
Additional Information for Students

Complete descriptions of the test content, information on test preparation, and information on how to request reports about the test you took and your responses are provided in the *SAT Student Guide* (“Guide”) and online at sat.org/verify-scores.

Predicting College Grades

A primary purpose of the SAT® is to predict how prepared students are to succeed, both in college and in career training programs. College Board continues to conduct extensive research on the predictive validity of the SAT. Several recent validity studies examined digital SAT score relationships with other educational measures such as high school GPA (HSGPA) and the relationship of SAT scores to university outcomes. We found that the digital SAT, with its closely aligned content and comparable scores to the paper and pencil SAT, is strongly predictive of college performance. These studies showed that:

- Digital SAT scores are strongly related to paper and pencil scores, and there’s a strong relationship between students’ digital SAT scores and other educational measures (i.e., HSGPA, PSAT/NMSQT®, AP® Exam scores).
- Digital SAT scores are as predictive of college performance as paper and pencil SAT scores, and they continue to meaningfully improve the prediction of college performance above HSGPA alone.
- Institutions using paper and pencil SAT scores can have confidence that digital SAT scores will provide valuable insights for understanding students’ readiness for college, course placement and major field decisions, scholarship and honors program decisions, and identifying students who may need academic support.

SAT scores provide meaningful information about a student’s likelihood of success in college and university, but the SAT should not be used as the sole source of information for high-stakes decisions. Find out more at sat.org.

Preliminary studies show a strong comparability of skills and knowledge tested on the digital and paper and pencil versions of the test; in fact, scores on either format can be compared to each other. Download a copy of the [Assessment Framework for the Digital SAT Suite](#) to learn about the evidence-based design and development of the digital SAT Suite. A large-scale, national study evaluating the validity of the digital SAT to predict outcomes in college will be conducted once College Board has sufficient data from operational administrations of the test to support such a study.

Procedures to Ensure Fairness and Equity

College Board combats any bias in our tests with our review processes. Fairness reviewers help ensure that test materials are accessible to all students, have no offensive or insensitive content, and aren’t made easier or harder by factors outside the subject being measured.

Relationship of SAT Scores to Family Income

College Board no longer collects information regarding family income from test takers. Past data indicate that students from every income level obtain a full range of SAT scores.