

Get to Know the SAT[®]

A Guide for Students



Here's some good news: The SAT[®] is coming to your high school. Illinois will use the SAT as the state's high school accountability exam beginning in spring 2017. You'll take it for free when you're in the 11th grade.

Why is that good news? The SAT is a globally recognized college entrance exam that can open doors to higher education.

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, 50 minutes

TEST SECTIONS

- **EVIDENCE-BASED READING AND WRITING**
 - ♦ Reading Test
 - ♦ Writing and Language Test
- **MATH**
- **ESSAY**

Scores are accepted
by all colleges and
universities across
the country.

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.

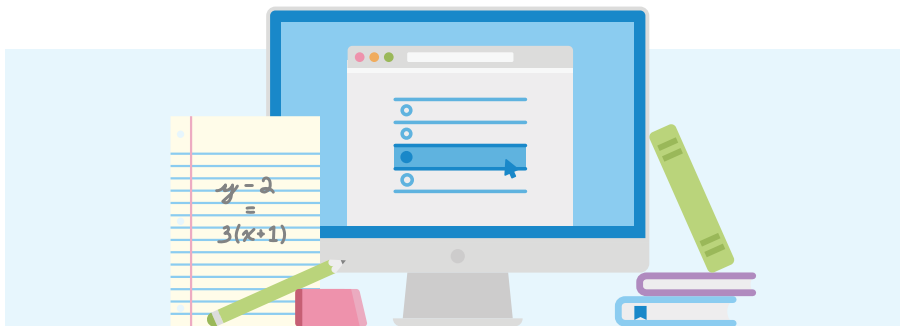


ESSENTIAL MATH

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.



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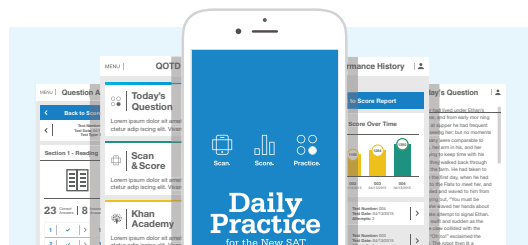
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- Six full-length practice tests, plus study and test-taking tips.
- Thousands of interactive problems with instant feedback.
- Video lessons that explain problems step by step.

Sign up at satpractice.org.

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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/NMSQT, SAT, and AP® Exams.
- Sign up for helpful reminder emails.
- Search for colleges and build a college list.

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