

THE
NEW
SAT®

LEARN **WHY** THE
SAT[®] IS AN
IMPORTANT STEP
FOR ANY COLLEGE-
BOUND STUDENT
TO **TAKE** AND HOW
IT IS FAIR FOR ALL.



WHY

TAKE

IT

- It is one of the **most widely used college admission tests** in the U.S.
- Many schools also use it for **placement and academic counseling**, as well as **scholarships and merit aid**.
- It helps students **show colleges what they know** and what they can do.
- **It's fair.** The questions are rigorously researched and tested to make sure students from all backgrounds who have equal levels of preparation have an equal chance to do well.

SAY HELLO
TO **THE NEW**
STANDARD
IN COLLEGE
ASSESSMENT
WITH THE
NEW **SAT**®.



THE NEW SAT®

- **More focused, clear, and useful.**
- **Better reflects the work students are doing** in school.
- **Better measures the skills and knowledge needed** to be ready for college and career.
- **Connects students with opportunities**, including free practice tools on Khan Academy® and college application fee waivers for income-eligible students.

MARCH 2016 WILL
MARK THE FIRST
ADMINISTRATION
OF THE NEW SAT®.
PLAN **YOUR** COLLEGE
ADMISSION PROCESS
WITH THESE KEY
CALENDAR DATES.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- The new SAT[®] launches March 2016.
- Students can take the current SAT now through January 2016 and/or the new SAT in or after March 2016.

MOST U.S. COLLEGES PLAN TO ACCEPT SCORES FROM EITHER VERSION FOR THE NEXT FEW YEARS.

FROM PRACTICING
TO APPLYING,
TAKING THE **SAT**[®]
IS JUST ONE STEP
IN THE PROCESS OF
GETTING ADMITTED
TO COLLEGE.



FROM SAT[®] TO COLLEGE

Students thinking about college should:

- **Talk to their school counselor** about the college search and application process.
- **Research colleges** and make a list of schools they're interested in.
- **Register for the SAT** and review college admission requirements.
- **Keep taking challenging courses** and practice regularly to show they're ready for college-level work.

WHAT'S
DIFFERENT
ABOUT THE
NEW **SAT**[®]?
TO SHOW YOU,
WE'VE **COMPARED**
THE CURRENT SAT
TO THE NEW **SAT**.



THE CURRENT SAT[®] COMPARED TO THE NEW SAT

Current SAT

- **Total testing time:**
3 hours, 45 min.

- **4 sections:** Critical Reading, Writing, Mathematics, Essay

- **Essay:** Required

- **Penalized for wrong answers**

- **Score scale:** 600 to 2400

New SAT

- **Total testing time:**
3 hours (+50 minutes if taking the SAT with Essay)

- **2 sections (3 with SAT Essay):**
Evidence-Based Reading and Writing, Math

- **Essay:** Optional

- **No penalty for guessing**

- **Score scale:** 400 to 1600;
Essay scored separately

SAT FEE WAIVERS WILL CONTINUE TO BE AVAILABLE FOR ALL ELIGIBLE STUDENTS TO USE WITH EITHER VERSION OF THE SAT.

FIVE THINGS
STUDENTS NEED
TO KNOW **ABOUT**
THE NEW SAT®.



ABOUT THE NEW SAT[®]

1. Rights-only scoring.

- Students **earn points for each correct answer.**
- There's **no penalty for guessing.**
- Students are encouraged to **read each question and select the answer they think is best.**

ABOUT THE NEW SAT®

2. No obscure vocabulary.

- The new SAT **focuses on words students are most likely to use again** throughout college and career.
- Students **won't see words like “prevaricate” or “sagacious.”**
- They **will need to understand how words like “synthesis” or “alleviate” are used** in context.

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3. More focused math.

- **Focuses on the math skills most widely used** in college and career.
- Most questions are **multiple choice**.
- **Calculators are allowed on only one section**. Some questions are easier to solve without a calculator.

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4. Analysis, not opinion.

The SAT Essay will ask students to read a passage and:

- **Provide a written analysis** of the text.
- **Use critical reasoning skills** to show how the author builds an argument.
- **Use evidence from the text** to support their analysis.

Students should check individual college websites to see if schools they're interested in require the SAT Essay.

ABOUT THE NEW SAT®

5. Free, world-class test practice for all.

- **Free** Official SAT Practice on Khan Academy® created in partnership with the College Board.
- **Personalized practice pathways** provided to each student.
- **Full-length practice tests** and thousands of sample questions.
- **Accessible through any computer** with Internet access.
- Materials also **available to print**.

THE SAT[®]

HAS BEEN

REDESIGNED,

BUT WHAT

ABOUT THE

PSAT/NMSQT[®]

AND **PSAT[™] 8/9?**



THE REDESIGNED PSAT/NMSQT®

- **Aligned with the new SAT®**; common score scale with the SAT and PSAT™ 8/9.
- **October 2015 is the first administration.** The PSAT™ 10 (the same test as the PSAT/NMSQT) is administered to sophomores in the spring.
- **More scholarship opportunities, connections to challenging course work, and access to fee waivers.**

STUDENTS SHOULD TALK TO THEIR SCHOOL COUNSELOR IF THEY'RE INTERESTED IN TAKING THE PSAT/NMSQT.

PSAT™ 8/9

- **Tightly aligned with the SAT® and PSAT/NMSQT®**; common score scale.
- **Establishes a baseline for college and career readiness** as students enter high school.
- Offered in the **fall and spring**.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

About the redesigned SAT[®], PSAT/NMSQT[®], and PSAT[™] 8/9:

→ sat.org/new

About SAT practice on Khan Academy:

→ satpractice.org

For general SAT info:

→ sat.collegeboard.org

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