

Digital SAT Access and Accessibility

The SAT serves as one of the most accessible, affordable, and equitable ways for students from all backgrounds to demonstrate their knowledge and connect with colleges. Beginning in 2023, <u>the SAT® Suite of Assessments will be delivered digitally</u>. While the transition to digital will bring several student- and educator-friendly centric changes, many key features will stay the same. The SAT Suite will continue to measure the knowledge and skills that students are learning in school and that matter most for college and career readiness.

The digital SAT Suite is easier to take, easier to give, more secure, and more relevant.

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A key feature of the digital SAT is the implementation of a comprehensive test accessibility agenda that includes the test delivery platform's adherence to universal design principles. This ensures that all students, regardless of their needs, have access to a set of built-in tools during testing, alongside appropriate accommodations and support. This design principle makes the test as accessible as possible to the largest number of people so that the maximum number of test takers have full, unimpeded access to the test.

Features include:

- Universal tools available to all students (ex: zoom in, adjust contrast, alt text for graphics)
- Straightforward response entry
- Simple, clear, intuitive instructions and procedures
- Official SAT Practice and other test familiarization opportunities

The digital accommodations and general setup made it much easier to complete the test. I could stay focused and answer the questions more promptly as opposed to filling out bubbles on paper."

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Device Lending

Access to digital devices and reliable internet connectivity is not uniform across the United States or the world. This digital divide disproportionately impacts students from underrepresented and low-income families. To help address these inequities, College Board is committed to lending a digital device to any student testing on the weekend who requires one to complete one of the SAT Suite of Assessments.

The digital SAT Suite test delivery platform has been designed to be tolerant of momentary connectivity disruptions or loss of battery power. Students can seamlessly resume testing without losing time, effort, or assessment progress.

National & International Reach

Millions of students take the SAT every year. Within the U.S., an increasing number of these students take the test as a part of SAT School Day. SAT School Day allows students to take the SAT at their school, during the day, and it is paid for by their school, district or state. This is an important lever for access and equity, and research shows that it increases college-going, especially for underrepresented and rural students.

Proportion of SAT takers who took the SAT on a school day



Internationally, we have increased the number of administrations at test centers outside of the United States to 7 per year, **providing international students with the same opportunities to take the test as their U.S. counterparts**. The new administrations will be held in June and November.

The SAT has been and will continue to be one of the most accessible admissions credentials in the world. We have test centers in over 187 countries and territories and continue to work to increase testing capacity across the world. We currently have more available testing seats for international students than ever before.

