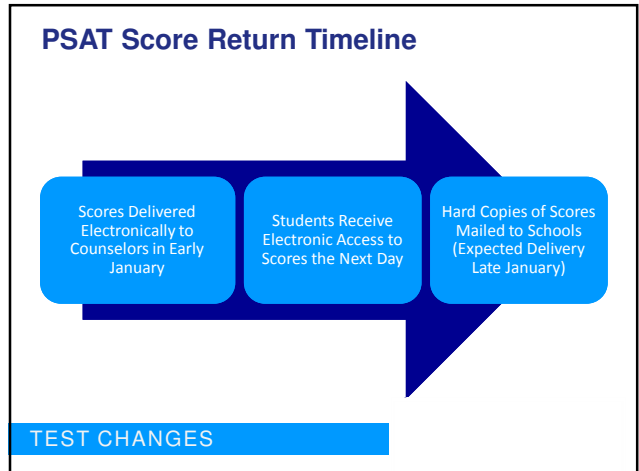
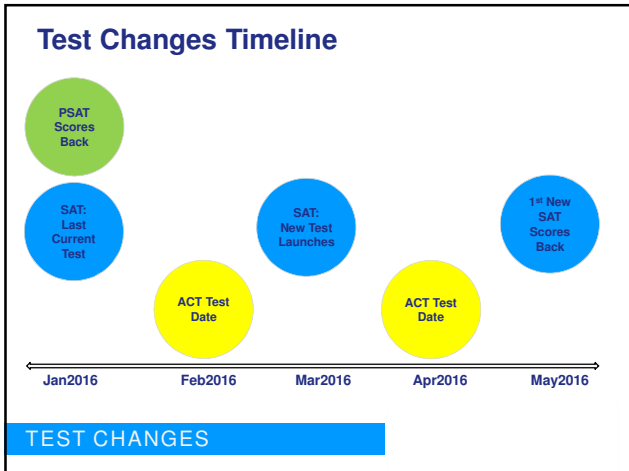




### Welcome!

- PSAT Score Return
- SAT Test Changes and ACT Updates
- Next Steps

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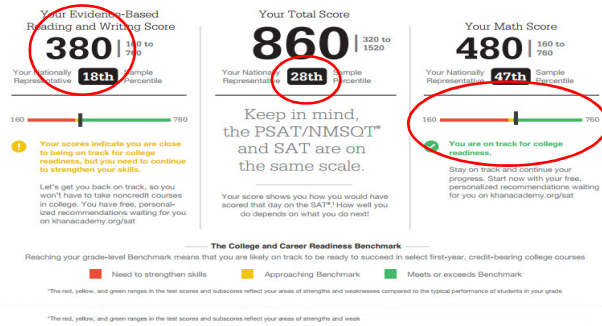


## PSAT Score Report Highlights

	Old PSAT	New PSAT
<b>Length</b>	1 Page	4 Pages
<b>Your Scores</b>	✓	✓ Includes Cross-Test and Subscores
<b>Your Skills</b>	✓	✓ With Additional Detail
<b>Your Answers</b>	✓	✓
<b>Next Steps and Additional Features</b>	My College QuickStart	Recommendations My Road + Big Future AP Potential
<b>Hard Copy Score Reports</b>	1 Copy Mailed to Schools	2 Copies Mailed to Schools

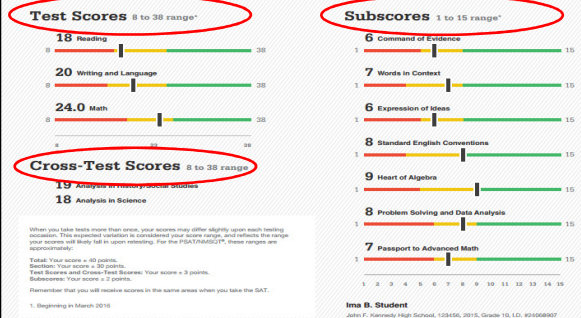
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## Your Scores



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## Your Scores (cont.)



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## National Merit

**National Merit Scholarship Corporation**

**Your NMSC Selection Index**  
**124**

NMSC uses a **Selection Index** based on PSAT/NMSQT scores as an initial screen of students who enter its scholarship programs. To calculate your Selection Index, double the sum of your Reading, Writing and Language, and Math Test scores.

**Entry Requirements**  
(Information you provided on your answer sheet)  
High school student:  
**YES**  
Year to complete high school and enroll full-time in college:  
**2016**  
Years to be spent in grades 9-12:  
**4**

**Eligibility Information**  
\*The asterisk (\*) next to your Selection Index means you do not meet entry requirements for the 2017 National Merit Scholarship Program. See your responses to entry requirements to the right.  
NOTE: Students leaving high school and entering college in 2018 or later must take the PSAT/NMSQT again in their 9th year (junior year) of grades 9-12 to enter the National Merit Scholarship Program.

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## Next Steps

**Your Scores: Next Steps**

**Reading Test**  
18  
8 to 38

**Writing and Language Test**  
20  
8 to 38

**Math Test**  
24.0  
8 to 38

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### Your Question-Level Feedback

Reading					Writing and Language					Math Test - Calculator				
Question #	Correct	Your Answer	Difficulty	Subscore	Question #	Correct	Your Answer	Difficulty	Subscore	Question #	Correct	Your Answer	Difficulty	Subscore
25	C	✓	Easy	100	25	C	✓	Easy	100	25	C	✓	Easy	100
26	D	✓	Easy	100	26	D	✓	Easy	100	26	D	✓	Easy	100
27	C	✓	Easy	100	27	C	✓	Easy	100	27	C	✓	Easy	100
28	C	✓	Easy	100	28	C	✓	Easy	100	28	C	✓	Easy	100
29	A	✓	Easy	100	29	A	✓	Easy	100	29	A	✓	Easy	100
30	B	✓	Easy	100	30	B	✓	Easy	100	30	B	✓	Easy	100
31	B	✓	Easy	100	31	B	✓	Easy	100	31	B	✓	Easy	100
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33	D	✓	Easy	100	33	D	✓	Easy	100	33	D	✓	Easy	100
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35	D	✓	Easy	100	35	D	✓	Easy	100	35	D	✓	Easy	100
36	A	✓	Easy	100	36	A	✓	Easy	100	36	A	✓	Easy	100
37	B	✓	Easy	100	37	B	✓	Easy	100	37	B	✓	Easy	100
38	A	✓	Easy	100	38	A	✓	Easy	100	38	A	✓	Easy	100
39	D	✓	Easy	100	39	D	✓	Easy	100	39	D	✓	Easy	100
40	B	✓	Easy	100	40	B	✓	Easy	100	40	B	✓	Easy	100
41	A	✓	Easy	100	41	A	✓	Easy	100	41	A	✓	Easy	100
42	C	✓	Easy	100	42	C	✓	Easy	100	42	C	✓	Easy	100
43	A	✓	Easy	100	43	A	✓	Easy	100	43	A	✓	Easy	100
44	B	✓	Easy	100	44	B	✓	Easy	100	44	B	✓	Easy	100
45	D	✓	Easy	100										
46	C	✓	Easy	100										
47	D	✓	Easy	100										

**See the questions and answer explanations online**  
studentscores.collegeboard.org

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## Kaplan PSAT Student Survey Results

**34%**

found this year's exam more difficult compared to last year's.

**66%**

found the math section to be the most challenging section on the PSAT.

**40%**

said that the Math-No Calculator section was the most challenging part.

**26%**

said that the Math-Calculator section was the most challenging part.

**30%** current SAT<sup>®</sup>

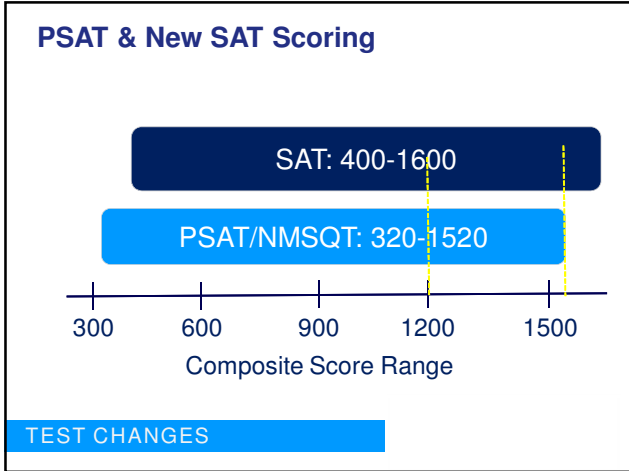
**83%** new SAT

**67%** ACT

**Which test will you take?**

When asked which test students plan on taking for college admissions, the majority said they will be taking either the ACT or New SAT.

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### New SAT Overview

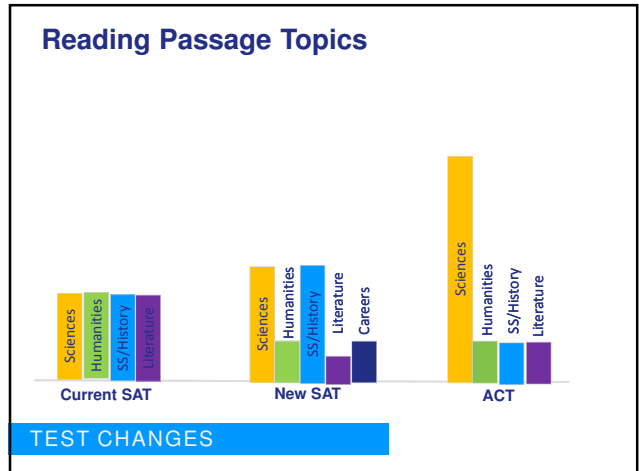
Category	Features
<b>Timing</b>	3 hours, 50 minutes
<b>Scoring</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Now scored on a scale of 1600</li> <li>✓ Evidence-Based Reading &amp; Writing</li> <li>✓ Math</li> <li>• New optional Essay scored separately</li> <li>• No guessing penalty</li> <li>• 4 answer choices</li> </ul>

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### New SAT Overview

Category	Features
<b>Evidence-based Reading &amp; Writing Section</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reading and Writing combined</li> <li>• Reading details:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ No sentence completions</li> <li>✓ Passage topics include US and World Literature, History/Social Studies, and Sciences (500 - 750 words)</li> <li>✓ 65 minutes</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Writing and Language details:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Focus on extended prose (400 - 500 words)</li> <li>✓ 35 minutes</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

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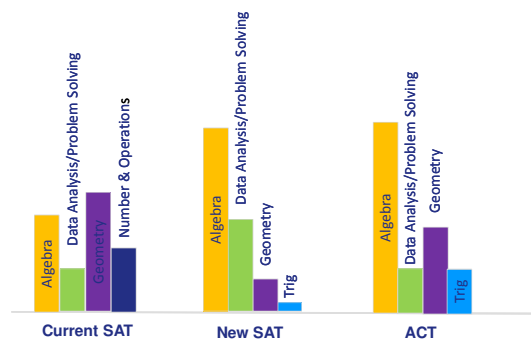


## New SAT Overview

Category	Features
 <b>Math Section</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Three areas of concentrated focus:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Problem solving and data analysis</li> <li>✓ "The Heart of Algebra"</li> <li>✓ "Passport to Advanced Math"</li> </ul> </li> <li>Math fluency emphasized                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ 25 minutes without a Calculator</li> <li>✓ 55 minutes with a Calculator</li> </ul> </li> <li>Multi-part questions</li> </ul>

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## Math Skills Tested



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## Rigor & The New SAT

### CURRENT SAT MATH

The percent increase from 6 to 16 is equal to the percent increase from 12 to what number?

- (A) 16
- (B) 22
- (C) 23
- (D) 32
- (E) 36

Word Count = 18

### NEW SAT MATH


According to the *Project on Student Debt* prepared by The Institute for College Access and Success, 7 out of 10 students graduating in 2012 from a four-year college in the United States had student loan debt. The average amount borrowed per student was \$29,400, which is up from \$18,750 in 2004. If student debt experiences the same total percent increase over the next eight years, approximately how much will a college student graduating in 2020 owe, assuming she takes out student loans to pay for her education?

- A) \$40,100
- B) \$44,300
- C) \$46,100
- D) \$48,200

Word Count = 87

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## New SAT Overview

Category	Features
 <b>Essay</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Essay is optional</li> <li>50 minutes</li> <li>Requires students to analyze a 650-750 word document and explain how the author builds an argument</li> <li>3 Scores (2-8)                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Reading</li> <li>✓ Analysis</li> <li>✓ Writing</li> </ul> </li> </ul>





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### 13%\* of Colleges Will Require the New SAT Essay

- Anderson University (IN)
- California Institute of Technology
- Claremont McKenna College
- College of Southern Nevada
- **Dartmouth College**
- Duke University
- Emory University
- **Harvard College**
- Howard University
- Marlboro College (VT)
- Pennsylvania College of Technology
- Prince George's Community College
- **Princeton University**
- Rice University
- Stanford University
- Texas A&M University
- **University of California Schools**
- University of South Florida
- University of St. Andrews (UK)
- University of Texas at Austin
- **Yale University**

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### Updated ACT Overview

Category	Features
 <b>Scoring</b>	• No changes to 1-36 scoring
 <b>Math</b>	• More probability & statistics
 <b>Reading</b>	• New paired passages
 <b>Essay</b>	• Requires analysis of 3 different perspectives • 40 minutes long

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### New SAT and ACT: Top 5 Key Differences



1. The New SAT has a greater focus on History & Social Studies passages, while the ACT requires more Science reading.
2. Both focus on Algebra, but the New SAT has a greater emphasis on Data Analysis & Problem Solving.
3. Both essays are optional, but the New SAT essay requires additional text analysis.
4. The New SAT has a No Calculator Math section.
5. The New SAT Math section has grid-in questions and Item Sets.

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### Scoring Details



- First New SAT administration
- ✓ 21 days + up to 4 weeks for scores to be available
- New SAT Concordance tables
- ✓ Released in January for the PSAT and May for the SAT
- New and Old SAT scores
- ✓ Most schools will accept both scores for a 3-year transition period
- ✓ Virginia Tech will only accept the new SAT

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## Next Steps

What do you need?	When does it start?	Where can you register?
A Free Practice Test		<a href="http://www.kaptest.com/college">www.kaptest.com/college</a>
A Class for the March SAT	Various Locations	<a href="http://www.kaptest.com/college">www.kaptest.com/college</a>
Personalized One-on-One Tutoring	Tutors Available Now!	1-800-KAP-TEST

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## Thank You!

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