

# The Optional **SAT** with Essay in Colorado

11th-grade public school students in Colorado can add the SAT® with Essay to their SAT School Day registration for free. The Colorado Department of Education will cover all fees so you can take the SAT with Essay **during the school day on April 13, 2021.**

## About the SAT with Essay

- The SAT with Essay will take approximately one hour longer than the SAT.
- It's your choice. You decide whether or not to take the SAT with Essay.
- The SAT Essay is scored separately from the SAT and does not impact your Evidence-Based Reading and Writing score.

For more information about the SAT Essay, visit [sat.org/COessay](https://sat.org/COessay)

## Why Take the SAT with Essay?

The SAT Essay lets you practice your skills and gives you a chance to show colleges that you're ready for college-level writing assignments. Some colleges may specifically require it as a part of the admission process (we recommend that you confirm admission policies with your school of choice).

To look up the essay policies for different colleges and scholarship providers, visit [sat.org/COessaypolicy](https://sat.org/COessaypolicy)

## It's About the Real World

The SAT with Essay is a lot like a typical college writing assignment that asks you to analyze a text. It shows colleges you're ready to get to campus and write.

You'll have 50 minutes to:

- Read a passage
- Explain how the author builds an argument to persuade an audience
- Support your explanation with evidence from the passage

Go to [sat.org/COessayscore](https://sat.org/COessayscore) to find out what the SAT with Essay measures and how it's scored.

## Register for the SAT with Essay

You can take the SAT with Essay at no additional cost. You must register between **January 18 and February 16, 2021.**

### REGISTER ONLINE:

Register online before 10:00 p.m. Mountain Time (MT) on February 16, 2021, using your College Board account.

- 1 Go to [sat.org](https://sat.org) and sign into your College Board account. If you've forgotten your username or password, click the link to recover them. Please do NOT create a new account. Once you're signed in, click on your username in the upper right-hand corner. Then select "**My SAT.**"
- 2 If you do not have a College Board Account, go to [sat.org](https://sat.org) and click "Register Now." Choose "Sign Up" and complete the required fields (name, sex, DOB, email address, expected HS graduation date) to create your account. Click "Continue" on the SAT Registration page. Review and complete the "Personal Info," "Your High School," and "Your Mailing Address" screens. You may be asked to provide "Your Previous Registration Number." Choose "Yes" and enter the registration number provided by your counselor.
- 3 Select "**Change Registration**" from the My SAT homepage. If you don't see your registration listed here, call customer service at 866-917-9030 for assistance.
- 4 Select "**Add the essay to my registration**" from the Change Your Registration page."
- 5 Once the "Add the essay to my registration" link is selected, a confirmation message will appear. Click "**OK**" to continue. Congratulations! You're registered for the SAT with Essay. If you decide later on that you would like to remove the essay from your registration, sign into your College Board account and select "**Remove the essay from my registration**" before **February 16, 2021.** Test day changes to add or remove the essay will not be allowed.

### REGISTER BY PHONE:

1-866-917-9030, select Option 2.  
 Hours: Monday – Friday  
 6:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. MT