

# Get to Know the SAT<sup>®</sup>

## A GUIDE FOR STUDENTS



**Good news: The SAT<sup>®</sup> is coming to your high school.** All 11th graders attending Colorado public schools will take it for free on April 10, 2018.

Why is that good news? The SAT is a globally recognized college entrance exam that measures the skills and knowledge that matter most for college and career success.

### SAT PREPARATION

The SAT measures what you're learning in high school and what you need to succeed in college.

The best way to prepare for the SAT is to work hard in school.

- Take challenging courses
- Study for tests and quizzes
- Do your homework
- Ask and answer lots of questions in class

### TOTAL TESTING TIME

3 hours + optional 50-minute Essay

Scores are accepted  
by all U.S. colleges  
and universities.

### TEST SECTIONS

#### ▪ EVIDENCE-BASED READING AND WRITING

- ◆ Reading Test
- ◆ Writing and Language Test

#### ▪ MATH

#### ▪ OPTIONAL ESSAY

- ◆ You can take the SAT Essay at no additional cost.
- ◆ The SAT Essay will be given as part of the school day administration, in separate SAT and SAT with Essay testing rooms.
- ◆ The SAT with Essay will take approximately one hour longer than the SAT.
- ◆ You can decide whether or not to take the SAT Essay, but you must add it to your registration by February 14, 2018. Changes to add or remove the essay after this date will not be allowed.

### SAT HIGHLIGHTS



#### NO GUESSING PENALTY

You earn points for the questions you answer correctly, encouraging you to give your best answers.



#### EVERYDAY WORDS

The vocabulary is closer to what you can expect to see in college classes.

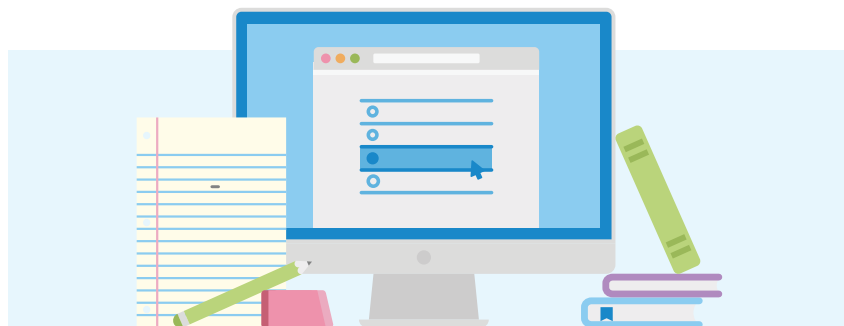


#### ESSENTIAL MATH

The SAT tests the math that promotes success in whatever major or career you choose.

# Get Ready for the SAT with Free SAT Practice Tools

The SAT has practice resources to help you sharpen your skills and get ready for test day.



## FREE, PERSONALIZED PRACTICE ON KHAN ACADEMY®

Official SAT practice on Khan Academy is a great way to hone your skills as you prepare to take the SAT. You can link your College Board and Khan Academy accounts to get a personalized plan based on your test results from the PSAT-related assessments, SAT, and more. You'll have access to:

- Eight full-length practice tests, plus study and test-taking tips.
- Thousands of interactive problems with instant feedback.
- Video lessons that explain problems step by step.

## Sign up at [satpractice.org](https://satpractice.org).

Creating College Board and Khan Academy accounts to take advantage of free, personalized SAT practice is voluntary and optional for students. Students' data are used and shared through a strict usage policy in order to support the educational success of the students and for noncommercial purposes.

## DAILY PRACTICE FOR THE NEW SAT APP

For quick, on-the-go practice, use the Daily Practice app—available on iOS and Android devices.



## Resources

### CREATE A COLLEGE BOARD ACCOUNT

Sign up for an account to:

- View scores from the PSAT-related assessments, SAT, and AP® Exams.
- Sign up for helpful reminder emails.
- Search for colleges and build a college list.

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

### IF YOU WANT TO TAKE THE OPTIONAL SAT ESSAY

You can add the SAT Essay to your registration between January 16 and February 14, 2018 in two different ways:

1. Register online using your College Board account
2. Register by phone at 1-866-917-9030; select Option 2

### ROADMAP TO CAREERS

The College Board and Roadtrip Nation have teamed up to give you a unique way to explore majors and careers that align with your personal interests.

[collegeboard.roadtripnation.com](https://collegeboard.roadtripnation.com)



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