state.tx.us or (512) 427-6262 if you have any questions.