

THE
NEW
SAT®

LEARN **WHY** THE
SAT[®] IS AN
IMPORTANT STEP
FOR ANY COLLEGE-
BOUND STUDENT
TO **TAKE** AND HOW
IT IS FAIR FOR ALL.



WHY

TAKE

IT

- It is one of the **most widely used college admission tests** in the U.S.
- It helps students **show colleges what they know** and what they can do.
- **It's fair.** The questions are rigorously researched and tested to make sure students from all backgrounds have an equal chance to do well.

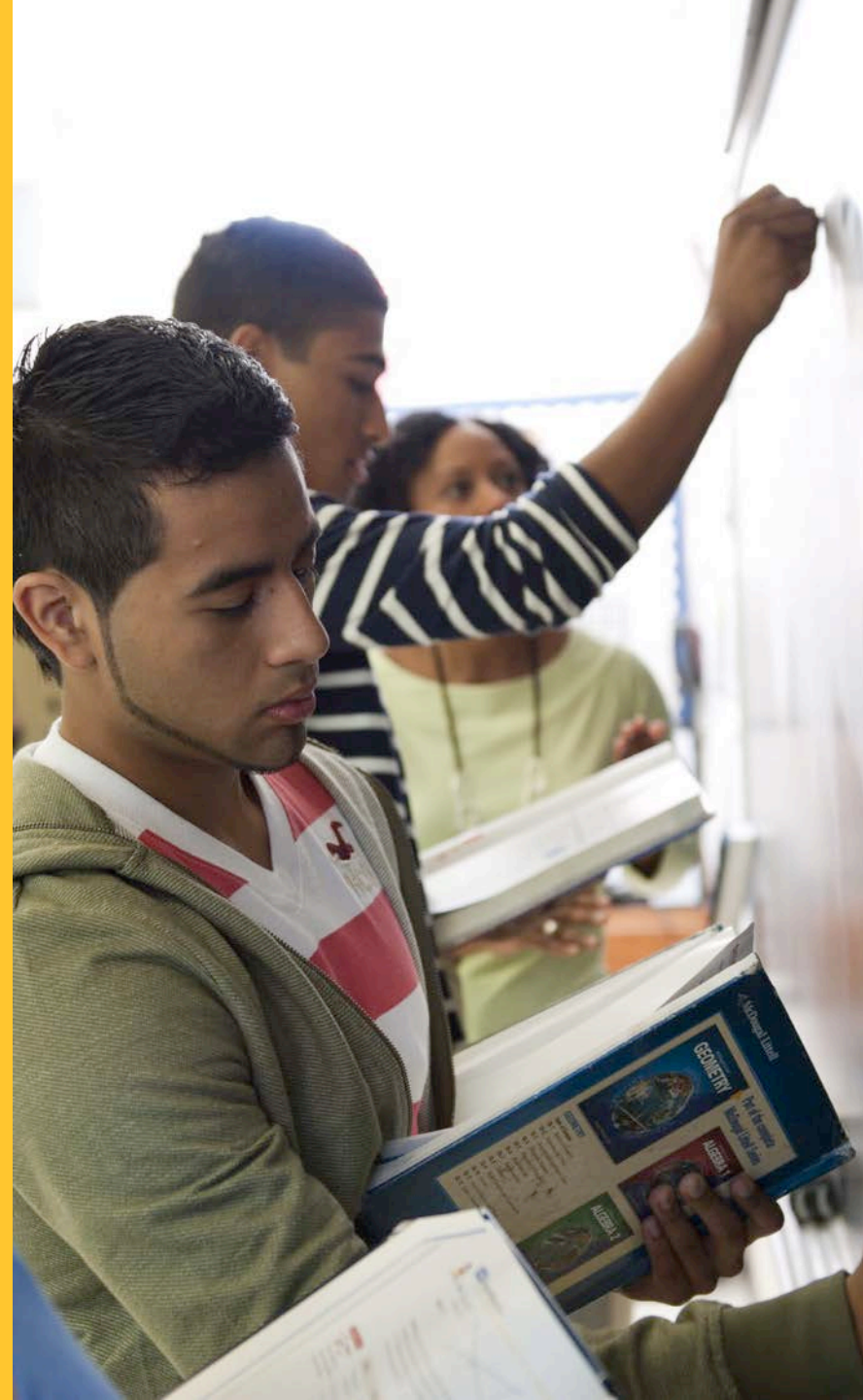
SAY HELLO
TO **THE NEW**
STANDARD
IN COLLEGE
ASSESSMENT
WITH THE
REDESIGNED **SAT**®.



THE NEW SAT®

- is more focused, clear, and useful.
- better reflects the work students are doing in school.
- is a better measure of the skills and knowledge needed to be ready for college and career.

MARCH 2016 WILL
MARK THE FIRST
ADMINISTRATION
OF THE NEW SAT®.
PLAN **YOUR** COLLEGE
ADMISSION PROCESS
WITH THESE KEY
CALENDAR DATES.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- **The new SAT[®] launches March 2016.**
- **Students can take the current SAT now through January 2016 and/or the new SAT in or after March 2016.**

MOST U.S. COLLEGES PLAN TO ACCEPT SCORES FROM EITHER VERSION FOR THE NEXT FEW YEARS.

FROM PRACTICING
TO APPLYING,
TAKING THE **SAT**[®]
IS JUST ONE STEP
IN THE PROCESS OF
GETTING ADMITTED
TO COLLEGE.



FROM SAT[®] TO COLLEGE

Students thinking about college should:

- **Talk to their school counselor** about the college search and application process.
- **Research colleges** and make a list of schools they're interested in.
- **Register for the SAT** and review college admission requirements.
- **Keep taking challenging courses** and practice hard to show they're ready for college-level work.

WHAT'S DIFFERENT
ABOUT THE **SAT**[®]?
TO SHOW YOU,
WE'VE **COMPARED**
THE CURRENT SAT
TO THE NEW **SAT**.



SAT[®] COMPARED TO SAT

Current SAT

- **Total testing time:**
3 hours, 45 min.

- **4 sections:** Critical Reading, Writing, Mathematics, Essay

- **Essay:** Required

- **Penalized for wrong answers**

- Score scale: 600 to 2400

New SAT

- **Total testing time:**
3 hours (+50 minutes if taking the SAT with Essay)

- **2 sections (3 with SAT Essay):**
Evidence-Based Reading and Writing, Math

- **Essay:** Optional

- **No penalty for guessing**

- **Score scale:** 400 to 1600;
Essay scored separately

SAT FEE WAIVERS WILL CONTINUE TO BE AVAILABLE FOR ALL ELIGIBLE STUDENTS TO USE WITH EITHER VERSION OF THE SAT.

FIVE KEY **CHANGES**
THAT STUDENTS
NEED **TO** KNOW
BEFORE TAKING
THE NEW **SAT**[®].



CHANGES TO THE SAT®

1. Rights-only scoring.

- Students earn **points for each correct answer.**
- There's no **penalty for guessing.**
- There's **no reason to ever skip a question.**

CHANGES TO THE SAT®

2. No obscure vocabulary.

- The new SAT **focuses on words students are most likely to use again** in college or career.
- Students won't see words like "prevaricate" or "sagacious."
- They will need to understand how words like "synthesis" or "alleviate" are used in context.

CHANGES TO THE SAT®

3. More focused math.

- **Focuses on the math skills most widely used** in college and career.
- Most questions are **multiple choice**; some ask students to **write in the answer** on their own.
- **Calculators are allowed on only one section.** Some questions are easier to solve without a calculator.

CHANGES TO THE SAT®

4. Analysis, not opinion.

The SAT Essay will ask students to read a passage and:

- **Provide a written analysis** of the text.
- **Use critical reasoning skills** to show how the author builds an argument.
- **Use evidence from the text** to support their analysis.

Students should check individual college websites to see if a school they're interested in requires the SAT Essay.

CHANGES TO THE SAT[®]

5. Free, world-class test practice for all.

- **Free** Official SAT Practice on Khan Academy created in partnership with the College Board.
- **Personalized practice** recommendations.
- **Full-length practice tests** and thousands of sample questions.
- **Accessible through any computer** with Internet access.
- Materials also **available to print**.

THE SAT[®]

HAS BEEN

REDESIGNED,

BUT WHAT

ABOUT THE

PSAT/NMSQT[®]?



THE REDESIGNED PSAT/NMSQT®

- **Aligned** with the new SAT®.
- **October 2015** is the first administration.
- **More scholarship opportunities.**

STUDENTS SHOULD TALK TO THEIR SCHOOL COUNSELOR IF THEY'RE INTERESTED IN TAKING THE PSAT/NMSQT.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

About the redesigned SAT® and PSAT/NMSQT®:

- sat.org/new

About SAT practice on Khan Academy:

- satpractice.org

For general SAT info:

- sat.collegeboard.org
- @OfficialSAT