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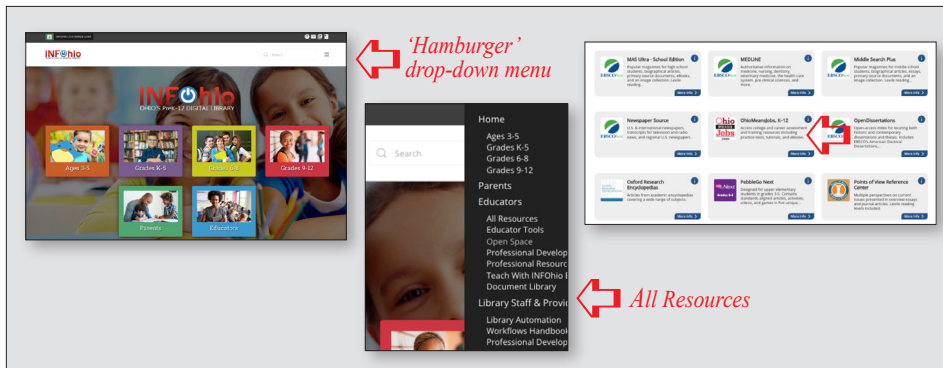
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SAT® and ACT® Test Prep - FREE Online Resources

While some students may choose to pay hundreds of dollars for personal tutors and online or face-to-face test preparation courses for the SAT® and ACT® tests, a special section of the OhioMeansJobs, K-12 has a wealth of online practice tests and guides for use by Ohio students. All of these resources are FREE and available 24/7.

To access these resources, go to the INFOhio homepage at <http://infohio.org>. Using the drop-down ‘hamburger’ menu at the top right, choose All Resources. On this page of multiple resources, navigate to OhioMeansJobs, K-12 (<https://jobseeker.k-12.ohiomeansjobs.monster.com/Assessments/Home.aspx>).

It is highly recommended for users to create a profile and login. Click to View Tests and then Visit Online Training Center (blue button). Click on College Test Preparation to open the choices.



New U.S. History Resource Collection

PBS LearningMedia recently launched the U.S. History Collection, a vital resource that can be used to support learning for students in grades 6-8. Free to teachers, the collection is a comprehensive set of media-rich resources that span the breadth of core topics and periods in U.S. history from Pre-Colonial America to Present.

The collection draws on an extensive array of primary and secondary historical content derived from trusted public media programming, including American Experience and the Ken Burns Collection. Teachers may browse the classroom resources by era or by

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For SAT® preparation, there are Reading Practice Tests, Math Practice Tests, Preparation Courses and Guides, Writing and Language Practice Tests, and Essay Practice Tests. For ACT® preparation, there are English Practice Tests, Math Practice Tests, Reading Practice Tests, Science Practice Tests, Writing Practice Tests, and Preparation Courses and Guides. For both the SAT® and ACT®, there are four practice tests for each of the test subject areas.

For both the SAT® and ACT® practice reading tests there is instant scoring and detailed answer explanations to determine where a student’s skills are strong, and what can be improved. For the SAT® and ACT® writing practice exams students can gain valuable experience brainstorming and writing an essay. It includes a prompt similar to the ones found on the official exams, plus sample responses at each level and a self-scoring guide to assess the student’s work. The other exams also have instant scoring with suggestions for improvement.

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Register NOW for ITIP Summit!

Join K-12 educators for the 13th annual ITIP Ohio Google Summit at the Kalahari Convention Center in Sandusky, Ohio.

- Call for proposals opened October 5, 2022
- Keynote speaker Eric Curts!
- May 15th Pre-conference event: YouTube Can Do That?!
- Early bird registration opened November 1, 2022

Registration information can be found at: <https://www.itipohio.org/google23/registration23>



Attend OETC Conference!

#OETC23 \ Forward – Celebrating the Past; Creating the Future
February 14-16 at the Greater Columbus Convention Center



For the past 25 years, the Ohio Educational Technology Conference has evolved to meet the ever-changing needs of Ohio’s educators.

Early bird registration ends on or before January 31, 2023. See costs at <https://oetc.ohio.gov/oetc23/registration>.

Be sure to visit NWOET’s booth!

Do You Know About The Ohio STEM Learning Network?

Does your school offer students a STEM curriculum or are they considering adding this? STEM stands for science, technology, engineering and mathematics, but it's more than an acronym. Quality STEM experiences connect learning to real-world problems and solutions. At STEM schools, students connect with local businesses and community organizations to plan, develop, and test new ideas. Through these experiences, STEM education fosters the next generation of innovators.

The Ohio STEM Learning Network is committed to helping the State of Ohio inspire and train the next generation of innovative leaders. They leverage existing STEM schools and programs to spread effective practices and tools across the state and the nation.

The Ohio STEM Learning Network:

- Connects innovative schools, teachers, and administrators to one another and to national resources
- Supports schools and communities that want to create innovative schools and programs
- Builds community awareness and drives school and industry partnerships

The network operates as a public-private partnership between the Ohio Department of Education and Battelle. STEM and STEAM schools are designated by the Ohio STEM Committee, which is supported by the Ohio Department of Education and advised by the Ohio STEM Learning Network. Consider attending or presenting at the inaugural Ohio STEM Innovation Summit on May 12, 2023. Through the event, OSLN will recognize and celebrate the STEM educators, leaders, and partners who exemplify STEM practices that inspire students and grow Ohio's future. Check out more about this summit and the network at <https://osln.org/>, including grants that are available to help your school support your STEM projects.



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Invitation To Join Tech Integration Leaders Of Ohio

TILO (Technology Integration Leaders of Ohio) originally started in the spring of 2015 with a piece of paper, a link to a Google Form, and a suggestion to "sign up if you're a technology integration specialist or coach for your Ohio school or district." Since then, TILO has grown to over 300 professionals who primarily provide educational technology training and professional development/professional learning for schools across Ohio, thereby supporting thousands of students.

The next TILO meeting will be held at the ESC Of Lake Erie West offices on 2275 Collingwood Blvd, Toledo in Toledo, Friday, March 10, 2023, 12pm – 2pm. If you are interested in joining TILO, email Judy Tucker at tucker@nwoet.org for more information. One can join TILO meetings 'in person' or through video conferencing. The final TILO meeting for the 2022-2023 school year is scheduled for Friday May 12th with time and location to be announced later.

TILOOhio.org



SAT® and ACT® Test Prep

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When students are logged in with their created profile for either the SAT® and ACT® tests, and depending on the test mode chosen, they may choose to complete the test in one session, or complete just a part of the test at a time. The test modes are: Simulation (Test stops when the timer is up.), Practice (See answer explanations after you have finished; if the test is timed, the timer will display but will not be enforced.), and Learner (View the answers to each question as students go along to help them study.) When students stop, their completed test work is saved. The tests are intended to be similar to the length of the official SAT® and ACT® assessments, some taking more than 60 minutes to complete. Completed test sections are saved to the student's profile. A big advantage of these preparation materials is that these practice tests can be completed multiple times. All of these attempts are saved with the dates they are completed.

Workshop FREE for Members!

Find out more tips on improving ACT® & SAT® scores in the next issue of the NWOET SCANNER newsletter, including how to register for NWOET's free 60-minute workshop available live by distance or face-to-face for any NWOET member district (<https://www.nwoet.org/members/membersearch.php>). This workshop, titled **ACT® & SAT® Tips – Raise Scores 10% or More!**, reviews how most students can increase their ACT® score by one to as much as five points, plus how graduation goals and financial savings impact a decision to retake the ACT®. We'll also take a quick look at what is changing in both the ACT® and SAT®, followed by strategies and resources to help students prepare.

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skill. The skills component includes nine sections including Analyzing Primary Sources; Interpreting Charts and Graphs; Understanding Diversity of Historical Experience; and Developing Civic Understanding and Engagement. Teachers will also find support materials, such as teaching tips and discussion questions to enhance the learning experience. Plus, the collection will continue to grow over the next few months with updated resources and new interactives (lessons, images, maps, and timelines).

This innovative approach to engaging young people in the study of our nation's history and the importance of a strong civics education was created thanks to the support of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting and developed by the PBS LearningMedia team at GBH, in collaboration with PBS and station colleagues.

Explore the collection now at <https://wbgu.pbslearningmedia.org/collection/us-history-collection/home/>.



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