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# The SAT® and SAT Subject Tests™

# Educator Guide



Information on the SAT  
and SAT Subject Tests



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The following contact information is for educators only:

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For information about College Board higher education score reporting:

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## What's New for 2018-19

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### Changes to Student Resources and Services

- **The SAT Student Guide** now has everything your students need to know about taking the SAT®, including terms and conditions and how we protect their privacy.
- We offer the **Official SAT Practice Test** as a separate stand-alone publication for order. In addition, eight full practice tests are available for download online.
- The four free score sends that a student may use each time they take the SAT or SAT Subject Tests™ include only the scores from the related test date, unless the student requests to change the default.
- Both the **Question-and-Answer Service (QAS)** and **Student Answer Service (SAS)** now deliver direct to students online through the [studentscores.collegeboard.org](http://studentscores.collegeboard.org) portal. This means the reports will be delivered several weeks earlier than in the past. Students who register by paper and have no College Board account will still receive printed reports in the mail.

### Expanded Fee Waiver Benefits

Students can be identified as eligible for fee waiver benefits upon taking the PSAT/NMSQT®, the SAT as part of a School Day administration, or when they register to take the SAT or SAT Subject Tests at a published Saturday administration. Once a student is identified in our system, we will deliver a full set of fee waiver benefits directly to their College Board account, including:

- Two free SATs with or without the Essay
- Two free SAT Subject Test administrations (up to 3 Subject Tests on one test day)
- Two free Question-and-Answer Service (QAS) or Student Answer Service (SAS) reports
- Unlimited score reports to send to colleges
- Waived application fees at participating colleges
- Free CSS/Financial Aid Profile® applications to apply for financial aid from participating schools

### SAT School Day Open to All Schools

The College Board now offers schools the opportunity to administer the SAT as well as the PSAT/NMSQT, PSAT™ 10, and PSAT™ 8/9 on a school day. The test ordering site at [ordering.collegeboard.org](http://ordering.collegeboard.org) allows you to directly manage your accounts and orders of test materials. SAT School Day is offered on the following dates:

- October 10, 2018
- March 6, 2019
- March 27, 2019
- April 9, 2019
- April 23, 2019

See the next section of this guide for more information about the SAT Suite of Assessments and learn more about SAT School Day at [sat.org/schoolday](http://sat.org/schoolday).

### Order Your Resources Now

The Back-to-School Resources ordering system is open from the end of April through the end of October. Visit [sat.org/order-resources](http://sat.org/order-resources) to request materials for next year.

# Expanding Opportunity with College Board Resources

The College Board is committed to making it easier for students to navigate a path from high school through college and career. With programs that support curriculum and instruction, we help states and districts meet their educational goals. Other programs expand participation and improve performance in Advanced Placement Program® (AP®) courses.

Here's a look at some of the resources we offer to help you expand opportunity for students.

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## The SAT Suite of Assessments

The SAT Suite of Assessments focuses on the knowledge and skills that research shows are most essential for college and career readiness and success and also reflects what students are learning in the classroom.

The tests in the SAT Suite measure the same knowledge and skills in ways that make sense for different grade levels and that allow students, parents, and educators to monitor student progress. Using a common score scale, each test in the SAT Suite gives detailed feedback connected to standards and instruction and indicators of college readiness. The integrated system is made up of these tests:

- SAT
- PSAT 10—for 10th graders, administered in the spring
- PSAT/NMSQT—for 10th and 11th graders, administered in the fall
- PSAT 8/9—for 8th and 9th graders, administered in the fall and spring

Together, the assessments in the SAT Suite provide benchmarks and consistent feedback for measuring student progress over time, helping educators adjust instruction based on their students' needs. Go to [sat.org](https://sat.org) to review test specifications, practice questions, full-length practice tests, and more.

All assessments in the suite can be ordered through the College Board test ordering website at [ordering.collegeboard.org](https://ordering.collegeboard.org).

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## Counselor Resources

### K–12 Score Reporting Portal

The score reporting portal offers expanded reports and data resources. You can run reports and view scores online in the portal's Reports Center, and download SAT score data files in the Download Center. Access this at [k12reports.collegeboard.org](https://k12reports.collegeboard.org) with the same sign-in credentials you use at [collegeboard.org](https://collegeboard.org).

### Student Score Reports

Your school can access scores for all assessments in the SAT Suite and the SAT Subject Tests for any student who lists your school code when registering. Schools will also get access to aggregate score reports, a downloadable student data file, and score labels formatted for printing.

### SAT Registration Information

Join the thousands of counselors who use our SAT Roster Report to track their students' SAT and SAT Subject Test registration and testing activity, including fee waiver usage. This information, accessible through the score reporting portal, can be downloaded in various formats for further analysis. The SAT Photo Viewer is a tool included in the Roster Report that offers secure access to students' registration photos. Educators can use it to deter impersonation and ensure that students' photos are acceptable.

Additional tools and resources are available at [sat.org/k12](https://sat.org/k12).

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## Benchmarks

SAT College and Career Readiness Benchmarks help students and educators assess student progress toward college readiness from year to year by identifying students' strengths and areas that need improvement. See "College and Career Readiness Benchmarks" (page 14) for more information.

## Services for Students with Disabilities (SSD)

The College Board ensures that students with disabilities receive appropriate accommodations, such as braille, large print, and extended time, on its tests. The SAT, SAT Subject Tests, PSAT/NMSQT, PSAT 10, and AP Exams use a common eligibility process—once approved, accommodations are valid for all tests. Accommodations for the PSAT 8/9 may be offered without College Board approval.

Using the College Board’s SSD Online system, SSD coordinators can manage their students’ accommodations with a real-time list that identifies all students who requested accommodations and the accommodation(s) the students have been approved for. Schools should apply early—the request process takes approximately seven weeks when documentation review is needed.

Visit [collegeboard.org/ssd](https://collegeboard.org/ssd) for complete information on deadlines, eligibility requirements, guidelines for documentation, and access to SSD Online.

## Higher Education and Enrollment Resources

### College Board Search and Student Search Service

Student Search Service® connects students with colleges, universities, and scholarships. College Board Search helps institutions communicate with students who have taken the SAT, SAT Subject Tests, PSAT/NMSQT, and AP Exams. It also helps focus recruiting strategies. Learn more at [collegeboard.org/collegeboardsearch](https://collegeboard.org/collegeboardsearch).

### Higher Ed Score Reporting Portal

With one secure sign in, institutions can access score reports and related data services through the score reporting portal at [hedreports.collegeboard.org](https://hedreports.collegeboard.org). Services include:

**The Download Center** Authorized personnel can download score reports designated for their institution by students.

**SAT Trend Dashboard** The trend dashboard is a snapshot comparing two years of SAT data for your college. Two dashboards are available: One compares

year-to-date data for this year with end-of-year data for last year; the other compares data for the current graduating class to data for the previous year’s graduating class.

## Student and Parent Resources

### Student Score Reporting Portal

Students can view the scores for their SAT, SAT Subject Tests, PSAT/NMSQT, PSAT 10, and PSAT 8/9 assessments in one place by signing in to [studentscores.collegeboard.org](https://studentscores.collegeboard.org). This integrated score reporting portal shows performance details including feedback about high-level skills and potential to succeed in AP courses. And, the integrated score report acts as a hub for the College Board resources students get with their scores.

### Fee Waivers

Eligible students can get fee waivers to take the SAT or SAT Subject Tests for free and to apply free to colleges. Fee waivers never expire. See “SAT Benefits for Low-Income Students” (page 10) for more information.

### Free, Focused Practice

See “Getting Ready for the Tests” (page 8) for details about College Board practice materials. All assessments in the SAT Suite give detailed feedback and links to related practice from Khan Academy, both through the integrated score reporting portal and at [satpractice.org](https://satpractice.org). Because they’re vertically aligned, students can see their progress from one test to the next.

### BigFuture

Students receive extensive resources—personalized practice aligned with their results, starter college lists, and more—with their online score reports. From the report they can click through to the College Board’s comprehensive college planning site, [bigfuture.org](https://bigfuture.org), to see how real students made their college choices. BigFuture™ helps students figure out the application process, access financial aid tools, explore majors, and more.

## Roadmap to Careers

The College Board and Roadtrip Nation have created Roadmap to Careers to help students explore majors and careers that align with their interests and connect them to compatible schools on BigFuture. Visit [collegeboard.roadtripnation.com](http://collegeboard.roadtripnation.com) for more information.

## Participating in Student Search Service

Student Search Service is a voluntary program that connects students with information about educational and financial aid opportunities from more than 1,700 colleges, universities, scholarship programs, and educational organizations. Here's how it works:

1. Students can choose to participate in Student Search Service when registering for a College Board assessment.
2. As part of taking a College Board assessment, students are asked to fill out a Student Data Questionnaire (SDQ). They may also provide additional information on BigFuture.
3. Participating eligible organizations can use the data to search for students who may be a good fit for their communities and programs, but only among students who opt in to Student Search Service.
4. The search criteria can include any self-reported attribute except the following: disability, phone number, and actual test scores.
5. The most searched items are expected high school graduation date, cumulative grade point average (GPA), and intended college major. A full list of SDQ questions is available in *The SAT and SAT Subject Tests Student Registration Booklet*.

If you have questions or concerns about Student Search Service or want more information about the program, please call 866-825-8051. Note that:

- Once a student signs up for Student Search Service they'll remain a participant even if they don't opt in again.
- Colleges participating in Student Search Service don't get student test scores or phone numbers. Colleges can ask for names of students in certain score ranges, but a student's exact score isn't reported.

- Being contacted by a college doesn't mean a student has been admitted. Students must submit applications to be considered for admission. Student Search Service is simply a way for colleges to reach prospective students and inform them of their opportunities.
- Student Search Service will share a student's contact information only with accredited colleges and approved educational or scholarship programs that recruit students. A student's name will never be sold to a commercial marketing firm or retailer of merchandise or services (such as test prep).

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**NOTE:** To protect information in the Student Search Service database, the College Board reserves the right to remove, with or without notice, individual students from the database.

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## More Important Information About Student Search Service

Student Search Service communications are sent by outside colleges, scholarship programs, and educational opportunity organizations. All entities who receive student information from Student Search Service are required to maintain strict confidentiality. We actively monitor these entities to ensure adherence to our guidelines. The frequency and mode of communication are determined by the entity that receives the student's name. Every communication from individual entities is required to contain specific instructions on how to unsubscribe from that particular institution. To unsubscribe from the entire program, students can call 866-825-8051 or write to:

**The College Board**  
**11955 Democracy Drive**  
**Reston, VA 20190**  
**Attention: Student Search Service**

# About the Tests

## The SAT

Each year, millions of students take the SAT at more than 7,000 test centers in more than 180 countries. Nearly all four-year colleges and universities in the U.S., including institutions that give applicants the option to submit college entrance test scores, use the SAT because it's a fair and reliable measure of college and career readiness for all students.

Questions on the SAT reflect the work students are doing every day in high school courses to prepare for college. Visit [sat.org/k12](http://sat.org/k12) for an in-depth look at the test specifications for the entire SAT Suite.

## Why It's Important to Take the SAT

The SAT is a critical step toward higher education for students of all backgrounds. When used in combination with high school GPA, SAT scores are shown to be the best predictors of a student's potential to succeed in college.

The SAT covers core content areas deemed essential for success in college—reading, writing and language, and math. With the other assessments in the SAT Suite, the SAT provides an ongoing, grade-level picture of a student's progress. Because it provides access to services like Student Search Service, the College Board's college application fee waivers for eligible students, and scholarship opportunities, taking the SAT also connects students to opportunities and resources they might not be aware of.

Deeply and constructively tied to instruction and fully transparent, the SAT is designed to be a challenging, appropriate, and fair assessment of what students know and can do and to provide a more comprehensive picture of student readiness than ever before.

## Content and Format

Built on a strong foundation of validity evidence, the SAT draws on a growing body of national and international research on the knowledge and skills needed for college and career readiness and success. Great care goes into developing and evaluating every question that appears on it. College Board test development committees, made up of experienced educators and other subject-matter experts, advise on the test specifications and the types of questions

included in the test. Before appearing in a version that will count toward a student's score, every potential SAT question:

- Is reviewed by external subject-matter experts, such as math or English educators, to make sure it reflects the knowledge and skills that are part of a challenging high school curriculum.
- Undergoes an independent fairness review process.
- Is pretested on a diverse sample of students under live testing conditions.

The SAT has four components—five with the optional 50-minute essay—with each component timed separately. The timed portion of the SAT with Essay (excluding breaks) is three hours and 50 minutes. Here's a synopsis of the test content, as given in a standard testing room (to students with no testing accommodations):

Test	Time Allotted (min.)	Number of Questions/Tasks
Reading	65	52
Writing and Language	35	44
Math Test – No Calculator	25	20
Math Test – Calculator	55	38
Essay (optional)	50	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>180</b> (230 with Essay)	<b>154</b> (155 with Essay)

**NOTE:** We occasionally pretest new questions to determine if they should be included in a future SAT test form. These questions may appear in any of the test sections, and testing time will be extended by 20 minutes so students have time to answer them. These questions will not be included in computing students' scores.

The optional SAT Essay uses virtually the same prompt across all test administrations—only the passage that students respond to is unique—so students can prepare by developing the underlying reading, analysis, and writing skills measured by the test.



## Test Scores

Students get score reports that deliver detailed information about their skill and achievement levels. They can use this information to identify strengths and areas in need of improvement. Their SAT total score, reported on a 400–1600 scale, combines two scores: the Evidence-Based Reading and Writing score and the Math score. In addition to the total score, students get the following scores:

- Two section scores (200–800 scale):
  - ◆ Evidence-Based Reading and Writing (not including Essay)
  - ◆ Math
- Three test scores (10–40 scale):
  - ◆ Reading
  - ◆ Writing and Language (not including Essay)
  - ◆ Math
- Two cross-test scores (10–40 scale):
  - ◆ Analysis in History/Social Studies
  - ◆ Analysis in Science
- Seven subscores (1–15 scale):
  - ◆ Command of Evidence
  - ◆ Words in Context
  - ◆ Expression of Ideas
  - ◆ Standard English Conventions
  - ◆ Heart of Algebra
  - ◆ Problem Solving and Data Analysis
  - ◆ Passport to Advanced Math
- (Optional) Essay scores (2–8 scale):
  - ◆ Reading
  - ◆ Analysis
  - ◆ Writing

**NOTE:** *As part of scoring, every test goes through an equating process. Equating is a statistical process we use to adjust scores from multiple forms of a test so the reported scores mean the same thing no matter which version of the test a student takes or when they take it.*

## Essay Scores

The optional SAT Essay is scored based on students' demonstrated comprehension, analysis, and composition skills. The three scores for the SAT Essay—Reading, Analysis, and Writing—aren't combined or incorporated into any other scores reported by the test. Each essay has a 2–8 range, and a student's score on each dimension is based on the combined scores of two independent raters, who each assign a score with a 1–4 range on each of the three dimensions.

## The SAT Subject Tests

The SAT Subject Tests are hour-long, content-based tests that give students a chance to showcase their achievement in specific subject areas. By including these tests in their college applications, students can stand out and give a more complete picture of their academic strengths and interests.

Some colleges and universities require or recommend SAT Subject Tests as part of the admission process to assess a student's academic preparation for college. Some use them for placement or for advisement in course selection. A student may be able to place out of an introductory class or satisfy a basic requirement by submitting SAT Subject Test scores. Students should consult the admission policies of institutions they're considering applying to for more information on testing requirements. See page 16 for more information about how colleges use test scores.

## Content and Format of the Subject Tests

SAT Subject Tests are developed with the help of educators, from high school teachers to college instructors, representing a wide range of educational backgrounds and schools. To ensure reliability and fairness to all students, each Subject Test question goes through a rigorous two-year development process.

All SAT Subject Tests cover specific subject matter learned in the classroom, including interpretation and problem solving in the context of particular subjects. The foreign language tests measure reading comprehension, language usage, and vocabulary. Some language tests have a listening component.

## Subject Areas and Formats

SAT Subject Tests fall into five general subject areas:

- English: Literature
- History: United States History, World History
- Mathematics: Mathematics Level 1, Mathematics Level 2
- Science: Biology E/M, Chemistry, Physics
- Languages: Chinese with Listening, French, French with Listening, German, German with Listening, Italian, Japanese with Listening, Korean with Listening, Latin, Modern Hebrew, Spanish, Spanish with Listening

All SAT Subject Tests are multiple-choice tests; however, some include special formats. These are detailed in *The SAT Subject Tests Student Guide* so that students can familiarize themselves with them before taking the specific tests.

- The SAT Subject Test in Biology E/M contains a core of 60 general-knowledge, multiple-choice questions, followed by 20 multiple-choice questions that emphasize either ecological (Biology-E) or molecular (Biology-M) subject matter.
- The SAT Subject Test in Chemistry contains some relationship-analysis questions that differ from multiple-choice questions in their directions, presentation, and answer requirements on the Subject Test answer sheet.
- Language with Listening Tests consist of both a listening section and a reading section. The Chinese, Japanese, and Korean tests also include a usage section. Students taking these tests are required to bring an acceptable portable CD player with earphones to the test center.

## Deciding When to Take SAT Subject Tests

Get more details about the coursework recommended for each SAT Subject Test in *The SAT Subject Tests Student Guide* and online at [satsubjecttests.org](http://satsubjecttests.org). In general, SAT Subject Tests are taken at the end of a related course, when the subject matter is fresh in the student's mind. Here are a few additional points to note when counseling students:

**Language Subject Tests** Language Subject Tests are intended for students who have studied the language for at least two years in high school. The reading and listening tests have very similar levels of difficulty; however, the listening tests can provide a more comprehensive picture of a student's skills. For this reason, colleges may prefer the listening tests to the reading-only tests for placement purposes. Language with Listening Tests are only offered in November.

**Biology-E or Biology-M** Students should consult with their biology teachers to see if they're better prepared for a test with an emphasis on ecology (Biology-E) or molecular biology (Biology-M).

### Mathematics Level 1 or Mathematics Level 2

Mathematics Level 1 is designed for students who have taken three years of college preparatory mathematics. Mathematics Level 2 is designed for students who have taken more than three years of college preparatory mathematics, including some elementary functions (precalculus) and/or trigonometry.

## Subject Test Scores

Scores for all SAT Subject Tests are reported on a 200–800 scale in 10-point increments, where 200 is the lowest score and 800 is the highest. A student's scaled score is computed by first establishing a raw score as follows:

- For each correct answer, the student earns one point.
- For an incorrect answer to a question with five answer choices, the student loses one-quarter ( $\frac{1}{4}$ ) point.
- For an incorrect answer to a question with four answer choices, the student loses one-third ( $\frac{1}{3}$ ) point.
- For an incorrect answer to a question with three answer choices, the student loses one-half ( $\frac{1}{2}$ ) point.
- No points are deducted for omitted questions.
- The raw score is converted to a score on a 200–800 scale. This is the score that appears on the score report.

## Language Test Subscores

Subscores are provided for listening, usage, and reading sections of some language tests. These subscores, reported on a 20–80 scale, reflect a student's knowledge of a specific language skill; for example, reading subscores measure understanding of main or supporting ideas in a passage.

## Language Tests and Native Language Speakers

Scores earned by native speakers are grouped with the scores of students who have had less exposure to the language. College admission staff know that native speakers are included in the percentile rankings and take that into account when they review scores. You can compare the two groups by using the tables that compare scores of students with varying years of study to scores of native speakers, available online at [collegeboard.org/satdata](http://collegeboard.org/satdata).

# Getting Ready for the Tests

## Official SAT Practice

### Practice with the PSAT/NMSQT, PSAT 10, and PSAT 8/9

The PSAT/NMSQT, PSAT 10, and PSAT 8/9 are great introductions to the SAT. They address the same kinds of content as the SAT, assessing skills developed through years of study in a wide range of courses as well as through reading, writing, and problem solving outside the classroom.

Students get free online access to personalized resources that help them take the next steps toward college and career.

### Free, Focused Practice

In partnership with Khan Academy, the College Board offers free, personalized practice resources for all students. Our collaboration gives students and educators:

- Personalized online practice that complements classroom instruction.
- Free access—anytime, anywhere.

Official SAT Practice on Khan Academy is the only program developed in collaboration with the writers and developers of the SAT. It's the best practice available—and it doesn't cost a penny.

### Personalized Study Plans

The College Board and Khan Academy give students a unique SAT study plan based on their performance on the SAT, PSAT/NMSQT, PSAT 10, or PSAT 8/9. This adaptive practice experience is tailored to each student's strengths and weaknesses, using official test materials and supported by Khan Academy resources.

Official SAT Practice, available at [satpractice.org](https://satpractice.org), includes:

- Khan Academy instructional modules to address student knowledge gaps.
- Thousands of practice problems across the tests, reviewed and approved by the College Board.
- Official full-length practice tests written by the College Board.
- Online practice test scoring.

## Tied to Classroom Learning

By working hard and engaging in challenging coursework, students build the knowledge they need to be successful on the tests and ready for college and for career training programs.

Official SAT Practice links to classroom learning and guides students to:

- Focus on the knowledge and skills necessary for college and career readiness and success.
- Identify any knowledge and skill gaps in their SAT, PSAT/NMSQT, PSAT 10, or PSAT 8/9 performance.
- Practice in the content areas they need to work on the most.
- Review key subject area concepts.
- Become familiar with test formats, directions, and question types.

## Choosing and Preparing for SAT Subject Tests

Students benefit from their teachers' and counselors' advice about which test(s) to take, and when, based on their coursework and academic interests. Before taking any SAT Subject Tests, students should:

- Review key subject area concepts.
- Become familiar with test formats, directions, and question types by taking advantage of free College Board resources available online at [satsubjecttests.org](https://satsubjecttests.org).
- View free videos on science and math topics available through Khan Academy.

## Paper Practice and Registration Materials

For students who need paper resources, we offer the following materials, which can be ordered for free at [sat.org/order-resources](https://sat.org/order-resources):

- *The SAT and SAT Subject Tests Student Registration Booklet*, which comes in a packet with the paper registration form, a flyer explaining test day requirements, and a return envelope.
- *The SAT Code List* (domestic or international version), which students can use to look up test center and score recipient codes (also available online at [collegeboard.org/sat-codes](https://collegeboard.org/sat-codes)).

- *The SAT Student Guide*, which has test-taking guidelines, sample directions, and practice questions.
- *The Official SAT Practice Test*. Students can upload their results to Khan Academy to get an automatic score report and a customized study plan.
- *The SAT Subject Tests Student Guide*, which has test-taking guidelines and sample directions and questions from all 20 SAT Subject Tests. Free answer explanations are available online for every practice question in the booklet.

## Online Access to Paper Forms

You can help your students use paper forms to request various score services. Forms are available for downloading and printing at [sat.org/resources](http://sat.org/resources).

## Creating a Free Online Account

Even students who don't have their own computer get benefits from creating a free College Board account, including access to Khan Academy practice. All they need to sign up is an email address.

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## Online Resources

### Test Information and Practice

Students can find more information about the SAT, how it links to the PSAT/NMSQT and other PSAT-related assessments, and what the optional SAT Essay assesses by visiting [sat.org](http://sat.org). Practice resources include:

- **Daily Practice.** A free daily practice SAT question, available through our free mobile app or via Twitter [@SATQuestion](https://twitter.com/SATQuestion).
- **SAT Subject Test Practice Questions.** Practice questions for all SAT Subject Tests; answer explanations are included. For science subjects, there are also free video lesson playlists from Khan Academy.
- **Official Practice Tests.** Students can take free, full-length official SAT practice tests and get their scores right away, and then link to their Khan Academy account to build a study plan based on those scores.

Students can also go to [satpractice.org](http://satpractice.org) to access resources from our partnership with Khan Academy, including personalized study plans based on their practice test or prior testing results and adaptive instruction designed to help them address skill gaps.

## Registration Information

Students can look up test dates and registration deadlines and fees and access the registration application at [sat.org/register](http://sat.org/register). Students testing internationally should check [sat.org/international](http://sat.org/international) for additional information and requirements.

## Scores and Access to Score Reporting

Students can visit [sat.org/scores](http://sat.org/scores) to get score delivery dates and links to tools for reviewing and sending scores. To view their scores online, students can go to [studentscores.collegeboard.org](http://studentscores.collegeboard.org).

The online score report gives students details about their scores for each SAT Suite assessment they've taken, as well as information to help them make important decisions about high school course selection, taking additional assessments, and college and career aspirations.

## Important Test Day Policies

Students should visit [sat.org/test-day](http://sat.org/test-day) well before the test to make sure they understand and can comply with the SAT Program's Test Security and Fairness policies. They'll find complete explanations of what to bring on test day, what IDs are acceptable, and more.

## Affordable Printed Practice Materials

To help all students get ready for the SAT and the SAT Subject Tests, the College Board offers these affordable guides, available on our website and through bookstores.

### *The Official SAT Study Guide™*, with:

- Eight official SAT practice tests, written in the exact same process and by the same team of authors as the actual test, and answer explanations for every question on the practice tests.
- Detailed descriptions of the Math and Evidence-Based Reading and Writing sections.
- Targeted practice questions for each SAT question type.
- Guidance on the optional Essay, including practice Essay tasks and sample responses.
- Seamless integration with Official SAT Practice on Khan Academy.

***The Official Study Guide for all SAT Subject Tests™  
Second Edition***

This edition includes previously administered tests for all 20 SAT Subject Tests, detailed answer explanations, the most up-to-date test tips and approaches, and the latest versions of the instructions, background questions, and answer sheet. Two audio CDs for the six Language with Listening Tests are also included.

The following guides contain the most current test instructions and test-taking tips and approaches, along with previously administered, full-length tests and detailed answer explanations. Visit [store.collegeboard.org](http://store.collegeboard.org) for ordering details.

***The Official SAT Subject Test Study Guide in Math Level 1******The Official SAT Subject Test Study Guide in Math Level 2******The Official SAT Subject Test Study Guide in Biology******The Official SAT Subject Test Study Guide in Chemistry******The Official SAT Subject Test Study Guide in Physics******The Official SAT Subject Test Study Guide in World History******The Official SAT Subject Test Study Guide in U.S. History***

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## Educator Resources

Resources are available for order or for downloading at [sat.org/order-resources](http://sat.org/order-resources). If you need fee waiver materials or don't see the publication that you need, call the Educator Help Line (see inside front cover for contact information).

### Policy Guide for Counselors

See our online “Educator Guide to SAT Policies and Procedures” at [sat.org/resources](http://sat.org/resources), which lists policies grouped by topic:

- SAT Policies and Procedures
  - ◆ Registration
  - ◆ Test Day Regulations
  - ◆ Score Reporting
- SAT Terms and Conditions
  - ◆ Important Policies and Procedures
  - ◆ Test Security and Fairness Policies
  - ◆ Who Can Take the SAT
  - ◆ Protecting Student Privacy

## Teacher Resources

### SAT Teacher Implementation Guide

*The Redesigned SAT Teacher Implementation Guide* is designed to help teachers and curriculum specialists generate ideas about integrating SAT practice and skill development into challenging coursework through curriculum and instruction. The guide includes general instructional strategies for the Reading, Writing and Language, and Math Tests as well as the SAT Essay.

The guide offers skill-building strategies linked to sample SAT questions from each test, highlighting connections to best practices in instruction. These recommendations support teachers across all content areas and enhance instruction to build the skills students need for success in college and career. Go to [sat.org/k12](http://sat.org/k12) for links to the guide and other resources.

### Professional Development Modules

Professional development modules—including PowerPoint presentations, facilitator's guides, and handouts—are available to deepen educators' understanding of the SAT Suite of Assessments. Modules explain the content, structure, scores, and reporting for the SAT Suite.

### SAT Subject Tests Teachers' Guides

*Teacher's Guide to SAT Subject Tests in Mathematics* and *Teacher's Guide to SAT Subject Tests in Science* are available online and in print. These free guides familiarize teachers with the tests and include sample questions, answer explanations, and best practices from other educators to help prepare students to do their best on the SAT Subject Tests. Teachers can download or request the guides at [satsubjecttests.org/teachers](http://satsubjecttests.org/teachers).

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## SAT Benefits for Low-Income Students

Thanks in large part to counselors and student advocates, the SAT Fee Waiver Service reaches large numbers of low-income students. Fee waivers give these students a great opportunity to show colleges they're interested in higher education by taking the SAT or SAT Subject Tests. Counselors play an important role by encouraging students to take the tests and then apply to college. The College Board has worked to reduce the paperwork for counselors related to distribution of fee waiver materials to eligible students. Once a student has been identified as eligible, either through the Test Ordering system (e.g., for the PSAT/NMSQT or SAT School Day) or through the use of a fee waiver, the student will have

access to fee waivers electronically through their College Board account.

An eligible student can take advantage of the following services:

- 2 free SAT registrations with or without the essay and 2 free SAT Subject Tests registrations (up to three SAT Subject Tests on one test day).
- 2 free Question-and-Answer Service (QAS) or Student Answer Service (SAS) reports.
- Unlimited score reports to send to colleges.
- Waived application fees at participating schools.
- Free CSS/Financial Aid Profile to apply for financial aid from participating schools. Visit [profileonline.collegeboard.org](http://profileonline.collegeboard.org) for more information.
- Fee reduction for score verification reports.
- No non-U.S. regional fees for free tests (U.S. students testing abroad).
- No late registration fees for free tests (if testing in the United States or U.S. territories).

## Primary College Board Fee Waiver Eligibility Criteria

A student must be either enrolled in or eligible to participate in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) to get a fee waiver. If your school participates in federal programs such as Community Eligibility, you can't rely on a student's participation in the NSLP—you must use the following other criteria or indicators to determine student fee waiver eligibility.

- The student's annual family income falls within the Income Eligibility Guidelines set by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Food and Nutrition Service (find these guidelines at [www.fns.usda.gov/nslp/national-school-lunch-program-nslp](http://www.fns.usda.gov/nslp/national-school-lunch-program-nslp) and select "Income Eligibility").
- The student is enrolled in a federal, state, or local program that aids students from low-income families (e.g., TRIO programs like Upward Bound).
- The student's family receives public assistance.
- The student lives in federally subsidized public housing or a foster home, or is homeless.
- The student is a ward of the state or an orphan.

## International Policies for Fee Waivers

- Eligible U.S. citizens who will test outside the United States and U.S. territories may get fee waivers, which cover the cost of regular registration and the non-U.S. regional fee. The student is responsible for all other fees.
- Eligible students who are foreign nationals and who live and test in the United States or U.S. territories may also get fee waivers.

## Distributing Fee Waivers

The number of fee waiver cards shipped to your school is determined by the number of fee waivers used by students attending your school in the previous testing year. Starting this year, we will deliver a quantity of fee waivers that serves only first-time fee waiver students, as students who have already tested with a fee waiver will automatically have their full set of fee waiver benefits in their account.

Counselors can call the Educator Help Line (see inside front cover) to request additional supplies.

## Electronic College Application Fee Waivers

A student who uses a fee waiver for the SAT or SAT Subject Tests and plans to enter college in the 2019-20 academic year can waive the application fees at participating colleges. College application fee waiver forms will be accessible electronically to students, eliminating the need for additional counselor verification.

Students will access their college application fee waivers via their College Board online accounts by going to [sat.org](http://sat.org) and clicking "Sign In." Once students sign in, they'll see the message "Apply to college for free" with a link to where they can print their college application fee waivers, search for colleges that accept the waivers, and review submission instructions specific to each school. As you advise students, you may find it helpful to search for colleges that accept college application fee waivers by visiting [collegeboard.org/waiver-colleges](http://collegeboard.org/waiver-colleges).

## More Fee Waiver Information

Visit [collegeboard.org/feewaiver](http://collegeboard.org/feewaiver) for more information and to download *The SAT and SAT Subject Tests Fee Waiver Service Counselor Guide*.

# SAT Score Reports and Reporting Services

## Student Score Reports

Score reports for the SAT and SAT Subject Tests give students detailed information about their performance. Students get their scores online free of charge. They can also request paper reports, which begin mailing several weeks after scores are released online. (If they register by paper and don't have an online account, they'll automatically get a paper score report.) Both online and paper score reports answer frequently asked questions about SAT and SAT Subject Test scores, such as how the scores are determined, how to send additional score reports, and where students can view their essays.

Encourage students to review their scores online so they can take advantage of the information and links provided with their online reports.

## Online Score Reports

Students can sign in to [studentscores.collegeboard.org](https://studentscores.collegeboard.org) to access their online score report. They'll see their complete SAT, SAT Subject Test, PSAT/NMSQT, PSAT 10, and PSAT 8/9 score history in one place. The online score report shows detailed and personalized information for each assessment to help students:

- Get insights into how they performed on each component of the test, including number of questions correct and relation to color-coded performance zones.
- Understand specifics about how the test is structured and scored.
- See how their scores compare with those of nationally representative samples of students.
- Determine whether they might benefit from taking the test again and from using Official SAT Practice and other resources to improve their scores.
- Search for the right colleges, majors, and careers based on their scores.
- View a printable copy of their actual essay response (available for students who take the optional SAT Essay), and see sample essays with various scores.

## Sending Scores

At registration, a student can choose up to four institutions to receive scores.

- These score reports are sent at no additional charge and are available through the date listed on the student's admission ticket (usually nine days after the test date).
- By default (which a student can change at the time of ordering online), these registration score sends only include the scores from the test date associated with the registration.

At the time of registration or any time after, a student can choose additional institutions to send scores to.

With Score Choice™, students can choose to send the scores they feel best show their knowledge and skills to particular colleges or other institutions. See our online Guide to SAT Policies and Procedures at [sat.org/resources](https://sat.org/resources) for more information about Score Choice.

## Institutional Score Reports

High schools, colleges, universities, and other institutions can access score reports and rich data reporting through the College Board online score reporting portals.

Official score reports are posted to the score reporting portals a few weeks after the test is administered. Several weeks later, score reports are mailed to any students or designated score recipients who requested paper score reports.

## Online Score Delivery

Whether designated score recipients, high schools, or districts, an institution that receives scores will have secure access to student records. This service is free to any institution that has internet access through the online score reporting portal hosted on the College Board's website.

Online delivery is the fastest way to get scores, and the electronic files can be imported into various institutional data management systems used to maintain student files.

High schools, colleges, universities, and other institutions can download the latest electronic layout at [collegereadiness.collegeboard.org](https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org).

## Other Delivery Formats

Colleges, universities, and scholarship programs can order paper score reports in addition to or instead of online score reports. High school and district/state constituents can print score reports, including score labels, directly from the score reporting portal.

## High School Score Reports

Score reports include a breakdown of the student's scores and information about what those scores mean. School counselors and college advisers can use these reports to guide students as they make decisions about taking high school courses and applying to college.

## Test Score Rosters

High schools can access a printable roster after every test administration that lists attending students who tested during that administration. These reports and others are available through the score reporting portal.

## SAT Scores on Transcripts

Students choose to send official score reports to the institutions they want to receive their SAT scores. High schools shouldn't record SAT scores on school transcripts as this may result in SAT scores being sent to institutions that a student didn't identify as score recipients. This practice is consistent with the practices of other College Board programs, including AP.

In addition, colleges can access a student's essay only if a student sends official scores to that college; colleges also get important student information from the SAT Questionnaire, which is useful in recruiting, advising, and placement decisions.

## College, University, and Other Institutional Score Reports

The majority of four-year colleges and universities require a college admission test such as the SAT and use the test scores in some capacity in making admission decisions. Some colleges also use the SAT for placement.

The SAT score report contains detailed information about a student's performance and compares it with the scores of the over 2 million others who typically take the test. Score reports include a breakdown of the student's scores and information about what those scores mean. Students should send official score reports—the College Board can't verify scores submitted as photocopies of score reports, printouts from the internet, or as part of high school transcripts.

Score reports sent as part of registration or on test day (as part of an SAT School Day administration) will include just the scores associated with that test date. All other official score reports include scores selected by the student—up to six dates for the SAT and an additional six for the SAT Subject Tests. Descriptive information about the student is provided if the student completed the SAT Questionnaire. The Enrollment Planning Service™ market code and information about the student's high school (provided by the high school) are also included.

Images of student essays are available from the College Board to supplement a student's score report. Institutions can view an individual student's essay online using the individual essay locator ID that appears on each college score report and in the electronic file. Colleges can access images of essays from every test administration included in score reports sent by the student to date.

Get more information about accessing students' essays at [collegeboard.org/hedreports/help](https://collegeboard.org/hedreports/help).



# Understanding SAT Scores and Score Reports

Test scores have long been used by admission professionals and other educators to weigh and interpret students’ readiness for college and career success. The SAT and SAT Subject Tests provide information about a student’s developed reading, writing and language, and math skills (through the SAT) and mastery of specific subject areas (through the SAT Subject Tests)—knowledge and skills generally associated with college and career success. Because students from more than 26,000 high schools experience different educational models and grading systems, these test scores are a consistent and objective measure of students’ achievement in specific areas.

Test scores are used differently by the nearly 4,000 two- and four-year colleges and universities throughout the United States. At virtually all institutions, admission tests play a role in outreach, recruiting, selection, placement, and retention. There are many ways to use SAT scores in the admission process.

In all cases, score use should take place in the context of the institution’s mission and based on empirical data, a solid rationale, or both. What may be an ideal use of SAT data at one institution may be ineffective or inappropriate at another.

The benchmarks are set to reflect typical year-to-year growth from 8th through 12th grade. SAT benchmarks indicate likelihood of success in college, while grade-level benchmarks indicate whether a student is on track for college and career readiness for their grade. Note:

- **SAT benchmark scores** represent a 75% likelihood of a student achieving at least a “C” grade in first-semester, credit-bearing college courses in a related subject.
- **Grade-level benchmark scores** are based on expected student growth toward the SAT benchmarks at each grade.

The SAT Suite benchmarks work together to help students and educators assess student progress toward college readiness from year to year. They help:

- Identify students who are thriving and need greater challenges.
- Identify students who require additional academic support.
- Inform instructional and curricular enhancements throughout an institution.

Across the SAT Suite, the benchmark scores are as follows:

## Guidelines on the Uses of College Board Test Scores and Related Data

*Guidelines on the Uses of College Board Test Scores and Related Data* highlights beneficial uses of test scores and cautions against uses that are inappropriate. It’s available at [research.collegeboard.org/data](http://research.collegeboard.org/data).

## College and Career Readiness Benchmarks

The SAT Suite has an associated set of metrics—SAT College and Career Readiness Benchmarks. The benchmarks are based on actual student success in entry-level college courses. SAT benchmarks are set at the section level, with an Evidence-Based Reading and Writing benchmark and a Math benchmark for each assessment.

Assessment-Grade Level	Evidence-Based Reading and Writing Benchmark	Math Benchmark
SAT	480	530
Grade 11	460	510
Grade 10	430	480
Grade 9	410	450
Grade 8	390	430

## College-Bound Seniors

A college-bound senior is defined as a student graduating in the current academic year who took at least one SAT or SAT Subject Test during high school. Colleges use college-bound seniors as a reference group to make decisions about students who have applied for admission to their institutions.

## Score Ranges

Scores are approximations rather than precise measures of knowledge and skills. The score range presents a better picture of performance by estimating how a score might vary if the student tested multiple times under identical conditions over a short period.

The standard error of measurement is  $\pm 40$  for the total score,  $\pm 30$  for the section scores, and  $\pm 2$  for the test scores, cross-test scores, and subscores. This means, for example, that if a test taker takes the test again, there is a 68% chance of his or her second total score falling within a range of 40 points above or below the first total score.

## Comparing Scores

### SAT

When comparing SAT scores, remember that the student's true score is not a single number—a test taker may score slightly higher in one area but still have an equal level of achievement in areas where a somewhat lower score was earned. To consider one score better than another, there must be a difference of at least 60 points between section scores and four points for test scores, subscores, and cross-test scores.

### SAT Subject Tests

Different groups of students take different SAT Subject Tests. For this reason, scores and percentiles on different SAT Subject Tests shouldn't be compared. For example, a Biology percentile can't be compared with a Literature percentile.

There are subscores for listening, usage, and reading sections of some language tests. These subscores, reported on a 20–80 scale, reflect a student's knowledge of a specific language skill. For example, reading subscores measure understanding of main or supporting ideas in a passage.

## Percentiles

Students, high schools, and postsecondary institutions can compare a student's performance with the performance of other college-bound seniors by looking

at the percentile ranks online in the *Understanding SAT Scores* publication released each September at [collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/pdf/understanding-sat-scores.pdf](http://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/pdf/understanding-sat-scores.pdf) for SAT and at [collegeboard.org/satdata](http://collegeboard.org/satdata) for SAT Subject Tests.

On the SAT score reports, the Nationally Representative Sample Percentile compares the student's score to a nationally representative group of 11th- and 12th-grade U.S. students. These percentiles show how students compare to all 11th- and 12th-grade U.S. students—including those who don't typically take the test. The User Percentile compares the student's score to performance on the new SAT by the graduating class of 2017 and concordance study participants from the class of 2016. In both cases, the percentile represents the percentage of the population with scores equal to or below the student's score.

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**NOTE:** Percentiles for SAT Subject Tests continue to represent the percentage of college-bound seniors who earned a score **lower** than the student earned.

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## Concordance Tables—Comparing Scores

Because the SAT given today is a different test than the SAT administered before March 2016, a numerical score on one test won't be strictly equivalent to the same numerical score on the other. We've provided a concordance between the scores on the current SAT and the old SAT that shows how to relate the scores of one test to the scores of the other. We've also created a concordance between the current SAT and the ACT based on the previous concordance table between the old SAT and the ACT. The concordance information was released in May 2016. To view the data, visit [sat.org/concordance](http://sat.org/concordance).

## Fairness, Difficulty, and Reliability

### Fairness

Meticulous care goes into developing and evaluating each test for fairness. Classroom teachers, higher education faculty who teach first-year courses, test developers, and other trained content experts write the test questions for the SAT. For SAT Subject Tests, test developers, trained content experts, and members of subject-based development committees write the test questions.

Test development committees, made up of racially and ethnically diverse high school and college educators from across the country, review each test question and test form before it's administered. To ensure that the SAT and SAT Subject Tests are valid and reliable measures of the knowledge and skills specified for the tests, as well as fair to all students, the College Board maintains rigorous standards for administering and scoring the tests.

Careful and thorough procedures are involved in creating the test. Educators monitor the test development practices and policies and scrupulously review each new question to ensure its utility and fairness. Each test question is pretested before use in an actual SAT or SAT Subject Test. Newly developed questions aren't used in SAT administrations until this rigorous process is completed.

## Difficulty

Statistical analyses show that the difficulty level of the material on the SAT and SAT Subject Tests and the time allocated to each section are appropriate for the intended test takers. The SAT is designed so that a student who answers about half of the questions correctly will receive an average score.

## Reliability

The SAT and SAT Subject Tests are highly reliable measures of college and career readiness. Statistical analyses of test questions show that students who take an SAT or an SAT Subject Test more than once in a short time earn similar scores at each testing. Interpretive data for SAT Subject Tests and the SAT can be found at [collegeboard.org/satdata](http://collegeboard.org/satdata).

# How Colleges Use Scores

## Ways of Using Scores

Here are some ways institutions can use SAT and SAT Subject Test scores:

- Use SAT and SAT Subject Test scores to better understand other information in an applicant's file, such as grades and courses taken.
- Review SAT and SAT Subject Test scores to identify students who might be "at risk" and who might benefit from special advisers, developmental programs, and/or support for staying at the institution.
- Include SAT and SAT Subject Test scores as predictors in an admission index to determine basic qualifications, or for use in preliminary screening.
- Conduct research on SAT and SAT Subject Test scores and other criteria to identify characteristics used in decision making that predict success in course placement, completion of freshman year, and/or graduation.
- Include information about SAT and SAT Subject Test scores (such as the middle 50%) of all applicants, accepted students, or enrolled freshmen in promotional materials so students and counselors can develop an understanding of how a student might fit in a particular institution.
- Use SAT Subject Test scores to gain deeper insight into specific segments of students with nontraditional schooling backgrounds (e.g., homeschooled students, adult students, international students).
- Use SAT Subject Test scores to gain deeper insight into a student's achievements in specific subject areas.
- Use SAT Subject Test scores as placement tools to ensure that students enroll in courses at the appropriate level.
- Review SAT Subject Test scores to determine a student's readiness to take college-level courses in a specific subject area, relative to other students or prospective students at the institution.
- Recruit students (through College Board Search or from among those who have sent scores) who have SAT scores similar to those of accepted or enrolled students at that institution.

## Using the SAT Essay

Strong reading, analysis, and writing skills are critical to success in college and workforce training. The SAT Essay gives students an opportunity to demonstrate college and career readiness by producing a cogent and clearly written analysis using evidence drawn from an appropriately challenging source text written for a broad audience.

Reasons for reading students' essays include:

- To gain additional information about students' proficiency in reading, writing, and analysis.
- To compare students' SAT Essays with their application essays.
- To use as additional information in placement decisions.

## SAT Validity Evidence

The College Board has gathered the following validity evidence for the new SAT and will continue to conduct related research to support the use of SAT scores for their intended purposes. A review of the evidentiary backbone and technical manual for the SAT Suite can be found in the **Test Validity and Design** section of [sat.org/highered](http://sat.org/highered).

### Test Design

The design of the SAT is established on a strong foundation for validity. It draws on current national and international research into the knowledge and skills students need to be ready for and successful in college and career. On an ongoing basis, the College Board will review student performance metrics and other data to ensure that assessment questions and test forms are measuring the knowledge and skills they're intended to measure.

### Pilot Predictive Validity Study

The College Board conducted a pilot study of the predictive validity of the new SAT in partnership with colleges and universities. The study shows early evidence of the validity of SAT scores for predicting college performance. Specifically, the study examined the relationships between high school grade point average (HSGPA) and SAT scores with first-year grades in college. It also compared the incremental prediction of the SAT to that of HSGPA in predicting college grades in both English and math as well as first-year college GPA.

**NOTE:** Results of the pilot predictive validity study are published in *The Redesigned SAT Pilot Predictive Validity Study: A First Look* ([eric.ed.gov/?id=ED563472](http://eric.ed.gov/?id=ED563472)).

## National Predictive Validity Study

The College Board, in partnership with colleges and universities, is conducting a longitudinal national SAT validity study to examine the relationship between SAT scores and college outcomes such as course grades and completion. The study begins with the entering college class of fall 2017, the first cohort of students to primarily take the new SAT. Analyses by subgroups will be examined. The following outlines the time frame for this work:

- Before summer 2018: Institutions sign up to participate.
- Summer 2018: Data file is received by the College Board, including completed data-sharing agreements.
- 2019: Validity study is complete and distributed.

Contact [validity@collegeboard.org](mailto:validity@collegeboard.org) if your postsecondary institution is interested in participating.

# Quick Guide to SAT Information

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## Ordering Materials

Need SAT materials? You can order or download and print resources on this page by going to [sat.org/order-resources](http://sat.org/order-resources). Also visit [sat.org/resources](http://sat.org/resources) to download other SAT resources.

## For Counselors

Available to order from May through October:

### ***Quick Reference Guide***

This guide lists dates, fees, and contact information for all College Board programs and services.

### ***The SAT Code List (domestic and international)***

This book contains a complete list of College Board codes for test centers, colleges and scholarship programs, and college majors.

### ***The College Board Test Dates Magnet***

This popular item is also provided through Fall Counselor Workshops. (This magnet doesn't include dates for international testing.)

In addition to this guide, the following publications are available for downloading:

### ***SAT Overview for Counselors (domestic and international)***

This brochure gives counselors the basics on the SAT and its benefits for students.

### ***SAT Subject Tests Overview for Counselors***

This brochure for counselors includes an overview of the tests and their benefits for students, tips on how to help students prepare, and international dates and deadlines.

## For Students

Available to order from May through October:

### ***The SAT and SAT Subject Tests Student Registration Booklet and Packet (domestic and international)***

The booklet provides step-by-step instructions and information for your students who need to register by mail. The packet also includes the registration form, return envelope, and a handout with a test day checklist and a guide to registration.

### ***The SAT Student Guide***

This booklet gives your students information about the SAT and test-taking advice and tips.

### ***The SAT Subject Tests Student Guide***

This booklet helps your students get familiar with the 20 SAT Subject Tests and has practice questions and answers for each.

### ***SAT Student Guide to Practice and Scores***

This brochure for students includes information about practice resources for both the SAT and SAT Subject Tests and about getting and sending scores.

### ***Registration and Test-Day Checklist***

This flyer (also provided in the registration packet) includes important reminders for students about registration and test day requirements.

### ***SAT and SAT Subject Tests Calendar (domestic and international)***

This poster shows the 2018-19 test dates and registration deadlines.

### ***SAT Subject Tests Practice CD***

This CD includes practice for all six Language with Listening Tests.

# The SAT<sup>®</sup> and SAT Subject Tests<sup>™</sup>

## Important Websites

### Domestic Registration:

U.S. Test Dates:

[sat.org/us-dates](https://sat.org/us-dates)

U.S. Fees:

[sat.org/us-fees](https://sat.org/us-fees)

Fee Waivers:

[sat.org/fee-waivers](https://sat.org/fee-waivers)

Find a Test Center:

[sat.org/testcenter](https://sat.org/testcenter)

### International Registration:

International Test Dates:

[sat.org/international](https://sat.org/international)

International Fees:

[sat.org/intl-fees](https://sat.org/intl-fees)

### Test Day:

Test Day Checklist:

[sat.org/test-day-checklist](https://sat.org/test-day-checklist)

What to Expect on Test Day:

[sat.org/test-day](https://sat.org/test-day)

Test Center Closings:

[sat.org/test-center-closings](https://sat.org/test-center-closings)

### SAT Subject Tests:

SAT Subject Tests:

[satsubjecttests.org](https://satsubjecttests.org)

SAT Subject Tests Online Practice:

[satsubjecttests.org/practice](https://satsubjecttests.org/practice)

### Practice:

Official SAT Practice at Khan Academy:

[satpractice.org](https://satpractice.org)

More SAT Online Practice:

[sat.org/practice](https://sat.org/practice)

SAT Daily Practice Mobile App:

[sat.org/daily-practice](https://sat.org/daily-practice)

### Scores:

Online Score Report:

[studentscores.collegeboard.org](https://studentscores.collegeboard.org)

Getting and Sending Scores:

[sat.org/scores](https://sat.org/scores)

SAT Score Conversion

[sat.org/score-converter](https://sat.org/score-converter)

For everything you need to support your students on test day and beyond, visit [collegeboard.org/educators](https://collegeboard.org/educators).

# The SAT<sup>®</sup> and SAT Subject Tests<sup>™</sup> Calendar 2018-19

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

	2018				2019				
Test Dates*	Aug 25	Oct 6	Nov 3	Dec 1	Mar 9	May 4	Jun 1		
<b>Domestic Registration Deadline</b>	July 27	Sep 7	Oct 5	Nov 2	Feb 8	Apr 5	May 3		
Domestic Late Registration Deadline, Paper	Aug 7	Sep 18	Oct 16	Nov 13	Feb 19	Apr 16	May 14		
Domestic Late Registration Deadline, Online and Phone	Aug 15	Sep 26	Oct 24	Nov 20	Feb 27	Apr 24	May 22		
<b>International Registration Deadline**</b>	Not Available	Sep 7	Oct 5	Nov 2	Feb 8	Apr 5	May 3		
International Early Registration Deadline***		Aug 22	Sep 19	Oct 17	Jan 23	Mar 20	Apr 17		
<b>SAT</b>	•	•	•	•	•	•	•		
<b>SAT Subject Tests</b>					SAT Subject Tests are not offered on this date.				
Biology E/M, Chemistry, Physics	•	•	•	•				•	•
Literature	•	•	•	•				•	•
Mathematics Levels I and II	•	•	•	•				•	•
United States (U.S.) History	•	•	•	•				•	•
World History	•			•					•
<b>Languages: Reading Only</b>									
French, Spanish	•	•		•				•	•
German, Italian, and Modern Hebrew									•
Latin				•					•
<b>Languages with Listening</b> <i>You may take only one listening test on this date.</i>									
Chinese, French, German, Japanese, Korean, and Spanish			•						

Domestic Registration: [sat.org/register](https://sat.org/register)  
Domestic Fees: [sat.org/us-fees](https://sat.org/us-fees)  
Fee Waivers: [sat.org/fee-waivers](https://sat.org/fee-waivers)

International Registration: [sat.org/international](https://sat.org/international)  
International Fees: [sat.org/intl-fees](https://sat.org/intl-fees)

\*Sunday tests are given the next day.

\*\*Be sure to review the test calendar carefully because not all subjects are offered on every test date. The SAT is offered internationally in October, December, March, and May. The SAT Subject Tests are offered internationally in October, November, December, May, and June.

\*\*\*If registering through a representative, you'll need to submit by the early registration deadline.

