SAT TERMS AND CONDITIONS

General

- By registering for the SAT®, you’re certifying that you are the person whose personal information is being provided for this registration and that the information you are providing is accurate. Giving false or misleading information about yourself, such as name, address, date of birth, current grade level, expected graduation date, name of high school, or photo, can result in an investigation, cancellation of scores, and a testing ban for College Board assessments, and such other actions as the College Board, in its sole discretion, deems appropriate. We reserve the right to cancel scores from College Board test administrations that occurred prior to the test administration at issue.
- If your school participates in an SAT School Day administration and/or bulk registration process for the test, the College Board may receive your personal information, including first name, last name, sex, date of birth, and mailing address, from your school. This information will be kept secure and added to your permanent College Board record to be used for score reporting purposes as well as the other purposes outlined in The SAT and SAT Subject Tests™ Student Registration Booklet and registration materials. By taking the SAT and signing the SAT answer sheet, you acknowledge that your school has provided this information to the College Board and consent to the College Board retaining it.
- Creating multiple College Board student accounts, intentionally or inadvertently, is strictly prohibited and can result in an investigation and/or the merging of relevant records.
- If you want to cancel your scores, your request must be received by the fourth weekday after a test administration. Once you submit your request to cancel scores, your scores cannot be reinstated and are not reported to you or your designated institutions.
- Each time you test, you can choose the colleges or scholarship programs you want to send your scores to. The first four are included with your test registration fee. If you’re undecided about where to send your scores, you can add or change your score recipients online. Corrections and additions to your score report recipients can be made online until nine days after the test. The four score-sending requests included with registration cannot be applied to past or future score-sending requests or registrations.
- When you send scores as part of your test registration, only scores associated with that test date will be sent. You can change this default through your online account.
- For additional score report requests, only score reports from completed and scored tests are sent to your colleges and scholarship programs. Scores from tests you registered for but haven’t yet completed are not included. You can send all your scores to an institution, or you can choose which scores to send an institution by test date for the SAT and by individual test taken for SAT Subject Tests. Score Choice™ is optional; if you decide not to use it when sending scores, the College Board will send all of your scores to the recipient institutions.
- Most, but not all, scores will be reported online and available by phone several weeks after the test date. Your score report will be delivered to the high school, colleges, universities, and scholarship programs you indicated when you registered, and additional score report requests will be delivered a few weeks after the request is received. A paper copy of your score report can be requested at the time of registration.
- SAT Program policies are subject to change at any time for test security or other reasons. The SAT Program will attempt to provide adequate prior notice, although circumstances may limit our ability to do so.
- The College Board and the test center will not be responsible for personal property, including prohibited items, brought to the test center on test day that becomes lost, stolen, or damaged.
- In certain cases, including where there is unexpected volume in a particular area or for test security reasons, the College Board reserves the right to move test takers to a different location or to a subsequent test administration.
- In the event of a test security–related concern, public health threat, natural disaster, terrorist act, or other unexpected events or circumstances, the College Board may cancel testing for all or a particular group of test takers. When this occurs, the SAT Program will notify test takers in
advance if possible. We will communicate test cancellations and, where feasible, alternative test dates for affected test takers.

- To ensure the integrity of the SAT Program, the College Board reserves the right to bar any individual or group of individuals from registering for and/or taking any College Board test.
- If the College Board becomes aware that you or someone else may be in imminent danger, including a determination based on the content of your essay, we reserve the right to contact the appropriate individuals or agencies, including your high school or law enforcement agencies. We might also provide the relevant essay or other content, along with any personal information, to those contacted.
- EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE INDICATED IN THESE TERMS AND CONDITIONS, THE COLLEGE BOARD, INCLUDING ITS SUBCONTRACTORS, SHALL NOT BE LIABLE TO TEST TAKERS, SCHOOLS, SCHOOL DISTRICTS, OR ANYONE CLAIMING BY OR THROUGH THEM FOR ANY DAMAGES, INCLUDING DIRECT, INDIRECT, SPECIAL, INCIDENTAL, CONSEQUENTIAL, EXEMPLARY, OR PUNITIVE DAMAGES, WHICH ARE CAUSED BY, ARISING FROM, OR OTHERWISE RELATED TO THE FAILURE OF TEST ADMINISTRATION PERSONNEL, THE STUDENTS OR THE SCHOOL, OR THE TEST CENTER TO COMPLY WITH THE COLLEGE BOARD’S AND ITS SUBCONTRACTORS’ TEST SECURITY AND TEST ADMINISTRATION POLICIES AND PROCEDURES, WHETHER OR NOT THE COLLEGE BOARD HAS BEEN ADVISED OF THE POSSIBILITY OF SUCH DAMAGES.
The College Board or its designee may use methods to capture images, video, or audio at any or all test centers to ensure test security. The resulting images or recordings, which may permit the College Board to identify specific individuals, may be collected, stored, reviewed, and used for the purposes of (1) identifying and/or investigating possible SAT test security incidents; (2) collecting evidence in connection with possible SAT test security incidents; and (3) enhancing SAT test security. These images and/or recordings are maintained following the test administration for as long as reasonably necessary for the purposes specified. Thereafter the images and recordings are securely destroyed. The College Board will NOT use or disclose such information except as described above, as requested by law enforcement, and/or as reasonably necessary to protect the rights and property of the College Board or third parties.

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 test takers have time to answer them. They will not be included in computing students’ scores.

The College Board takes steps to ensure that registration records are properly handled and processed, and that answer sheets are properly handled and scored. In the unlikely event of a problem with shipping or otherwise processing registration materials, answer sheets, or score reports, or with scoring the test, or score reporting, the College Board will correct the error, if possible, schedule a makeup test for impacted test takers, or provide a refund of the test fee. These are the sole remedies for test takers in relation to such issues. The College Board has sole discretion in determining whether to score lost answer sheets that are eventually recovered.

**TEST SECURITY AND FAIRNESS**

The College Board's Test Security and Fairness policies are designed to give every student a fair and equitable opportunity to demonstrate college readiness. They’re also designed to prevent anyone from gaining an unfair advantage on SAT tests. When you register to take the SAT or SAT Subject Tests, you acknowledge that you have read, understand, and will comply with our Test Security and Fairness policies as detailed here.

- You must present acceptable photo ID for admission to the test center.
- Allowing someone to impersonate you to take a College Board test, or engaging in impersonation to take a test for someone else, is strictly prohibited.
- Sharing test questions or answers is prohibited at any time unless test content is released as part of a College Board service (such as the Question-and-Answer Service).
- Using phones and certain other electronic devices is prohibited in SAT test centers.
- You are prohibited from accessing secured test materials at any time before or after the test.
- If you exit the building before testing ends, your scores will be canceled.
- While you’re taking the test, do not allow anyone to see the test questions or your answers.
- The timing of each test section is strictly scheduled. You cannot skip ahead or go back to a previous test or test section in the test book or answer sheet while taking the SAT or SAT Subject Tests.
- If your essay is not your original and individual work, your entire test score may be canceled.
- You may not consult textbooks, other people, electronic devices, or any other resources during the test or during breaks.
- Calculators may not be shared, and may only be on your desk during the parts of the SAT and SAT Subject Tests they’re approved for.

Violation of policies related to test security can result in denial of entry to or immediate dismissal from the test center, cancellation of your scores, or a limited or permanent ban from future test taking.

**WHO CAN TAKE THE SAT**

You may take the SAT on any of 4–7 weekend administrations if you’re taking the test for its intended
purposes, including:

- Applying to a college or university undergraduate program.
- Applying for scholarships, financial aid, or other programs that require a college admission test as part of their application process.

If we have reason to believe you’re not taking the SAT for its intended purposes, you may be transferred to an administration where the SAT form is disclosed after the test. In addition, the College Board reserves the right to investigate and cancel the SAT registration and/or scores of anyone suspected of attempting to steal and/or share test content.

**PROHIBITED ITEMS**

Prohibited devices and other aids include, but aren’t limited to:

- Cell phones or smartphones.
- Audio players (with the exception of CD players used for Language with Listening Tests only) or recorders.
- Tablets, laptops, notebooks, or any other personal computing devices, including wearable technology.
- Separate timers of any type.
- Cameras or any other photographic equipment.
- Smartwatches and any other devices that can be used to record, transmit, receive, or play back audio, photographic, text, or video content.
- Protractors, compasses, rulers.
- Highlighters, colored pens, colored pencils.
- Pamphlets or papers of any kind.
- Dictionaries or other books.

**PHONES AND ELECTRONIC DEVICES POLICY**

Devices that can be used to communicate test content or share answers are not allowed in the test center. You may not bring electronics of any kind with you on test day. If, however, you forget to leave a device at home, you’ll be instructed to turn off all electronic devices during the test and even during breaks. Be sure to turn off your watch alarm, if you have one. Test centers are serious about security and quiet, so prohibited devices must be turned off and put under your desk.

If your device makes noise or you are seen using it at any time, including during breaks, you may be dismissed immediately, your scores can be canceled, and the device may be confiscated and its contents inspected. The College Board is not responsible for loss of or damage to personal items, including electronic devices, while you’re in the test center.

Test administration staff are authorized to collect and hold phones and other prohibited electronic devices during the test administration, including during break periods, or to deny admission to anyone in possession of a prohibited electronic device.

**PHOTO REQUIREMENTS FOR REGISTRATION**

To guard against impersonation, when you register for the SAT, whether online or by mail, you must provide an acceptable photo of yourself. Your photo will be added to your registration, will appear on your admission ticket, and will be required for admittance to the test center.

If you have any concerns about the photo requirement, contact Customer Service at least 30 days before your intended test date.
Choose an Acceptable Photo

You must include a recent photo with your registration.

- Make sure the photo:
  - Matches your appearance on test day. If your photo isn’t easily recognizable as you, test center staff will not admit you to the test center.
  - Is a head-and-shoulders view with your entire face, both eyes, and hair clearly visible (don’t wear sunglasses; head covering worn for religious purposes only is acceptable if your entire face and both eyes are visible).
  - Shows only you—no other people are visible.
  - Doesn’t cut off part or all of your head.
  - Doesn’t show you in profile or three-quarter view.
  - Wasn’t taken too close up or from too far away.
  - Isn’t blurry or too light.
  - Hasn’t been tampered with or digitally altered.

- If you’re registering online:
  - Successful upload of your photo only indicates that it meets the technical requirements (correct file type and size). It doesn’t mean your photo is acceptable for test day.
  - Digital photos must be in one of these file formats: .jpg, .gif, or .png.
  - If you link to Facebook to add a photo to your registration, the same requirements apply.

SAT TEST TAKER IDENTIFICATION (ID) REQUIREMENTS AND POLICIES

Test center staff will compare the information on your admission ticket and your photo ID, as well as your appearance, with the test center roster to confirm your registration and identity. You can’t be admitted to the test center if the information doesn’t match (for example if your nickname is on one item but your full name is on another). The staff are not required to hold your seat if you didn’t bring acceptable ID.

International students should go to sat.org/international for additional requirements that might apply in their country.

If you have questions about our ID requirements and policies, contact Customer Service at least 30 days before your intended test date.

Acceptable Photo ID

Your ID must be a valid (unexpired) photo ID that’s government issued or from the school you currently attend. Even if an ID or admission ticket photo got you into a test center before, they may not be acceptable at another time.

Forms of valid photo ID are:
- Government-issued driver’s license or non-driver ID card.
- Official student ID card from the school you currently attend.
- School IDs from the prior school year are valid through December of the current academic year. For example, school IDs from 2017-18 can be used through December 31, 2018.
- Government-issued passport.
- Government-issued military or national ID card.
- SAT Student ID Form.

ID documents must:
• Be an original (not photocopied).
• Show your full name exactly as it appears on your admission ticket, including the order of the names.
• Show a recent, recognizable photograph that matches your appearance on test day and your admission ticket photo.
• Be in good condition, with legible English language text and a clearly visible photograph.

Circumstances Affecting ID Requirements

• If you’re in waitlist status, you must present an acceptable school- or government-issued photo ID that’s been issued in the country where you’re testing.
• If you’re 21 or older, you must present a government-issued photo ID or your passport. Student ID cards are not valid for test takers 21 or older.
• If you’re in the 8th grade or below and are testing for Talent Search purposes, a valid Talent Search ID Form is acceptable. In all other cases, you must present an acceptable photo ID.
• International students:
  o If you’re testing in Ghana, Nepal, Nigeria, or Pakistan, you must present your passport.
  o If you’re testing in India, you must present either your passport or an Aadhar card.
  o If you’re testing in Egypt, Korea, Thailand, or Vietnam, you must present your passport or a government-issued photo ID from the country where you’re testing. If you travel to another country to test, you must provide a passport as identification.
• Once you use a fee waiver, it can’t be reused. If you miss the test you registered for, you can transfer your registration to a later date, but you will be charged the change fee.

WAITLIST REGISTRATIONS

• All normal registration requirements apply, including uploading an acceptable photo.
• Asking for waitlist status doesn’t guarantee you’ll get to take the test on test day.
• Waitlisted students are admitted to the test center on a first-come, first-served basis.
• Waitlisted students are seated after all regularly registered test takers have been admitted and if sufficient test materials, staff, and seating are available.
• If weather or another unexpected condition closes your test center, your waitlist request will be canceled and you’ll be notified. You may be able to submit a new waitlist request for another center if there’s time.
• The test center supervisor decides who is admitted to the test center on test day. Those decisions are final.
• You must present an acceptable photo ID from the country where you’re testing.
• You must bring your printed waitlist ticket and any extra documentation of your testing situation (such as your SSD eligibility letter).

• Waitlist registrants are not permitted to change their test type on test day, including opting in/out of the SAT Essay.

SERVICES FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES (SSD)

You must apply for and get College Board approval well in advance of the test date you need the accommodations for.

Applying for Accommodations

• If you move to a new school after you’ve been approved for accommodations, your new school needs to confirm your continued eligibility.
• Students approved for extended time for specific subject areas only (math, for example) will only get those accommodations in the relevant sections or tests.
• Bring your SSD eligibility letter with you on test day to provide documentation if needed.
Registering with Accommodations
• If your accommodations aren’t approved in time for your test date, you can:
  o Transfer to a later date.
  o Bring a copy of your SSD eligibility letter, along with your photo ID and admission ticket, to the center. If there are enough materials and space, you may be able to test with your approved accommodations.
  o Take the test without your approved accommodations. If you feel you didn’t do your best, you can cancel your scores immediately after the test, or you can choose not to send your scores to colleges.

Privacy Policy—Protecting Student Privacy

When a student takes a College Board test, including the SAT, they can "opt in" to Student Search Service®. If they do, the College Board can provide that student’s basic information to eligible colleges and universities, scholarship programs, and certain higher education enrichment opportunities.

We never sell nor share student information with test prep companies, nor are we affiliated with, any test preparation companies. The College Board recommends that students take advantage of our free and low-cost practice tools to help them do their best on test day.

Khan Academy® and the College Board are committed to creating a safe and secure online environment for all students using Official SAT Practice. No information about student work will be shared without students’ explicit permission. The College Board and Khan Academy don’t share personally identifiable information. Students who connect their Khan Academy and College Board accounts benefit from additional personalization through the use of their actual test results, but this is student driven, can be canceled by students at any time, and doesn’t involve the transfer of any personally identifiable information. Visit sat.org/practice to learn more.

Privacy Policy—Use of Student Information

The College Board recognizes the importance of protecting your privacy. See collegeboard.org/privacy-policy for complete data privacy information.

During the registration process, we ask students for: name, address, date of birth, sex, or student ID, and address. We may also ask for phone numbers and email addresses, school name, and grade level or expected graduation date.

Sometimes schools will give us students’ personal information to register these students for College Board tests. Schools may share students’ names, addresses, dates of birth, and gender, and in certain circumstances information about students to help the College Board determine if they qualify for fee waivers. Students provide any remaining personal information themselves.

We only share student information for the educational purposes listed below (or under court order).

• We report scores to students and their schools, districts, and states to help measure educational progress and support students on their path to college.
• If students request it, we use information to send customized college planning information.
• We use student information to give SAT college application fee waivers to income-eligible students.
• We share a limited amount of personal data with our partners—only what’s needed for administering testing services and producing and generating student score reports.
• On our website, we use student information to customize and personalize the content users see, such as important reminders about SAT test dates and college-planning milestones.
• We share deidentified student information with researchers so they can study it for College Board programs and services that help solve education issues.
• If there’s an investigation involving validity of a student’s test scores, a photo of the student may be sent to institutions that received the scores. Any college given access to the photo must certify that it has admitted the student.
You’re required to provide your name, the name or code of your high school, and other personal information during the registration process. The College Board maintains records of the personal information and photo that you provided at the time of registration for each test date, which are used for the photo admission ticket required for test center entry. You can choose to disclose your information for scholarship purposes, Student Search Service, score reporting to institutions other than your high school, and receiving communications from the College Board.

The College Board will disclose scores to a student’s parent or guardian if the parent or guardian is able to supply the required authentication information, unless the College Board determines in its sole discretion that its records on the student contain a court order, state statute, or legally binding document relating to matters such as divorce, separation, or custody that restricts the parent’s or guardian’s access to the student’s scores. The College Board will not independently investigate whether a court order, state statute, or legally binding document exists other than in its records; instead, relevant documents and information must be submitted to the College Board. The College Board reserves the right to request additional documents and information in connection with determining whether or not to disclose scores to a parent or guardian.

GROUNDS FOR SCORE CANCELLATION
The College Board and ETS (the College Board’s test administrator) reserve the right to dismiss test takers, decline to score any test, and/or cancel any test scores when, in our sole judgment, as applicable, a testing irregularity occurs; there is an apparent discrepancy in the test taker’s identification; a test taker is improperly admitted to the test center; a test taker engages in misconduct; based on a test taker’s testing history the validity of the score is suspect; or the score is deemed invalid for another reason, including, but not limited to, discrepant handwriting, unusual answer patterns, or plagiarism. Pending investigations are kept confidential, but results of completed investigations may be communicated to intended score recipients, including if investigation indicates attempts to gain an unfair advantage through actions such as impersonation, use of prohibited items, or attempts to send/receive test content.

When, for any of these reasons, we cancel a test score that has already been reported, we’ll notify score recipients that the score was canceled, but we won’t disclose the reason for cancellation unless authorized to do so by the test taker, there is suspected impersonation, in certain cases that affect a group of test takers, or where required by law.

Testing Irregularities Testing irregularities refer to problems or irregular circumstances or events associated with the administration of a test; they may affect an individual or groups of test takers. Such problems include, without limitation, administrative errors (e.g., improper timing, improper seating, accommodations not approved by the College Board, defective materials, and defective equipment), evidence of possible preknowledge of secure test content, and other disruptions of test administrations (e.g., natural disasters and other emergencies).

When testing irregularities occur, we may cancel an administration or individual registrations, decline to score all or part of the test, or cancel the test score. We may do this whether or not the affected students caused the testing irregularities, benefited from them, or engaged in misconduct. We are solely responsible for determining whether testing irregularities have occurred, and our decisions are final. When appropriate, we give affected test takers the opportunity to take the test again as soon as possible, without charge. These are the sole remedies available to test takers as a result of testing irregularities. Students and parents may not review scores from the affected administration before choosing the option of taking a makeup test. See more information about makeup testing below.

Identification Discrepancies When there’s a discrepancy in a test taker’s identification or photograph on the admission ticket, or the photo doesn’t meet our requirements, the test taker may be denied admission to or dismissed from the test center; in addition, we may decline to score the test, or immediately cancel the test score. If the photo on your admission ticket doesn’t match your ID, you might not be admitted to the test center.

Misconduct When we find misconduct in connection with a test, the test taker may be dismissed from the test center, or ETS may decline to score the test or may cancel the test score. Repeated infractions during the test may result in dismissal from the test center or score cancellation. Test takers whose scores are canceled due to misconduct will forfeit test and registration fees. Misconduct includes, but is not limited to:

- Taking any test questions or essay topics from the testing room, including through memorization, giving them to anyone else, or discussing them with anyone else through any means, including, but not limited to, email, text messages, or the internet.
- Improperly accessing the test, a part of the test, or information about the test, or the test center.
- Referring to, looking through, or working on any test, or test section in the test book or answer sheet, other than during the testing period for that test or test section.
- Referring to, or looking through, any test or test section while leaving the answer sheet blank.
- Attempting to give or receive assistance, including by copying. Discussion or sharing of test content during the test administration, during breaks, or after the test. Communication with other test takers in any form while testing is in session in the testing room.
- Using any prohibited aids such as, but not limited to, cell phones, smartphones, smartwatches, other oral or written communication devices or wearable technology, notes and reference books, etc., in
connection with the test, including during breaks.

- Sharing or other misuse of equipment, including using a calculator on a test or test section you’re not allowed to use calculators for.
• Consuming food or drink in unauthorized areas.
• Leaving the test room without permission.
• Leaving the building at any time during the test administration, including during breaks.
• Attempting in any manner to remove from the test room any part of a test book or any notes relating to the test.
• Attempting to take the test for someone else or attempting to have someone else impersonate you to take the test.
• Disturbing others or refusing to follow instructions given by test center staff.
• Refusing to follow any of the test administration regulations in The SAT and SAT Subject Tests Student Registration Booklet, in other registration materials, or given by the test supervisor.

Testing History
Based on a test taker’s history, their scores may be cancelled without applying procedures normally used for students as explained in the Invalid Scores section.

Invalid Scores
We may also cancel scores if there is substantial evidence that they’re invalid for any other reason. Evidence of invalid scores may include, without limitation, plagiarism, discrepant handwriting, unusual answer patterns, text similar to that in other essays, paraphrasing of text from published sources, and essays that aren’t independent compositions.

Before canceling scores under this Invalid Scores section, we notify the test taker in writing (via email if possible) about our concerns, let the test taker submit information addressing them, and consider any information submitted. If substantial evidence still exists that the scores aren’t valid, we offer the test taker options that may include voluntary score cancellation or third-party review, a free retest under closely monitored conditions, or arbitration in accordance with ETS’s standard Arbitration Agreement. When notifying the test taker we send a copy of the booklet Why and How Educational Testing Service Questions Test Scores, which explains this process in greater detail. (Any test taker may request a copy of this booklet at any time.) Notification of the concern may be made via email if an email address is available.

If at any time before, during, or after a review of questionable scores we find that test misconduct has occurred, we may treat the matter under our misconduct procedures; in that case, the options just described under this Invalid Scores section or in the Testing Irregularities section, as applicable, will not be available, even if those options were previously offered.

The retest option is available only for tests administered in the United States and Canada. The arbitration option is available only for tests administered in the United States and U.S. territories.

Suspected Impersonation

In cases where we believe that someone other than the registered test taker took the test for the registered test taker, and in other cases where required or permitted by law, we may refer the matter to law enforcement and inform the registered test taker’s parent(s), legal guardian(s), high school, and colleges and other institutions the registered test taker requested scores be sent to. The registered test taker specifically acknowledges, and agrees to, such disclosure.

REPORTING VIOLATIONS

If we find that you have gained or attempted to gain or share an unfair advantage on any College Board test, we reserve the right to share this information with your high school, any other score recipients, law enforcement, and any other government agencies in the U.S. or abroad.

MAKEUP TESTING

During bad weather, natural disasters, power outages, or other unusual conditions, test centers may be closed.
The following policies apply to makeup testing:

- The availability of makeup testing and the conditions that make test takers eligible to take a makeup test are at the sole discretion of the College Board.
- You may only take tests that you registered to take on the original date. During check-in only, you may be able to change your SAT Essay option, if the supervisor can accommodate this request.
- Sunday testing is offered for religious reasons only, not for makeup testing.
- Access to scores from makeup administrations may be delayed by several weeks.
- The Question-and-Answer Service (QAS) isn’t offered for makeup tests, even if it was available for the original test date.

VERIFYING YOUR SCORES

Score verification services include the Student Answer Services for the SAT, explained at [sat.org/verify-scores](http://sat.org/verify-scores). You can request a more comprehensive multiple-choice hand-scored verification or essay score verification or both, up to five months after the test date, by printing and completing a Request for SAT Score Verification form, available at [sat.org/verify-scores](http://sat.org/verify-scores). Read the information on the form carefully before requesting this service. There is a fee for this service. If you used a fee waiver to pay SAT registration fees, the score verification fee will be reduced.

REPORTING

Score reports will be automatically sent to you and your high school and to the institutions you choose when you register.

- The colleges you choose to receive score reports will have access to a copy of your essay if you took the SAT with Essay.
- Each time you take the SAT, SAT with Essay, or an SAT Subject Test, the scores are added to your College Board record. All of your scores are reported to your high school.
- You can order additional score reports. They’ll be sent to your designated colleges 1–3 weeks after the request is received.
- If you want to change where your scores are sent, you have until 9 days after the published test date to alter your 4 free score reports at no charge. After that, you’ll be charged the additional score report request fee for any added or changed report requests.
- Score Choice lets you choose which scores are sent.

About Score Choice

- College and scholarship program–specific SAT score-use practices referenced in Score Choice materials are based on information provided to us by each participating college or scholarship program.
- The description of a particular SAT score-use practice in the Score Choice materials might not include every aspect of how a college or scholarship program uses a student’s score for admission decisions; additionally, SAT score-use practices for a particular college or scholarship program may change periodically and may not be automatically updated in Score Choice. We recommend that you verify the SAT score-use practices of the colleges or scholarship programs you’re sending your scores to.
- We’re not responsible for the accuracy of the information or the consequences of your decisions.
- Your high school will continue to have access to all of your scores.
SENDING SCORES TO COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY SYSTEMS

The reports received by you, your high school, and colleges contain scores that have been converted to the College Board’s 200–800-point scale. The SAT includes additional scores that offer insights into your skill levels. The College Board doesn’t use either your raw score or your reported scaled score by itself or in combination with any other information to predict your individual future academic performance at specific postsecondary institutions. However, the College Board does help individual colleges and universities use and interpret SAT and SAT Subject Test scores. Test scores are the property of the College Board.

In certain college and university systems, once you submit your score to one school, other schools in that system will also have access to your score. However, if you’re applying to more than one school in a college or university system, it’s still important for you to send your SAT scores to each individual school. If you’re not sure whether the school you’re applying to is part of such a system, contact the school’s admission office.

If you’ve decided to participate in the Student Search Service, colleges and universities may identify you to give you materials about college admission and financial aid. Student Search Service does not report your course grades, test scores, phone numbers, or Social Security number to these organizations, but organizations can request student information based on a variety of criteria, which may include score range or other variables such as geographical location or expressed interests.

Scholarships Some of the scholarship programs in the SAT Code List have restrictions or prerequisites for eligibility. State scholarship program participants may change at any time, and the list may not always reflect the most up-to-date information.

The College Board automatically reports scores to certain U.S. government and state scholarship programs, such as the Presidential Scholars Program, to be used as one source of information to recognize student achievement. The College Board automatically reports scores and identifying information (including email address) for Presidential Scholar consideration for test takers in all states, the District of Columbia, U.S. territories, and Puerto Rico, and for U.S. citizens abroad so you don’t have to use one of your free score reports.

Your SAT score will be reported automatically for state scholarship programs if your mailing address or high school is in one of the following states:


For students who meet certain specific criteria (last name and score range), North Carolina State University may provide a scholarship regardless of your state of residence.

You can stop the automatic reporting of your test scores by writing to The College Board SAT Program, Attention: Confidentiality, P.O. Box 025505, Miami, FL 33102 by no later than the 15th day after the test date.

Releasing Your Scores to the New York State Scholarship Program: The New York State Scholarship Program requires that New York State students who wish to be considered for the Robert C. Byrd Honors Scholarships and Regents Scholarships at Cornell University on the basis of their SAT scores take the SAT before November 1, 2017. The latest published SAT administration date that meets this deadline is October 7, 2017.
The New York State Standardized Testing Law requires that you specifically authorize sending all reports. Your SAT scores and other information from your record will be sent to the scholarship program if you authorize the release of your scores when you apply for a scholarship. To do that, answer “yes” and sign the score release statement in the scholarship application. There’s no fee when your report is sent to the New York State Scholarship Program. Scholarship application forms are sent by the State Education Department to principals of all high schools in New York State in December or January.

The College Board releases to the New York State Scholarship Program names, addresses, and other identifying information of seniors who registered to take the SAT prior to November 1, 2017, who are New York State residents and applied for scholarship(s). These are matched to student files and the scores of all students who authorized their release are sent to the program. If you don’t want your name and address released for this purpose, notify The College Board SAT Program, NYS Scholarship Program, P.O. Box 025505, Miami, FL 33102.

**Keeping Scores on File** Your test scores, your responses to the SAT Questionnaire, and related personal information that you provide to the College Board become part of your student record and are kept indefinitely, unless you tested before entering the ninth grade.

To request removal of a permanent College Board student record, call Customer Service or write to the College Board, Attention Customer Service.

**Ordering Older Scores** The College Board can’t guarantee that older scores can always be retrieved. The normal response time for score delivery may not apply.

Official score reports sent to colleges five or more years after a test date will include a message explaining that they may be less valid predictors of college academic performance than more recent scores would be. This message also notifies colleges that for SAT Subject Tests, the test taker’s knowledge of the subject may change given additional study in the area, and scores may become less valid predictors within a shorter time period.

**REQUIRED INFORMATION FOR STUDENTS TESTING IN CALIFORNIA OR NEW YORK STATE**

The California Education Code requires that you be given certain information about the purposes of the tests, property rights of the test subject and test agency to the test scores, procedures for releasing score reports, and score interpretation.

Statistical information related to the use of test scores in predicting future grade point averages must be provided to test takers prior to the administration of the test or coinciding with the initial reporting of test scores.

The New York State Standardized Testing Law requires that certain information concerning the purposes of the test, property rights of the test taker and test agency to the test scores, test fairness and equity, procedures for releasing score reports and for reviewing challenges about test questions, and score interpretation be given to test takers along with the registration form or score report.

The information for both California and New York State test takers is furnished in *The SAT and SAT Subject Tests Student Registration Booklet* and in the materials included with score reports. Complete descriptions of the content of the tests, along with information on test preparation and sample questions, are provided in the booklets *The SAT Student Guide* and *The SAT Subject Tests Student Guide*, which are available free of charge from school offices for students who plan to register for these tests.

See how to request our SAT Answer Verification Services: Question-and-Answer Service (QAS) and Student
Answer Service (SAS) at sat.collegeboard.org/scores/verify-sat-scores. In addition, students who took the SAT in California in December 2017 can review the test questions under secure conditions at the ETS Western Field Office in Concord, Calif., by calling (925) 808-2000.

**Predicting College Grades**

The main purpose of the SAT is to determine how prepared students are to succeed, both in college and in career training programs. Because the SAT assesses the content that research shows matters most for college and career readiness, SAT scores provide meaningful information about a student’s likelihood of success in college. But the SAT should not be used as the sole source of information for high-stakes decisions.
A pilot predictive validity study was conducted in the fall semester of 2014 to give colleges and universities information about the relationship between the SAT and college grades. Under standardized conditions, 2,050 first-time, first-year students across 15 four-year institutions were administered a pilot form of the redesigned SAT. First-year college performance data—courses taken and grades in those courses—for those students provided by the institutions in June 2015 inform the relationship of the predictive validity of redesigned SAT scores. Results of this research indicate that SAT scores, in combination with a student’s high school GPA, predict freshman GPA more accurately than SAT scores or high school GPA alone. For the students in the study, the multiple correlation between both SAT scores and high school and freshman GPA is 0.58. The correlation between the Evidence-Based Reading and Writing section scores and freshman GPA is 0.51, and between the SAT Math section scores and freshman GPA is 0.49. For both sections (SAT Evidence-Based Reading and Writing and SAT Math), the correlation with freshman GPA is 0.53, while the correlation between high school GPA and freshman GPA is 0.48. The combination of SAT scores and high school GPA raised the correlation 0.05 over SAT scores alone, and 0.10 over high school GPA alone. All correlations are adjusted for restriction of range to account for enrolled students’ narrower band of scores as compared to the wider range of scores observed in an applicant pool.

The College Board is committed to maintaining and improving the high level of technical quality of the SAT as well as its rigorous validity research agenda. The results of ongoing research into the redesigned SAT will be released as they become available. Find out more at sat.org.

Procedures to Ensure Fairness and Equity

All SAT Program test questions and editions of the tests are reviewed by external, independent educators from throughout the United States. These reviews help ensure that wording and content are unambiguous and relevant and that the language used is not offensive to or inappropriate for any particular group of students based on race/ethnicity or gender. The test as a whole includes references to men and women, as well as to individuals from varied racial, ethnic, and cultural backgrounds. Questions that were statistically harder than expected for a particular group of students to answer correctly based on their performance on other items in the test are excluded from the tests.
Relationship of SAT Scores to Family Income

The correlation of SAT scores and student-reported family income tends to be in the 0.20s–0.40s, which is consistent with general research findings on the relationship between educational measures and family income level.

Although average SAT scores tend to be higher for students from higher-income families, students from every income level, as reported on the SAT Questionnaire, obtain the full range of SAT scores. Many students from low-income families do well on the test. Seniors who graduated in 2015 with reported family income below $40,000 obtained scores at or above the national average.

RESTRICTED REGISTRATIONS

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