

CHOOSE SKILLS.

Launching March 2016 — the new SAT[®] champions the classroom skills and knowledge that are essential for college. Encourage your students to choose the new SAT because the skills they own should take them further.

TEST FEATURES	THE NEW SAT [®]	ACT [®]
Curriculum-based	✓	✓
Optional essay	✓	✓
No guessing penalty	✓	✓
Full test specifications available online	✓	
FEE WAIVERS		
Test fee waivers for eligible students	✓	✓
Free late registration for fee waiver students	✓	
Four college application fee waivers sent directly to eligible students	✓	
Four free score sends with registration	✓	✓
Four free additional score sends	✓	
FREE PRACTICE		
Official, personalized practice recommendations on Khan Academy [®] that help students where they need it most.	✓	
Four full-length practice tests	✓	
Sample Test Questions	✓	✓
SAT Practice app with paper scan & score functionality	✓	
SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE TESTED		
Focused on the few things evidence shows matter most for college and career, in both math and ELA	✓	
Vocabulary: Focused on words more widely used in college and career	✓	✓
History/social studies and science included throughout all required sections of the test	✓	
Integration of words and numbers across academic disciplines	✓	
Demonstration of command of evidence	✓	
Essay analyzing a source	✓	

TEST STRUCTURE AND FORMAT**THE NEW SAT®****ACT®**

Testing time	3 hours + 50-minute SAT essay (optional)	2 hours 55 minutes + 40-minute essay (optional)
Structure	3 tests + optional SAT essay	4 tests + optional writing test
Score range	Composite 400–1600 (SAT Essay: reported in 3 dimensions, each 2–8)	Composite 1–36 (writing domain scores: 2–12)
Test length and timing	Number of questions: 154 Time per question: 1:10	Number of questions: 215 Time per question: 0:49
	Reading Test 65 Minutes 52 Questions	Reading Test 35 Minutes 40 Questions
	Writing and Language Test 35 Minutes 44 Questions	English Test 45 Minutes 75 Questions
	Math Test 80 Minutes 58 Questions <i>Use of a calculator on some problems</i>	Math Test 60 Minutes 60 Questions <i>Use of a calculator on some problems</i>
		Science Test 35 Minutes 40 Questions

The new SAT has been designed to be an even more useful tool by focusing on the classrooms skills and knowledge research shows are most essential for success in college. More than 2 million students throughout 190 countries and territories demonstrate their skills and knowledge on the SAT every year. Virtually all colleges and universities — more than 2,000 in total — look at SAT scores as one of several factors to make admission decisions.

For more information, visit SAT.org/new

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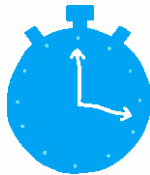
VS.

THE NEW SAT[®]

TIMING

Final Administration
JANUARY 2016

171
Questions



3 | **45**
Hrs | Mins

First Administration
MARCH 2016

154
Questions



3
Hours*

*3 hrs 50 mins with Essay

SECTIONS

MATHEMATICS

**CRITICAL
READING**

WRITING

- ▶ Tests general reasoning skills.
- ▶ Tests a wide range of math skills.
- ▶ Questions in the Critical Reading Section ask students to understand texts but won't ask them to cite evidence in their answers. Writing Section questions are based on sentences or short paragraphs.

ESSAY REQUIRED

Scores ranging from

600–2400

POINTS SUBTRACTED

for incorrect answers

MATH

**EVIDENCE-BASED
READING AND WRITING**

- ▶ Measures skills and knowledge students need to be ready for college and beyond. Better reflects what students learn in class.
- ▶ Focuses on math that research shows is used most in college and career.
- ▶ Questions in the Evidence-Based Reading and Writing Section are passage-based. Students are asked to support answers with evidence from a passage.

ESSAY OPTIONAL

Scores ranging from

400–1600

NO PENALTY

for guessing

SCORING

SAT fee waivers are available for all eligible students, and most colleges plan to accept scores from both versions of the SAT.

To find out more about the changes to the SAT and how we can help you navigate a path to college and career, visit sat.org/new. #NewSAT



