

The SAT[®]

At a Glance for Counselors **2019-20**



Overview of the SAT

The SAT® is a college and university admission test that's accepted at all U.S. colleges and recognized all over the world. Millions of students take the test each year as a step on their path to college. Redesigned in 2016, the SAT measures high school reading, writing, and math skills.

Here's what students can expect on the SAT:



NO GUESSING PENALTY

Scoring on the SAT is straightforward—students don't lose points for wrong answers.



EVERYDAY WORDS

The test's vocabulary focuses on words that students will encounter often in university classes.



OPTIONAL ESSAY

Students choose whether or not to take the SAT Essay (but note that some universities require it).



ESSENTIAL MATH

The SAT tests the math that students need no matter what major or career they choose.

	Current SAT® <small>(March 2016–Present)</small>	ACT®
 TIME	154 Questions 180 Minutes	215 Questions 175 Minutes
 SECTIONS	Evidence-Based Reading and Writing Math	Reading Writing Math Science
 ESSAY	Essay optional	Essay optional
 PRACTICE	Free, personalized practice on Khan Academy® Full-length practice tests Mobile Practice App	Free practice, limited personalization
 SCORING	400–1600 No guessing penalty	1–36 No guessing penalty
 FEE WAIVERS	Free tests for eligible students Unlimited score reports to send to colleges Waived application fees at participating colleges	Free tests for eligible students

Understanding SAT Scores

The SAT reports a total score, section scores, test scores, cross-test scores, and subscores. These scores provide a nuanced picture of students' skills and knowledge, allowing you to help them focus on the skills they need to improve.

Learn more about the SAT score structure at collegeboard.org/scorestructure.

TOTAL SCORE AND SECTION SCORES

The SAT reports a total score that is the sum of two section scores: Evidence-Based Reading and Writing, and Math. Scores for the SAT Essay are reported separately.

SUBSCORES

The SAT reports multiple subscores for Reading, Writing and Language, and Math. Subscores provide more details about student knowledge.

CROSS-TEST SCORES AND TEST SCORES

The SAT reports two cross-test scores: Analysis in Science and Analysis in History/Social Studies. These scores are based on selected questions in the Evidence-Based Reading and Writing, and Math Test sections.

SAT ESSAY SCORING

Two different people read and score SAT essays. Each scorer awards 1–4 points for each dimension. Then the two scores for each dimension are added together.

1 Total Score 400–1600 Scale

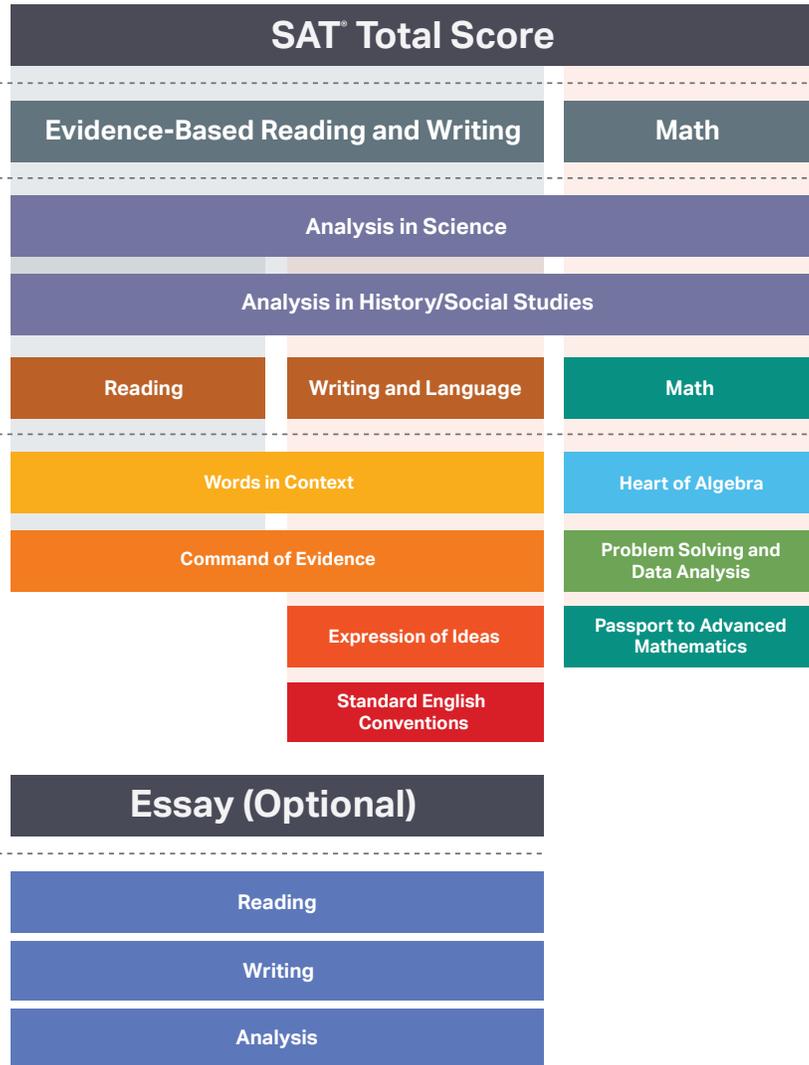
2 Section Scores 200–800 Scale

2 Cross-Test Scores 10–40 Scale

3 Test Scores 10–40 Scale

7 Subscores 1–15 Scale

3 Essay Test Scores Essay – Reading, 2–8 Scale Essay – Writing, 2–8 Scale Essay – Analysis, 2–8 Scale



Resources for Counselors

Visit the SAT K–12 Educators pages for SAT resources. You'll find:

- **Key test information** to keep students and families up to date about deadlines and requirements.
- **Downloadable presentations and handouts** for students and families to use during university planning informational events.

Find these resources at sat.org/counselors.

K–12 Educator Reporting Portal

Educators can see group and individual student scores for the SAT, PSAT/NMSQT®, PSAT™ 10, PSAT™ 8/9, and SAT Subject Tests™ using their College Board educator account to access the K–12 score reporting portal.

They can easily get standard reports such as roster reports and instructional planning reports, review registration status, and print labels and score reports for individual students and customized groups. For the tests in the SAT Suite, as well as SAT Subject Tests, they can work with their students' data in the portal to create their own customized reports.

Score reports for tests in the SAT Suite help educators track student progress and provide in-depth information so they can adjust instruction.

Learn more about the Reporting Portal at k12reports.collegeboard.org.

Services for Students with Disabilities (SSD)

College Board is committed to making sure that students with disabilities can take the test with the accommodations they need. Accommodations are available for approved students on all College Board tests. In general, students approved by SSD for College Board testing accommodations meet the criteria listed below:

- Student has a documented disability.
- Participation in a College Board assessment is impacted.
- Requested accommodation is needed.
- Accommodation is received on school tests.

The approval process:

- The school receives signed consent from the parent/guardian or student (if the student is 18 years or older).
- The SSD coordinator submits a request for accommodations through SSD Online.
- Once submitted, SSD Online will display a message as to whether additional documentation must be submitted.
- If required, the SSD coordinator submits the necessary documentation.
- The student and SSD coordinator are notified once a decision is made.

It is important to plan ahead, as it can take 7 weeks to process a request. For more information about SSD, please visit collegeboard.org/students-with-disabilities.

THE SAT SUITE OF ASSESSMENTS

The SAT Suite reflects what students are already learning in their classrooms and gives you benchmarks for assessing students' progress as they enter and move through high school. The tests share a common score scale, making it easier to measure growth over time.

PSAT 8/9 sets readiness baseline.

PSAT/NMSQT and **PSAT 10** allow check-in on student progress.

SAT connects students to college.

Learn more at satsuite.org.

SAT SUBJECT TESTS: HELP STUDENTS SPOTLIGHT THEIR SKILLS

SAT Subject Tests are required or recommended by select colleges and universities. They let your students show their academic strengths and get an edge in admission.

SAT Subject Tests are:

- Hour-long university admission tests based on high school/upper secondary school coursework.
- 20 tests offered across 5 subject areas: mathematics, languages, science, history, and English.

Students can use them to:

- Fulfill college or university requirements; many schools require or recommend the tests.
- Stand out on applications.
- Show their strengths in particular areas.

Learn more at satsubjecttests.org.

Fee Waivers

Fee waivers give low-income students a great opportunity to show colleges they're interested in higher education by taking the SAT or SAT Subject Tests. An eligible student can take advantage of the following services for free or at a reduced rate:

- Up to 2 registrations for the SAT with or without the Essay and up to 2 registrations for the SAT Subject Tests—up to 3 SAT Subject Tests on one test day (\$96 maximum value).
- 2 Question-and-Answer Service (QAS) or Student Answer Service (SAS) reports. Students must order the service when registering to get it at no charge (\$36 maximum value).
- Free unlimited score reports to send to colleges, scholarships, and other programs, which can be ordered at any time during the student's testing timeline.
- Waived college application fees for participating schools.
- Free CSS Profile™ fee waivers for first-time, domestic college applicants applying online for nonfederal financial aid.
- Coverage of the non-U.S. regional fee for U.S. students testing internationally (\$53 maximum value).

Learn about student eligibility and more at collegeboard.org/feewaivers.

Official SAT Practice on Khan Academy

The SAT is the only college admission test that provides **FREE** practice tailored to each student. Students who sign up for Official SAT Practice on Khan Academy get a practice plan built just for them.

When they link their College Board and Khan Academy accounts, students get a personalized study plan based on their results on tests like the PSAT/NMSQT or SAT so they can focus on the skills they need to work on most. Students also get access to:

- Thousands of practice questions with instant feedback.
- Full-length practice tests.
- Video lessons that explain problems step by step.
- Studying and test-taking strategies.
- The Daily Practice for the New SAT mobile app, available on iOS and Android.

Research shows that **6–8 hours** of practice on Official SAT Practice is associated with an average **90-point increase** from the PSAT/NMSQT to the SAT.

Counselors can use Official SAT Practice coaching tools to view practice recommendations and progress for entire classes and individual students, making it easier than ever to get your students ready for the SAT.

Students can access free, personalized SAT practice anytime, anywhere at satpractice.org.

Career and Future Planning Tools

The SAT also connects students to additional valuable resources.

- **Career Finder™**: Roadtrip Nation® and College Board have partnered to build a career exploration tool that helps students explore careers aligned to their interests. Learn more at collegeboard.org/careerfinder.
- **Student Search Service®** is a free resource that, when students opt in, directly connects them to colleges and scholarship programs. Learn more at collegeboard.org/studentsearch.

The SAT® and SAT Subject Tests™

Calendar 2019-20

Deadlines expire at 11:59 p.m. U.S. ET.

Test Dates*	2019				2020		
	AUG 24	OCT 5	NOV 2	DEC 7	MAR 14	MAY 2	JUN 6
Domestic Registration Deadline	July 26	Sep 6	Oct 3	Nov 8	Feb 14	Apr 3	May 8
Domestic Late Registration Deadline							
Paper	Aug 6	Sep 17	Oct 15	Nov 19	Feb 25	Apr 14	May 19
Online and Phone	Aug 13	Sep 24	Oct 22	Nov 26	Mar 3	Apr 21	May 27
The SAT	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
The SAT Subject Tests							
Biology E/M, Chemistry, Physics	●	●	●	●		●	●
Literature	●	●	●	●		●	●
Mathematics Levels I and II	●	●	●	●		●	●
United States (U.S.) History	●	●	●	●		●	●
World History	●			●			●
Languages: Reading Only							
French, Spanish	●	●		●		●	●
German, Italian, and Modern Hebrew							●
Latin				●			●
Languages with Listening <i>You may take only one listening test on this date.</i>							
Chinese, French, German, Japanese, Korean, and Spanish			●				

SAT Subject Tests are not offered on this date.

Domestic Registration: sat.org/register

Domestic Fees: sat.org/us-fees

Fee Waivers: sat.org/fee-waivers

* Sunday tests are given the day after the Saturday test.

**If registering through a representative, you'll need to submit by the early registration deadline.

Be sure to review the test calendar carefully because not all subjects are offered on every test date.