



The SAT[®]

Help Clear Their Path to College

AN OVERVIEW FOR U.S. COUNSELORS



Benefits of the SAT



Transition to digital



Student Tools and Counselor Resources





Accepted Around the World

The SAT Lets Students Show Their Best Work

The SAT® is widely accepted at U.S. colleges and globally recognized. Millions of students take the test each year as a step on their path to college and career, more than any other admissions test. The SAT can help students stand out on their college applications—including those that are test optional.

Here's what students can expect on the SAT:



NO GUESSING PENALTY

Scoring on the SAT is straightforward—students don't lose points for wrong answers.



ESSENTIAL MATH

The SAT tests the math that students need no matter what major or career they choose. Common math formulas are provided, so there's no need to memorize them.



EVERYDAY WORDS

The test's vocabulary focuses on words that students will encounter often in university classes. They won't need to memorize a lot of rarely used words.



NO SEPARATE SCIENCE SECTION

The science skills needed for college are tested in the context of the reading passages.

Free SAT Practice on Khan Academy

The SAT is the only college and university admission test that offers free SAT practice tailored to each student. Students who sign up for Official SAT Practice on Khan Academy® get a practice plan built just for them. Students can access free, personalized SAT practice anytime, anywhere at satpractice.org.

You can use Official SAT Practice coaching tools to view practice recommendations and progress for entire classes and individual students, making it easier than ever to get your students ready for the SAT.

EFFECTIVE PRACTICE

Research shows that there are three best practices all students can use to make their time on Official SAT Practice most effective:

1. Follow personalized practice recommendations.
2. Take a full-length practice test.
3. Level up skills.

See the next page for information about digital practice, available now for students who plan to test in spring 2024.

College and Career Planning Tools

The SAT connects students to these additional, free resources:

- Student Search Service™ connects students to 1,500 colleges and universities and over \$300 million in annual scholarships. Students can opt in to hear directly from colleges and scholarships looking for students like them. Learn more at cb.org/studentsearch.
- BigFuture® is an online planning guide that helps students take the right next step after high school. They can explore colleges and careers based on their interests and SAT scores and learn how to pay for college—all while earning chances to win BigFuture Scholarships. Visit bigfuture.org.
- Career Quiz on BigFuture is an engaging, personalized exploration tool where students can learn more about their future career options by answering questions about their interests. Students can take the quiz at bigfuture.org/careerquiz.

Resources for Counselors

Visit the SAT K–12 Educator pages at satsuite.collegeboard.org/k12-educators/about for SAT information, tools, and support. You'll find:

- Key test information to keep students and families up to date about deadlines and requirements.
- The K–12 score reporting portal, where you can access student scores, analyze data, and create reports.
- Downloadable presentations and handouts for students and families to use during informational events about college planning.

Visit sat.org/counselors.

The SAT Is Going Digital

Starting in 2024, students testing in the U.S. will take the SAT digitally. We didn't just put the SAT online, we adapted the test to meet the evolving needs of students and educators.

What's staying the same:

- Still measures the knowledge and skills that matter most to colleges.
- Still scored on a 1600-point scale.
- Will continue to be administered in a school or in a test center with a proctor present—not at home.
- Still supports all students, including those who need accommodations on test day.
- Free practice is still available to everyone.

What's changing:

- Students will take the SAT on a laptop or tablet (unless approved for paper-based testing as an accommodation).
- The digital SAT is shorter—about 2 hours instead of 3.
- Shorter, more concise, and more relevant reading passages.
- Built-in Desmos graphing calculator allowed on entire math section.

Learn more at counselors.collegeboard.org/sat-digital-suite.

Official Digital SAT Prep on Khan Academy

College Board offers many resources students can use to prepare for the digital SAT. Students can download and install Bluebook™, our digital testing app, and start practicing at any time. Four full-length, adaptive digital practice tests are available in the app.

In partnership with College Board, Khan Academy has built a digital SAT course that includes videos, articles, and worked examples designed to help students understand and experience what's new and improved about the digital SAT. Students can go to khanacademy.org/test-prep/digital-sat for additional test prep resources.

In fall 2023, the PSAT/NMSQT® will be administered digitally. Students who plan to take the SAT in spring 2024 can take the PSAT/NMSQT to prepare for the digital SAT. Visit satsuite.collegeboard.org/digital/educators to learn more about how to help students prepare for the digital testing experience.

REACTIONS TO THE DIGITAL SAT

Reactions from our digital SAT administrations show that students and educators find it to be “a better testing format,” “much less stressful than the paper exams,” and “a fair environment for all test takers.”



NOTE: To see more dates and any changes to the testing calendar, check sat.org.

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Calendar 2023-24

Deadlines expire at 11:59 p.m. U.S. ET.

	2023—Paper SAT				2024—Digital SAT		
SAT Test Dates*	AUG 26	OCT 7	NOV 4	DEC 2	MAR 9	MAY 4	JUN 1
U.S. Registration Deadline	July 28	Sep 7	Oct 5	Nov 2	Feb 23	Apr 19	May 16

*Sunday test dates immediately follow the Saturday test dates except for October 15, which has been shifted later to avoid conflict with a religious holiday.

The Transition to Digital SAT

In March 2024, the SAT Suite of Assessments will complete the transition to digital testing to meet the evolving needs of students and educators.

Note that students taking the digital SAT who need to borrow a device from College Board will have an earlier registration deadline to allow time for shipping.

Visit counselors.collegeboard.org/sat-digital-suite for more information.

Test dates and registration deadlines may change. Check online for updates:

U.S. Registration: sat.org/register

U.S. Fees: sat.org/us-fees

Fee Waivers: sat.org/fee-waivers

SAT School Day Dates: sat.org/schoolday