How Digital Is Different from Paper Testing

1. All assessments are now shorter—about two hours instead of three.
2. Testing staff use Test Day Toolkit, a web-based application, to administer the test. Staff can use it on any device that connects to the internet—no installation required.
3. Students use Bluebook®, the College Board testing app, to take the test.
4. Bluebook has a built-in Desmos calculator and can be used during both Math modules.
5. Students take the test on Mac and Windows devices, iPads, and school-managed Chromebooks.
6. Students need an internet connection to begin testing and at the end of the test to submit responses. Students who lose network connectivity momentarily during testing can continue without losing time.
7. Bluebook times each student individually, so they’ll start the test, take breaks, and complete testing at slightly different times.
8. The digital test is more secure. Students test in a secure lockdown mode, and each student receives unique test content.
9. School-managed devices can be assigned to students one-on-one or shared (from a laptop cart or in a computer lab, for example).
10. Assessments in the digital SAT® Suite of Assessments have two sections—Reading and Writing, and Math—with a break in between each. Each section has two modules that are timed separately.
11. Nearly all readiness materials for staff and students are digital. College Board will provide paper materials when required for certain accommodations.
12. Test coordinators work with school or district technology staff to make sure the network and testing devices are ready for test day. If technical issues arise, testing staff will direct students to the technology monitor in a designated help room.