



STATE OF ALABAMA
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION



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State Superintendent of Education

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MEMORANDUM

TO: City and County Superintendents of Education

FROM: Eric G. Mackey *EGM*
State Superintendent of Education

RE: New Test Preparation and Practice Tools Within the Alabama Career Planning System

The Alabama State Department of Education (ALSDE), through a partnership between the Office of Career and Technical Education/Workforce Development and the Instructional Services Section, is pleased to announce the addition of Peterson's Test Preparation and Practice Tools as an extension of the Alabama Career Planning System (ACPS). Beginning in the 2020-2021 academic year, students will have the opportunity to explore the following new features:

- Online test preparation that includes customized practice courses and tests that are aligned to specific standardized assessments.
- Students may complete, save, and review practice tests and materials pertaining to ACCUPLACER, ACT, Advanced Placement courses and exams, ASVAB, and SAT.

Preparing students for the content and structure of standardized assessments is a key component of college readiness, increasing student achievement, and supporting students' educational attainment goals. The ACPS, powered by Kuder®, is an all-in-one, online education, and career planning system that is customized specifically for Alabama students, families, and educators and has been provided to all Alabama school systems since 2012 at no cost.

Beginning in August 2020, Peterson's Test Prep webinars will be offered on Tuesdays as a part of Kuder's fall webinar training schedule. For a complete schedule of webinar offerings, please go to <https://www.kuder.com/courses-events/?tags=alabama>. All educators are welcome to join the training sessions. Webinars are provided at no cost and are eligible for professional development credit in PowerSchool Professional Learning.

If you have additional questions, please contact Mrs. Cathy Lankford, Education Specialist, Instructional Services Section, by email at cathy.lankford@alsde.edu or by telephone at (334) 694-4768.

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