Digital SAT Suite Fact Sheet for Schools

How Digital Is Different from Paper Testing

1. Nearly all readiness materials for staff and students are digital. College Board will provide paper materials when required for certain accommodations.

2. Testing staff use Test Day Toolkit, a web-based application, to administer the test. It can be used on any personal or school-provided device that connects to the internet.

3. Students use Bluebook™, the College Board testing app, to take the test on Mac and Windows devices, iPads, and school-managed Chromebooks.

4. Managed devices can be assigned to students 1-to-1 or shared (from a laptop cart or in a computer lab, for example).

5. Assessments in the digital SAT® Suite have 2 sections—Reading and Writing, and Math—with a break in between. Each section has 2 modules that are timed separately. Bluebook has a built-in Desmos calculator and can be used during both Math modules. Students can’t move to the next test module or submit their answers until their time is up.

6. 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.

7. 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.

8. Bluebook times each student individually, so they’ll start the test, take breaks, and complete testing at slightly different times.

9. The digital test is more secure. Students test in a secure lockdown mode, and each student receives unique test content.

10. There are fewer testing group types (5) that are based on timing of the test and allow some students with different break timings to be seated in the same room.

11. Because the test is shorter, students approved for double time will be able to test in 1 day.

12. Some accommodations are administered differently than they are with paper testing. For example, students approved for large print will use the zoom functionality on their devices to enlarge font size.

13. New for the digital SAT Suite, accommodations for PSAT™ 8/9 must be requested in SSD Online, like all other assessments in the suite.

14. Students approved for an extended time accommodation and testing for more than 3 hours must be provided access to an electrical outlet if needed, though it does not need to be continuous.

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