## Hanover High School Standardized Assessment Results

School Committee Meeting, December 4, 2019

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## Data Sources

SAT and MCAS data obtained from DESE
http://profiles.doe.mass.edu/
https://www.census.gov/

AP data obtained from CollegeBoard
https://scores.collegeboard.org/

## MCAS - Results for the Class of 2021

## Science Technology \& Engineering (STE)

- All Students
- Special Needs Students
- Economically Disadvantaged Students
- High Needs Students
- Special Needs, Economically Disadvantaged, English Language Learner


## STE, Class of 2021 - All Students [202]



## STE, Class of 2021 - Special Education Students [19]



## STE, Class of 2021 - Economically Disadvantaged [12]



## STE, Class of 2021 - High Needs Students [27]



1b. Legacy vs MCAS 2.0

The students in the classes of 2021 and 2022 must earn a next-generation MCAS scaled score that is equivalent to a legacy MCAS scaled score of at least 220 on the grade 10 ELA and Mathematics tests.

## 1b. Legacy vs Next Gen (MCAS 2.0)

| Legacy | Legacy | Next Gen | Next Gen |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| PASSING | PASSING and met | PASSING | PASSING and |
| but requires an | the MCAS | but requires an | met the MCAS |
| Educational | graduation | Educational | graduation |
| Proficiency | requirement | Proficiency | requirement |
| Plan (EPP) |  | Plan (EPP) |  |


| ELA | $220-238$ | $240+$ | $455-471$ | $472+$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Mathematics | $220-238$ | $240+$ | $469-485$ | $486+$ |

## Legacy vs Next Gen (MCAS 2.0)

Advanced (260-280)
Students at this level demonstrate a comprehensive and in-depth understanding of rigorous subject matter, and provide sophisticated solutions to complex problems.

Proficient (240-258)
Students at this level demonstrate a solid understanding of challenging subject matter and solve a wide variety of problems.

Needs Improvement (220-238)
Students at this level demonstrate a partial understanding of subject matter and solve some simple problems.

## Failing (200-218)

Students at this level demonstrate a minimal understanding of subject matter and do not solve simple problems.

## Exceeding Expectations (530-560)

A student who performed at this level exceeded grade-level expectations by demonstrating mastery of the subject matter.

## Meeting Expectations (500-529)

A student who performed at this level met grade-level expectations and is academically on track to succeed in the current grade in this subject.

## Partially Meeting Expectations (470-499)

A student who performed at this level partially met grade-level expectations in this subject.

Not Meeting Expectations (440-469)
A student who performed at this level did not meet grade-level expectations in this subject.

## DESE's Equipercentile Linking Model

Data seen below represents all Massachusetts Grade 10 ELA Students



## MCAS - Results for the Class of 2021

## Mathematics (Math)

- All Students
- Special Needs Students
- Economically Disadvantaged Students
- High Needs Students

O Special Needs, Economically Disadvantaged, English Language Learner

## Math, Class of 2021 - All Students [211]

$\square$ Exceeding $\square$ Meeting $\square$ Partially Meeting $\square$ Not Meeting


# Math, Class of 2021 - Special Education Students [20] <br> $\square$ Exceeding $\square$ Meeting $\square$ Partially Meeting $\square$ Not Meeting 



# Math, Class of 2021 - Economically Disadvantaged [12] <br> $\square$ Exceeding $\square$ Meeting $\square$ Partially Meeting $\square$ Not Meeting 



# Math, Class of 2021 - High Needs Students [30] <br> $\square$ Exceeding $\square$ Meeting $\square$ Partially Meeting $\square$ Not Meeting 



## MCAS - Results for the Class of 2021

## English Language Arts (ELA)

- All Students
- Special Needs Students
- Economically Disadvantaged Students
- High Needs Students

O Special Needs, Economically Disadvantaged, English Language Learner

## ELA, Class of 2021 - All Students [211]

$\square$ Exceeding $\square$ Meeting $\square$ Partially Meeting $\square$ Not Meeting


## ELA, Class of 2021 - Special Education Students [22]

$\square$ Exceeding $\square$ Meeting $\square$ Partially Meeting $\square$ Not Meeting


## ELA, Class of 2021 - Economically Disadvantaged [12]

$\square$ Exceeding $\square$ Meeting $\square$ Partially Meeting $\square$ Not Meeting


## ELA, Class of 2021 - High Needs Students [33] <br> $\square$ Exceeding $\square$ Meeting $\square$ Partially Meeting $\square$ Not Meeting



## AP - Overview \& Enrollment Trends

- Overview of Advanced Placement
- Students enrolled in AP classes take the exam in May
- Scores are weighted and scaled 1-5, with 5 being the highest
- Multiple choice and open response (essay or problem solving)
- Some colleges may grant credit or waive requirements
- National standardized test for students enrolled in AP classes
- Trends at Hanover High School
- Enrollment, Exams, Qualifying Scores (3, 4, or 5)

Number of Students Enrolled in AP Courses by Year
295


## AP Exams by Year



Average Number of Exams per Student


Number of Students Earning a Qualifying Score (3+) by Year 194


## 2019 AP Exams <br> Summary by Class \& Number of Exams

| Exams | Seniors | Juniors | Sophomores | Freshmen | Total <br> Students | Total <br> Exams |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | 55 | 44 | 48 | 1 | 148 | 148 |
| 2 | 42 | 40 | 14 | - | 96 | 192 |
| 3 | 27 | 11 | 1 | - | 39 | 117 |
| 4 | 7 | - | - | - | 7 | 28 |
| 5 | 4 | - | 1 | - | 5 | 25 |
| Totals | 135 | 95 | 64 | 1 | 295 | 510 |

## AP - Summary of Results by Exam

- Biology
- Calculus AB
- Chemistry
- CS Principles
- English Language
- English Literature
- Environmental
- French
- Music Theory
- Physics 1
- Psychology
- Spanish
- Studio Art - 3D Design
- Studio Art - Drawing
- US Government
- US History
- World History

Note: Historical represents the average for HHS students taking that exam, when offered 2010-2019.

| Biology |  | Hanover | State | Global | Historical |
| :--- | ---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Enrollment: 34 | Average Score | 3.09 | 3.17 | 2.93 | 2.68 |
|  | Scores 3+ | $76.5 \%$ | $72.8 \%$ | $64.7 \%$ | $54.1 \%$ |



| CalCuIUSAB A |  | Hanover | State | Global | Historical |
| :--- | ---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Enrollment: 35 | Average Score | 3.29 | 3.18 | 2.97 | 3.63 |
|  | Scores 3+ | $74.3 \%$ | $65.0 \%$ | $58.4 \%$ | $79.2 \%$ |



Chemistry


\section*{CS Principles <br> Enrollment: 26 <br> |  | Hanover | State | Global | Historical |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Average Score | 3.42 | 3.02 | 2.97 | 3.20 |
| Scores 3+ | $80.8 \%$ | $68.3 \%$ | $66.8 \%$ | $75.5 \%$ |}



| English Language | Hanover | State | Global | Historical |
| :--- | ---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Enrollment: 38 | Average Score | 3.24 | 3.11 | 2.78 |
| 3.23 |  |  |  |  |
|  | Scores 3+ | $78.9 \%$ | $66.3 \%$ | $54.2 \%$ |



| English Literature | Hanover | State | Global | Historical |
| :--- | ---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Enrollment: 65 | Average Score | 2.40 | 2.95 | 2.62 |
| 2.91 |  |  |  |  |
|  | Scores 3+ | $30.8 \%$ | $62.6 \%$ | $49.6 \%$ |



|  |  | Hanover | State | Global | Historical |
| :--- | :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Enrollment: 66 | Average Score | 2.83 | 3.00 | 2.68 | 2.23 |
|  | Scores 3+ | $54.5 \%$ | $59.1 \%$ | $49.2 \%$ | $35.1 \%$ |


10.6\%

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$34.8 \%$
18.2\%
33.3\%
3.0\%

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|  |  | Hanover | State | Global | Historical |
| :--- | ---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Enrollment: 14 | Average Score | 2.43 | 3.55 | 3.29 | 2.45 |
|  | Scores 3+ | $42.9 \%$ | $84.9 \%$ | $76.6 \%$ | $46.4 \%$ |


7.1\%
50.0\%
35.7\%
7.1\%
0.0\%

## 1

| Music Theory |  | Hanover | State | Global | Historical |
| :--- | ---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Enrollment: 8 | Average Score | 2.63 | 3.60 | 3.10 | 3.49 |
|  | Scores 3+ | $37.5 \%$ | $75.9 \%$ | $63.3 \%$ | $76.3 \%$ |



| Physics 7 |  | Hanover | State | Global | Historical |
| :--- | ---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Enrollment: 16 | Average Score | 3.06 | 2.54 | 2.51 | 2.67 |
|  | Scores 3+ | $68.8 \%$ | $45.5 \%$ | $45.4 \%$ | $58.0 \%$ |



| PSyChology |  | Hanover | State | Global | Historical |
| :--- | ---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Enrollment: 44 | Average Score | 1.86 | 3.26 | 3.09 | 2.41 |
|  | Scores 3+ | $25.0 \%$ | $69.5 \%$ | $64.5 \%$ | $45.2 \%$ |



| Spanish | Hanover | State | Global | Historical |  |
| :--- | ---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Enrollment: 15 | Average Score | 3.73 | 3.75 | 3.69 | 3.59 |
|  | Scores 3+ | $93.3 \%$ | $89.9 \%$ | $88.2 \%$ | $89.8 \%$ |



| Studio Art - 3D Design | Hanover | State | Global | Historical |  |
| :--- | ---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Enrollment: 5 | Average Score | 3.40 | 2.96 | 3.08 | 2.74 |
|  | Scores 3+ | $80.0 \%$ | $64.3 \%$ | $70.0 \%$ | $62.1 \%$ |



| Studio Art = Drawing | Hanover | State | Global | Historical |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Enrollment: 7 | Average Score | 3.86 | 3.62 | 3.63 | 3.34 |
|  | Scores 3+ | $100.0 \%$ | $89.9 \%$ | $90.7 \%$ | $84.6 \%$ |



## US Government



| USHistory |  | Hanover | State | Global | Historical |
| :--- | ---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Enrollment: 56 | Average Score | 2.95 | 3.21 | 2.71 | 3.24 |
|  | Scores 3+ | $62.5 \%$ | $69.4 \%$ | $53.6 \%$ | $71.7 \%$ |


10.7\% 1
26.8\%
26.8\%

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3
28.6\%
7.1\%

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## World History



## AP - Plan for Improvement - Summary

- Standardize enrollment criteria for AP courses
- Introduce grade 12 honors English
- Manage AP enrollment, e.g., grade 12 students
- Increase student motivation
- Adjust curriculum and instruction
- Utilize AP Classroom tool through CollegeBoard
- Utilize the Albert assessment tool
- Provide formal practice testing
- Emphasize test taking strategies in ELA and math classes

3a.
SAT - Overview

- SAT: Scholastic Aptitude Test
- Administered throughout the year
- Scoring: 1600 total points
- 800 in Evidence-based Reading and Writing
- 800 in Mathematics
- No penalty for a wrong answer
- 5 Sections, from 25 to 65 minutes each
- SAT takes about 3 hours to complete

3b.
SAT - Results

Exam Results from the 2018-2019 School Year

- Total Score
- Evidenced-based Reading and Writing
- Mathematics


## SAT Results, 2018-2019 School Year

|  | Total Score <br> 1600 | ERW Score <br> 800 | Math Score <br> 800 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Hanover | 1106 | 559 | 547 |
| State | 1098 | 548 | 550 |
| Global | 1059 | 531 | 528 |

## SAT Results, 2018-2019 School Year

Hanover
State
Global


## Goal Setting: Analysis of DART/Neighbors

We know that our DART districts, DART high schools, and many local high schools, outperform Hanover High School on the SAT. Therefore we examined some trends and underlying correlations to inform our strategies and set goals for improvement.

Initially, we looked at:

- Per pupil spending
- Median household income
- College graduation rates within the community


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We also surveyed these schools regarding:

- Priority on standardized testing?
- Targeted curriculum?
- Testing strategies and supports?
- Programs for college readiness?


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Initial Next Steps:

- Using this data, we are able to identify target schools and districts that outperform trends and expected outcomes, and we hope to model strategies to replicate their success.


## DART Districts

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N=12
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|  | ERW | Math | Total SAT | Per Pupil <br> Expenditure | Median <br> Income | \% Adults <br> with BA+ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Longmeadow | 606 | 613 | 1219 | $\$ 13,999.90$ | $\$ 112,831.00$ | $65.00 \%$ |
| Westwood | 596 | 611 | 1207 | $\$ 17,306.17$ | $\$ 145,799.00$ | $70.40 \%$ |
| Groton-Dunstable | 590 | 610 | 1200 | $\$ 14,474.93$ | $\$ 123,918.00$ | $66.20 \%$ |
| Hamilton-Wenham | 600 | 592 | 1192 | $\$ 16,442.18$ | $\$ 112,250.00$ | $68.90 \%$ |
| Newburyport | 579 | 585 | 1164 | $\$ 15,433.77$ | $\$ 89,887.00$ | $61.00 \%$ |
| Scituate | 586 | 575 | 1161 | $\$ 14,521.29$ | $\$ 111,865.00$ | $54.70 \%$ |
| Reading | 578 | 582 | 1160 | $\$ 12,764.42$ | $\$ 114,354.00$ | $62.00 \%$ |
| Lynnfield | 575 | 574 | 1149 | $\$ 14,599.12$ | $\$ 117,706.00$ | $53.10 \%$ |
| King Philip | 572 | 560 | 1132 | $\$ 13,396.09$ | $\$ 113,493.33$ | $47.00 \%$ |
| North Reading | 565 | 567 | 1132 | $\$ 14,487.82$ | $\$ 124,750.00$ | $52.30 \%$ |
| Hanover | 559 | 547 | 1106 | $\$ 13,447.83$ | $\$ 111,311.00$ | $46.10 \%$ |
| Wilmington | 558 | 543 | 1101 | $\$ 15,157.78$ | $\$ 118,549.00$ | $40.80 \%$ |

## DART High Schools

$N=11$

|  |  |  |  | Per Pupil | Median <br> Income | \% Adults <br> with BA+ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Sharon | 611 | 628 | 1239 | $\$ 15,525.87$ | $\$ 132,734.00$ | $73.9 \%$ |
| Medfield | 599 | 607 | 1206 | $\$ 14,567.07$ | $\$ 153,847.00$ | $72.5 \%$ |
| Arlington | 603 | 601 | 1204 | $\$ 13,097.27$ | $\$ 103,594.00$ | $70.0 \%$ |
| Groton-Dunstable | 590 | 610 | 1200 | $\$ 14,474.93$ | $\$ 123,918.00$ | $66.2 \%$ |
| Holliston | 594 | 598 | 1192 | $\$ 12,326.61$ | $\$ 118,933.00$ | $62.3 \%$ |
| Nashoba | 591 | 599 | 1190 | $\$ 15,124.77$ | $\$ 132,323.00$ | $67.4 \%$ |
| Newburyport | 579 | 585 | 1164 | $\$ 15,433.77$ | $\$ 89,887.00$ | $61.0 \%$ |
| Medway | 567 | 572 | 1139 | $\$ 13,307.71$ | $\$ 115,432.00$ | $59.0 \%$ |
| King Philip | 572 | 560 | 1132 | $\$ 13,396.09$ | $\$ 113,493.33$ | $47.0 \%$ |
| Mendon-Upton | 568 | 559 | 1127 | $\$ 15,056.19$ | $\$ 122,604.00$ | $49.7 \%$ |
| Hanover | 559 | 547 | 1106 | $\$ 13,447.83$ | $\$ 111,311.00$ | $46.1 \%$ |

## Neighbor High Schools <br> $$
N=11
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|  |  |  |  | Per Pupil | Median <br> Income | \% Adults <br> with BA+ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Hingham | 603 | 600 | 1203 | $\$ 12,601.87$ | $\$ 125,144.00$ | $69.70 \%$ |
| Cohasset | 611 | 588 | 1199 | $\$ 15,226.77$ | $\$ 140,000.00$ | $73.30 \%$ |
| Norwell | 588 | 577 | 1165 | $\$ 14,723.26$ | $\$ 128,563.00$ | $63.10 \%$ |
| Scituate | 586 | 575 | 1161 | $\$ 14,521.29$ | $\$ 111,865.00$ | $54.70 \%$ |
| Duxbury | 585 | 573 | 1158 | $\$ 14,005.09$ | $\$ 123,613.00$ | $68.60 \%$ |
| Marshfield | 565 | 559 | 1124 | $\$ 12,389.45$ | $\$ 94,737.00$ | $43.70 \%$ |
| Pembroke | 557 | 557 | 1114 | $\$ 12,733.53$ | $\$ 101,447.00$ | $38.40 \%$ |
| Hanover | 559 | 547 | 1106 | $\$ 13,447.83$ | $\$ 111,311.00$ | $46.10 \%$ |
| Whitman-Hanson | 541 | 526 | 1067 | $\$ 12,175.79$ | $\$ 88,047.00$ | $30.90 \%$ |
| Rockland | 524 | 531 | 1055 | $\$ 14,417.57$ | $\$ 77,573.00$ | $29.00 \%$ |
| Abington | 528 | 525 | 1053 | $\$ 13,450.43$ | $\$ 91,643.00$ | $33.90 \%$ |

## Per Pupil Expenditure and Total SAT Score

- Total SAT - Trendline for Total SAT R ${ }^{2}=0.12$


OTarget School
Per Pupil Expenditure (\$)

## Median Household Income and Total SAT Score

Total SAT $=$ Trendline for Total SAT R ${ }^{2}=0.462$
HHS
OTarget School
Median Household Income (\$) from U.S. Census

## \% Adults (25+) with Bachelors Degree+ and Total SAT Score

- Total SAT - Trendline for Total SAT R ${ }^{2}=0.9$
HHS OTarget School
Percent of Adults (25+) with a Bachelors Degree or Higher


## Summary

- There is a weak positive correlation between SAT scores and per pupil expenditure
- There is a moderate positive correlation between SAT scores and median household income
- There is a strong positive correlation between SAT scores and education level of the adults within the community
- We believe there is also a strong positive correlation between SAT scores and effective teaching, hard work, and practice
- We want to to improve against ourselves, the state, as well as against our local and DART schools.


## Standardized Assessment Improvement Plan



## Standardized Assessment Improvement Plan



- PSAT Administration
- MCAS, AP, SAT


## MCAS - Sample ELA Question

From 1929 to 1939, the United States sank into the Great Depression, a period of extreme poverty and unemployment for most of the country. Read the passages that discuss a famous photograph, titled "Migrant Mother," taken during that time. Then answer the questions that follow.

Thompson moved to Modesto in 1945 and went to work in a hospital there. She had one of the most famous faces in the United States, yet, to keep her family together, she had to work 16 hours a day, seven days a week. "I worked in hospitals," Thompson told NBC in 1979, "I tended bar, I worked in the field, so I done a little bit of everything to make a living for my kids." Thompson profited nothing from Migrant Mother. "I can't get a penny out of it," she once said, but she wasn't exactly bitter. She had posed for the photo to help others, not herself, yet the disparity between her high profile and low status couldn't help but bother her.
(9) Meanwhile, Migrant Mother made Dorothea Lange's reputation, helped earn her a Guggenheim

Which statement best describes the irony expressed in paragraphs 8 and 9 of "The Story of the 'Migrant Mother'"?

- A. Thompson was the focus of other photographs, but no one ever noticed her in them.
- B. Thompson's children grew up to lead successful lives, yet they were unable to support her.
- C. Thompson was finally recognized for the photograph, but she was too busy to appreciate it.
D. Thompson's image was supposed to aid people in situations similar to hers, yet she gained nothing from it.


## MCAS - Sample Math Question

The number of customers doing business with a landscaping company each week, over $t$ weeks since the beginning of last summer, can be modeled by this function.

$$
f(t)=21+4 t
$$

Based on the function, which of the following statements is true?
A. The number of customers increased by 21 per week.
B. The number of customers decreased by a factor of 4 .
C. The company began last summer with 21 customers.
D. The company had a total of 21 customers after 4 weeks.

## AP - Sample Calculus Question

4. An ice sculpture in the form of a sphere melts in such a way that it maintains its spherical shape. The volume of the sphere is decreasing at a constant rate of $2 \pi$ cubic meters per hour. At what rate, in square meters per hour, is the surface area of the sphere decreasing at the moment when the radius is 5 meters? (Note: For a sphere of radius $r$, the surface area is $4 \pi r^{2}$ and the volume is $\frac{4}{3} \pi r^{3}$.)
(A) $\frac{4 \pi}{5}$
(B) $40 \pi$
(C) $80 \pi^{2}$
(D) $100 \pi$

## AP - Sample Psychology Questions



Exposure to Media ViolenceElementary school girlsElementary school boys
31. Which of the following provides an effective explanation for the data above?
(A) Operant conditioning
(B) Classical conditioning
(C) Prepared conditioning
(D) Self-actualization
(E) Observational learning
32. A person will most likely develop aphasia as a result of damage to which of the following parts of the brain?
(A) Occipital lobe
(B) Wernicke's area
(C) Auditory cortex
(D) Parietal lobe
(E) Basal ganglia
35. Heidi was trying to solve the anagram TORYS by rearranging every letter one at a time until she was able to identify the correct word: STORY. She could have attempted to solve the anagram more quickly by pairing common letters, like ST, but she did not do so. Her approach to solving the anagram involved
(A) a heuristic
(B) an algorithm
(C) incubation
(D) inductive reasoning
(E) dialectical reasoning
36. Maria was never afraid of spiders until a spider bit her when she was eight. Today, even the sight of a plastic spider upsets her. Which of the following learning processes best explains Maria's fear of spiders?
(A) Classical conditioning
(B) Operant conditioning
(C) Discrimination
(D) Observational learning
(E) Scaffolding
37. When Rosa has a cold, she cannot taste the flavor of her pizza. Which of the following psychological terms describes Rosa's inability to taste?
(A) Vestibular sense
(B) Just-noticeable difference
(C) Feature analysis
(D) Optic chiasm
(E) Sensory interaction

## SAT - Sample Reading Questions

It was how she viewed Naomi. Even though
Naomi was eighteen and training endlessly in the arts 55 needed to make a good marriage, Chie had made no effort to find her a husband.

Akira blushed.
"Depending on your response, I may stay in Japan. I've come to ask for Naomi's hand."
60 Suddenly Chie felt the dampness of the night.
"Does Naomi know anything of your ... ambitions?"
"We have an understanding. Please don't judge my candidacy by the unseemliness of this proposal. I
65 ask directly because the use of a go-between takes much time. Either method comes down to the same thing: a matter of parental approval. If you give your consent, I become Naomi's yoshi. ${ }^{*}$ We'll live in the House of Fuji. Without your consent, I must go to
70 America, to secure a new home for my bride."
Eager to make his point, he'd been looking her full in the face. Abruptly, his voice turned gentle. "I see I've startled you. My humble apologies. I'll take no more of your evening. My address is on my card. If
75 you don't wish to contact me, I'll reapproach you in two weeks' time. Until then, good night."

He bowed and left. Taking her ease, with effortless grace, like a cat making off with a fish.
"Mother?" Chie heard Naomi's low voice and
80 turned from the door. "He has asked you?"
The sight of Naomi's clear eyes, her dark brows gave Chie strength. Maybe his hopes were preposterous.
"Where did you meet such a fellow? Imagine! He
85 thinks he can marry the Fuji heir and take her to America all in the snap of his fingers!"

Chie waited for Naomi's ripe laughter.
Naomi was silent. She stood a full half minute

1
Which choice best describes what happens in the passage?
A) One character argues with another character who intrudes on her home.
B) One character receives a surprising request from another character.
C) One character reminisces about choices she has made over the years.
D) One character criticizes another character for pursuing an unexpected course of action.

2
Which choice best describes the developmental pattern of the passage?
A) A careful analysis of a traditional practice
B) A detailed depiction of a meaningful encounter
C) A definitive response to a series of questions
D) A cheerful recounting of an amusing anecdote

As used in line 1 and line 65, "directly" most nearly means
A) frankly.
B) confidently.
C) without mediation.
D) with precision.

## SAT - Sample Writing Question

Questions 12-22 are based on the following passage and supplementary material.

## Dark Snow

Most of Greenland's interior is covered by a thick layer of ice and compressed snow known as the Greenland Ice Sheet. The size of the ice sheet fluctuates seasonally: in summer, average daily high temperatures in Greenland can rise to slightly above 50 degrees

Fahrenheit, partially melting the ice; in the winter, the sheet thickens as additional snow falls, and average daily low temperatures can drop 12 to as low as 20 degrees.

12
Which choice most accurately and effectively represents the information in the graph?
A) NO CHANGE
B) to 12 degrees Fahrenheit.
C) to their lowest point on December 13.
D) to 10 degrees Fahrenheit and stay there for months.

Average Daily High and Low Temperatures Recorded at Nuuk Weather Station, Greenland (1961-1990)


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## SAT - Sample Math Questions

If $t>0$ and $t^{2}-4=0$, what is the value of $t$ ?

17


A summer camp counselor wants to find a length, $x$, in feet, across a lake as represented in the sketch above. The lengths represented by $A B, E B, B D$, and $C D$ on the sketch were determined to be 1800 feet, 1400 feet, 700 feet, and 800 feet, respectively. Segments $A C$ and $D E$ intersect at $B$, and $\angle A E B$ and $\angle C D B$ have the same measure. What is the value of $x$ ?

18

$$
\begin{aligned}
x+y & =-9 \\
x+2 y & =-25
\end{aligned}
$$

According to the system of equations above, what is the value of $x$ ?

19

In a right triangle, one angle measures $x^{\circ}$, where
$\sin x^{\circ}=\frac{4}{5}$. What is $\cos \left(90^{\circ}-x^{\circ}\right) ?$

20
If $a=5 \sqrt{2}$ and $2 a=\sqrt{2 x}$, what is the value of $x$ ?

## Standardized Assessment Improvement (continved)



## Albert - Overview

## Practice. Assess. Improve.

Albert is a learning companion built on a simple idea: Students learn best by doing.


## Albert - Overview

## ALBERT

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## Middle School

Prepare your students for success with meticulously researched ELA, math, and science practice for grades 5-8.

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## Albert - ELA Sample

## ALBERT Subjects Classes Admin Resources v opts B Folders

ALL SUBJECTS
HIGH SCHOOL

## ELA

MIDDLE SCHOOL >

"government control" with
questions on surveillance, censorship, fear, and compliance.


## A Midsummer Night's

Dream
Delve into themes of gender, class, and supernatural intervention with this charming play.

A Raisin in the Sun
Explore themes of race, pover and identity in this award-win। play.

## Albert - Sample SAT Reading Passage

Beyond Good and Evil 7
Moderate
Beyond Good and Evil
Questions 1-11 are based on the following passage.
This passage is adapted from Beyond Good and Evil by Friedrich Nietzsche.
In a tour through many finer and coarser moralities which have hitherto prevailed or still
prevail on the earth, I found certain traits recurring regularly together, and connected with
one another, until finally two primary types revealed themselves to me, and a radical
distinction was brought to light. There is MASTER-MORALITY and SLAVE-MORALITY,-I
wouldat once add, however, that in all higher and mixed civilizations, there are also attempts
at the reconciliation of the two moralities, but one finds still oftener the confusion and mutual
misunderstanding of them, indeed sometimes their close juxtaposition-even in the same
man, within one soul. The distinctions of moral values have either originated in a ruling caste,
mer

## Albert - Sample SAT Reading Question

## - Show Passage

Which choice best describes the author's attitude toward those who retain ancient traditions?

Elimination Tool

A He thinks them silly as they are behind the pace of change and should embrace modernity.

B Nietzsche believes them to be evil as those who retain ancient traditions are acting with the worst parts of slave-morality.

C He describes them with adoration and reverence as they preserve noble traditions.

D Nietzsche thinks they are a necessary evil which must be tolerated.

## Albert - Sample SAT Reading Explanation

## Explanation

Choice 'C' is correct. This question is asking you to determine the author's attitude towards particular subjects in the passage. In this case, Nietzsche reveres those who have a "prejudice in favor or ancestors and unfavorable to newcomers."

## Explanation of Distractors

Choice 'A' is incorrect. In fact, he thinks a quest for modernity can devalue the good qualities associated with mastermorality.

Choice ' $\mathbf{B}$ ' is incorrect. The discussion of these nobles is in a paragraph devoted to further discussion of mastermorality, not slave-morality.

Choice ' D ' is incorrect. Nietzsche thinks those who preserve tradition and respect elders are great bastions of noble morality.

| 48\% answered this question correctly |  |
| :--- | :--- |
| Standard | Description |
|  | POV.1.Analyzing Point of View : Determine the point of view or perspective from which <br> a text is related or the influence this point of view or perspective has on content and <br> style |

## Albert - Sample SAT Math Question

## A calculator is allowed on this question.

When a particular object whose temperature is $32^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$ is placed in a tub of water whose temperature is $80^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$, the Fahrenheit temperature $F$ of the object after $t$ minutes is described by the equation:

$$
F(t)=80+(32-80) e^{-0.2 t}
$$

At what rate does the object warm between the second and the eighth minute?
(Calculator Allowed)

Enter your answer as a decimal or as a fraction, where applicable. If you enter a decimal, you can round or truncate the decimal. If you enter a fraction, enter it in the form $\mathrm{a} / \mathrm{b}$ for $\frac{a}{b}$.

Do not enter more than 4 characters including decimal point or fraction bar.

Type answer here. Be careful with spelling.

## Albert - Sample SAT Math Explanation

## Explanation

$\mathbf{3 . 7 4}$ or $\mathbf{3 . 7 5}$ are correct answers.
A rate is always a difference in values divided by the length of an interval, which usually represents time. So here we must find the temperature after two minutes and the temperature after eight minutes, take the difference, and divide by 6 , the length of the interval.

After two minutes the temperature of the object is:

$$
\begin{gathered}
F(2)=80+(-48) e^{-0.2 \cdot 2} \\
F(2)=47.824^{\circ} \mathrm{F}
\end{gathered}
$$

After eight minutes the temperature of the object is:

$$
\begin{gathered}
F(8)=80+(-48) e^{-0.2 \cdot 8} \\
F(8)=70.308^{\circ} \mathrm{F}
\end{gathered}
$$

The difference between the two is:

$$
\begin{gathered}
70.308-47.824 \\
=22.484
\end{gathered}
$$

...and so the rate is:

$$
\frac{22.484}{6}=3.747^{\circ} \mathrm{F} / \text { minute }
$$

Rounding gives the answer of $\mathbf{3 . 7 5}$ while truncating gives the answer $\mathbf{3 . 7 4}$; either would be correct.

## Albert - Sample SAT Math Explanation (continued)

## Common Errors

When using some calculators it is necessary to enter expressions that are exponents inside parenthesis: so the temperature after 5 seconds would be entered as $80+(-48) e^{(-.2 \cdot 5)}$.

Without the parentheses some calculators would read the expression as $80+(-48) e^{-.2} \cdot 5$, giving the completely incorrect answer of -116.495 . If you are not sure about using your calculator, play it safe and use parentheses.

Glve as many digits in a decimal answer as there is room for. Rounding the answer to 3.8 or to 4 would be incorrect.$23 \%$ answered this question correctly

| Standard | Description |
| :--- | :--- |
| Heart of Algebra | HOA.LEOV.1: Create and use linear equations in one variable to solve problems in a <br> variety of contexts. |
| Passport to Advanced Math | PAM.NF.2.c: For a quadratic or exponential function, for a function that represents a <br> context, interpret the meaning of an input/output pair, constant, variable, factor, or <br> term based on the context, including situations where seeing structure provides an <br> advantage; |
| Heart of Algebra | HOA.LETV.3a: For a linear equation in two variables that represents a context, <br> interpret a solution, constant, variable, factor, or term based on the context, including <br> situations where seeing structure provides an advantage; |

## Standardized Assessment Improvement (continuec)



## Albert - School Summary View



## Albert - Class Dashboard (studentnames redacteced



Sort by Student name -


## Albert - Teacher View of Performance by Student (student names redactece)



## Albert - Teacher View of Performance by Question



## Albert - Teacher View of Performance by Standard

| PERFORMANCE |  |
| :--- | :--- |
| STUDENTS | QUESTIONS |
|  |  |


| Standard ${ }^{\text {- }}$ | Category | Questions | Time Spent (HH:MM:SS) $\stackrel{\text { * }}{ }$ | Progress $\stackrel{\text { - }}{ }$ | Accuracy |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Argument Development | Disciplinary Practice 2 | 1 | 00:00:00 | Ototal <br> attempts | 0\% |
| Causation | History Reasoning Skill 3 | 6 | 00:01:15 | $\begin{array}{r} 15 \text { total } \\ \text { attempts } \end{array}$ | 87\% |
| CDI | Themes | 164 | 02:09:24 | 379 total attempts | 89\% |
| Comparison | History Reasoning Skill 2 | 67 | 06:37:14 | 645 total attempts | 91\% |
| Contextualization | History Reasoning Skill 1 | 103 | 25:22:03 | 991 total attempts | 91\% |

## Albert - Class Sections Dashboard (student names redacted)

## Period 4

| Subject |
| :--- |
| All Subjects <br> All Subjects <br> High School Grammar <br> Middle School Grammar <br> SoI |


| Attempt Number | Date |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Most Recent | マ | Custom |


| Start Date | End Date |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $10 / 27 / 2019$ | 崮 | 11/29/2019 |



## Albert - Student Overview



## Albert - Student Assignment Details

## Sample Student

Sample Student has answered 14 of 14 questions in Unit 4: Learning.

| Question | Duration | Made At | Result |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| E Disliking Foods: Before and After the Flu | 22s | 11-20-19 @ 12:05pm | $\checkmark$ |
| E Social Learning: What is it? | 37s | 11-20-19 @ 12:06pm | $\checkmark$ |
| E Concept Demonstrated by Albert Bandura's Bobo Doll Experiment | 16s | 11-20-19 @ 12:06pm | $\checkmark$ |
| Explaining Why Rosa Thinks She Cannot Learn Calculus | 31s | 11-20-19 @ 12:07pm | $\checkmark$ |
| D Drawing Conclusions: Taste Aversion | 37s | 11-20-19 @ 12:08pm | $\checkmark$ |
| D Who Do We Imitate? | 41s | 11-20-19 @ 12:09pm | $x$ |
| Types of Learning: Finn Learns to Make Train Sounds | 16s | 11-20-19 @ 12:10pm | $\checkmark$ |
| E Jackson Learns a Conditioned Response | 31s | 11-20-19 @ 12:10pm | $\checkmark$ |
| Running to the Door at the Sound of a Beep | 43s | 11-20-19 @ 12:11pm | x |

## Standardized Assessment Improvement (continuec)



## Action Steps

- Curricular Adjustments
- Instructional Adjustments
- Test-taking Strategies
- Khan Academy Bootcamp (before school, after school, weekends)
- Practice Exam Sessions (possibly coincide with sophomore MCAS)
- College Readiness
- Expand college application strategies
- Broaden college application workshops
- Double the enrollment in our college bootcamp
- Hold college financial presentations for all grades
- Create college alumni directories; staff and community members


[^0]:    ---- average daily high
    __ average daily low

