



SAT School Day



Ohio January 2025 Newsletter

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Ohio SAT School Day Testing Window	
Testing Window Opens	March 3, 2025
Testing Window Closes	April 30, 2025

Upcoming Tasks and Key Dates

Task	Key Date
College Board’s Required Online Training: Test coordinators will receive an email when training is available and should forward the email to all test day staff.	January 21
School Test Coordinator Training and SDMS Training Available- Links will be sent out via email once trainings are available	January 24
District and Schools Receive Access to College Board’s State Data Management System (SDMS): District test coordinators, school test coordinators, and SSD Coordinators will receive an email granting them access to College Board’s State Data Management System.	January 30
SDMS Office Hours	January 31
Access Test Day Toolkit: School Test Coordinators (STCs) will receive an email granting them access to Test Day Toolkit on February 3. STCs can then add test staff as needed. Test staff can also access Test Day Toolkit from the My Tools and Services section in their College Board Professional account.	February 3
Office Hours for Coordinators: Week One- These sessions will give coordinators the opportunity to connect with College Board on a weekly basis to ask questions and/or request guidance. These sessions will take place leading up to and during the testing window.	February 12

<p>Update Tasks in the Interactive Coordinator Checklist: School test coordinators should mark interactive checklist tasks as Complete, In Progress, or I'm Stuck in the interactive checklist tool as needed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Done: Stops future notifications. • In Progress: Provides an accurate status of the task as the coordinator works to complete it. • Stuck: Triggers a ticket with College Board Customer Support for outreach within one business day. <p>Once available, district test coordinators will be able to use their district dashboard to monitor task completion across all schools.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>
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Training Opportunities and Office Hours

Ohio SAT School Day- Training Opportunities	
SSD Coordinator Training	Available Now
District Test Coordinator Training	Available Now
Tech Coordinator Training	Available Now
School Test Coordinator Training	Recording available January 24
State Data Management System Training	Recording available January 24

Ohio SAT School Day- State Data Management System Office Hours	
SDMS Office Hours	January 31, 2025 Click Here to Join

Ohio SAT School Day- Coordinator Office Hours	
Week 1 Office Hours	February 12
Week 2 Office Hours	February 19
Week 3 Office Hours	February 26
Week 4 Office Hours	March 5
Week 5 Office Hours	March 12
Week 6 Office Hours	March 19
Week 7 Office Hours	March 26
Week 8 Office Hours	April 2
Week 9 Office Hours	April 9
Week 10 Office Hours	April 16

Week 11 Office Hours	April 23
Office Hours- Click Here to Join Sessions are every Wednesday at 2pm - Feb 12-Apr 23	

Trainings will be released once they become available. All trainings will be linked in the corresponding month’s newsletter and posted to **The SAT in Ohio College Board website: www.collegeboard.org/ohio**.

Text to Speech/Screen Reader/Extended Time Guidance for Spring 2025

Beginning in spring 2025, the Bluebook™ testing application will include a new built-in (embedded) text-to-speech tool for students approved to use this accommodation. Please see the guidance below for students who are already approved for the screen reader accommodation:

- **For Spring 2025 testing, students already approved for screen reader for digital assessments** won’t need a separate request submitted for text-to-speech (embedded). This accommodation has been automatically added to their approved accommodations, and they’ll have both accommodations—text-to-speech (embedded) and screen reader (non-embedded) for digital assessments—available on test day.
- **Going forward**, students who request read-aloud accommodations will be able to request text-to-speech (embedded) or screen reader (non-embedded) for digital tests, depending on their needs.
- Encourage your students to try a test on our Practice page using the text-to-speech (embedded) accommodation, so they’ll be familiar with the tool when they test.

Embedded Text to Speech vs Screen Reader

Embedded Text to Speech	Screen Reader
Designed for students with a print or reading disability, as well as English Learners.	Designed to serve the visually impaired, who need assistance navigating from page to page.
Not designed specifically for students with visual impairments.	Screen readers also convert digital text to braille for students who use a refreshable braille device.
Embedded tool within Bluebook – no extra configuration required.	May be part of the device operating system through the accessibility features.
Does not automatically add up to time and one-half(+50%) to student’s test package.	May be external software, such as JAWS. Screen Reader accommodation has up to time and one-half (+50%) automatically included with the student’s test package.

Text-to-Speech, Screen Reader, and Extended Time

Scenario	Action
The student has approval for Screen Reader from Fall 2024 or earlier.	Text-to-Speech (Embedded) will be automatically added as an accommodation for this student. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• If the student would like to use either embedded text-to-speech or screen reader with up to time and one-half (+50%), no action is needed.• If the student would like to use embedded text-to-speech with standard timing, remove the Screen Reader accommodation from their profile.
A new request for Text-to-Speech (Embedded) is being submitted for the student in December 2024 or later.	Text-to-Speech (Embedded) does not include extended time. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• If the student needs standard testing time, no additional action is needed.• If the student needs extended time, request that accommodations along with the Text-to-Speech (Embedded) accommodation.
A new request for Screen Reader (Non-Embedded) is being submitted for the student in December 2024 or later.	Screen Reader (Non-Embedded) includes up to time and one-half (+50%). <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The student can use the function to end their extended time early in each module if they do not want to use the extended time.

College Board's State Data Management System (SDMS)

The State Data Management System (SDMS) is College Board's sole student registration system for Spring 2025 SAT School Day testing.

On January 30th, College Board will send an email to District Test Coordinators, School Test Coordinators, and SSD Coordinators granting them access to SDMS. These test staff can also access SDMS from the **My Tools and Services** section in their College Board Professional account.

Digital Readiness Check

College Board strongly recommends that school test coordinators collaborate with technology coordinators to schedule the Digital Readiness Check 1–2 weeks before each test administration.

Note: This check must also be completed before any retests.

During the Digital Readiness Check, students will:

1. Sign into Bluebook using their sign-in tickets.
2. Review the Test Day Checklist.
3. Confirm device readiness.
4. Complete Exam Setup, which includes:
 - Reviewing test taker rules
 - Providing optional test taker information
 - Adding Free Score Sends

The Digital Readiness Check familiarizes students with Bluebook before test day. It allows students to confirm their registration information and accommodations in advance, ultimately saving time on test day.

Preparing Your Students for the SAT

- **Digital Practice Tests in Bluebook:** Students aged 13 and older with a College Board account can access full-length practice tests in Bluebook. This allows students to familiarize themselves with the tools and features they will encounter on test day. Students can log into My Practice to access their practice test score results and details from ANY practice test.
- **Khan Academy Official SAT School Day Practice:** Through a direct partnership with College Board, students gain access to a number of resources in Khan Academy including practice questions, videos, lessons, helpful hints, and valuable test-taking tips.

Important Reminders

- **Final Deadline to Update College Board Educator Accounts:** The deadline to update your professional College Board account was December 31, 2024. **Please Note:** You will not be able to administer a test without an updated College Board account. [Sign in to your account now](#) to ensure you have completed the required update.

All professionals who have not updated their accounts by January 22, 2025, will lose access to their accounts. Please [visit our help page](#) if you have any questions.

- **SSD Deadline-** The deadline to submit College Board Accommodation requests, State Allowed Accommodation requests, and EL Extended Time requests for spring testing was January 13, 2025. If you have not submitted your accommodations, please submit them as soon as possible.
 - To access SSD Online:
 - New SSD Coordinators must complete and submit the [SSD Coordinator Form](#) to College Board.
 - Returning SSD Coordinators must confirm that they still have access by logging into their [College Board account](#), or by logging directly into [SSD Online](#).

Contact College Board at OHSAT@collegeboard.org or (866) 609-2205 if you have any questions.

- **Off-site Testing Requests Form** – Off-site Testing requests should be submitted before February 28, 2025
- **State Testing School Contact Update Form**- Use this form to notify College Board of changes to your school’s testing staff or to update school staff contact information. **Verification is required.** College Board systems will update within 3-5 business days after verification is complete.
- **Interactive Checklist-** SSD Coordinators, Technology Coordinators, and District Coordinators were invited to projects as viewers but not assigned any tasks. School Test Coordinators are assigned all tasks and may then reassign tasks to relevant test day staff, if necessary.
- Technical Readiness Help:
 - [Device Readiness](#)
 - [Device Requirements](#)
 - [Network Readiness](#)

SAT School Day is a partnership between College Board and the Ohio Department of Education & Workforce.



If you have any questions about eligibility or state policy reach out to noel.nethers@education.ohio.gov

For all other Ohio SAT School Day questions, reach out to OHSAT@collegeboard.org

For additional state-provided resources visit collegeboard.org/ohio