
An SAT[®] Overview for Illinois Counselors



SAT School Day
in Illinois
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Get to Know the SAT



Beginning in spring 2017, SAT® will be used as the state's new high school accountability exam. Students in grade 11 will take the SAT free of charge during school hours.

The SAT is a globally recognized college entrance exam that makes it easy to show colleges that students have the classroom skills and knowledge colleges want the most.

SAT INFORMATION

- The SAT will be used as the state's new high school accountability exam. Providing a free statewide college entrance exam to all grade 11 students will promote equity of access to postsecondary education.
- The SAT is closely aligned to the Illinois Learning Standards.
- The SAT reflects what Illinois students are learning in class and focuses on what they'll actually use in college.
- Scores are accepted by all colleges and universities in Illinois and nationwide.

TOTAL TESTING TIME

3 hours, 50 minutes

TEST SECTIONS

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

[Free SAT Practice Tools
on Khan Academy®.
\[satpractice.org\]\(https://satpractice.org\)](https://www.khanacademy.org/sat-practice)

SAT HIGHLIGHTS

NO GUESSING PENALTY

Straightforward scoring—on the SAT, students receive points for the questions they answer correctly.

EVERYDAY WORDS

The vocabulary is representative of what students will often come across in college classes.

ESSENTIAL MATH

The SAT is designed to measure math that promotes success in whatever major or career a student chooses.

Understanding SAT Scores

The SAT reports a total score, section scores, test scores, cross-test scores, and subscores. These scores provide a nuanced picture of students' skills and knowledge, allowing you to help them focus on the skills they need to improve.

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TOTAL SCORE AND SECTION SCORES

The SAT reports a total score that is the sum of two section scores: Evidence-Based Reading and Writing, and Math. Scores for the SAT Essay are reported separately.

SUBSCORES

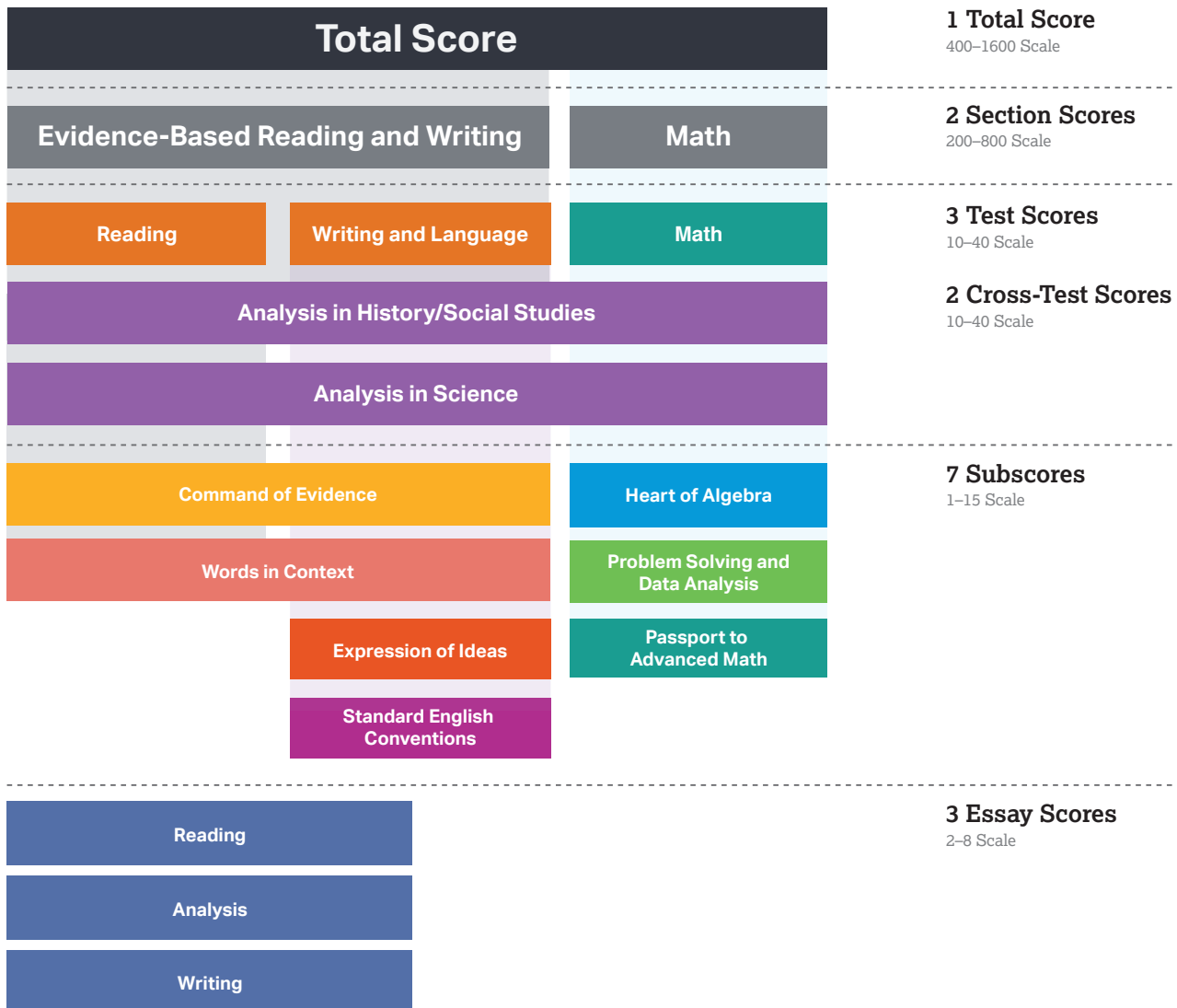
The SAT reports multiple subscores for Reading, Writing and Language, and Math, all on a scale from 1 to 15. Subscores provide more details about student achievement.

TEST SCORES AND CROSS-TEST SCORES

The SAT reports two cross-test scores: Analysis in Science and Analysis in History/Social Studies. These scores are based on questions in the Reading, Writing and Language, and Math Tests that ask students to think analytically about texts and problems in these subject areas.

SAT ESSAY SCORING

Scores on the SAT Essay are reported separately on three dimensions: Reading, Analysis, and Writing. Each dimension is scored on a 2–8 point scale. For more information on how the SAT Essay is scored, visit sat.org/essay.



Resources

KEY WEBSITES: SAT SCHOOL DAY IN ILLINOIS

College Board's Illinois SAT:
collegeboard.org/illinois

Illinois State Board of Education:
isbe.net/assessment/sat.htm

Services for Students with Disabilities (SSD)

The College Board is committed to making sure that students with disabilities can take the exam with the accommodations they need and will consider all requests to ensure that we measure students' academic abilities regardless of their disabilities. The College Board will also provide State-Allowed Accommodations (SAA) to the SAT. These are state-specific accommodations defined by the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE). Students who test using State-Allowed Accommodations will receive scores that can be used for accountability, but these scores are not reportable to colleges.

collegeboard.org/satssd

Access to Fee Waivers

School counselors can help remove the barrier of test fees by distributing fee waivers to students who meet the College Board's eligibility guidelines. In addition to the free SAT School Day, eligible students can apply free to four colleges and take the SAT with essay for free two additional times on national administration dates.

collegeboard.org/feewaivers

Access to Opportunity™

Access to Opportunity is a set of targeted initiatives designed to identify and break down barriers that prevent students—particularly lower-income, first-generation, rural, African American, Latino, and

Native American students—from taking challenging coursework and applying to, enrolling in, and succeeding in colleges that are the best academic, social, and financial fit.

collegeboard.org/opportunity

YouCanGo!™

YouCanGo! offers encouragement and resources to students who may need extra inspiration and practical support to begin their college-going journey. YouCanGo! is a first step in the process, inspiring students to take the next steps in college planning with BigFuture.

ycg.org

BigFuture™

The section on Pay for College has many resources for counselors, students, and parents. The Tools and Calculators tab is especially helpful, with calculators for college costs, EFC, loans, and more.

collegeboard.org/bigfuture

College Board Counselor Community

Join our online counselor community and engage in helpful dialogues with other counseling professionals. Learn about professional development and tools and resources to develop sustainable solutions that expand educational access and opportunity for all students.

collegeboard.org/counselor-community

College Board Counselor Workshops

Visit the website below to register for in-person workshops offered at the beginning of each school year and for online webinars offered throughout the year. The webinars are specifically designed for counselors and cover college advising topics such as the college application process, writing letters of recommendation, financial aid, advising special student populations, building your counseling program and leadership, and much more. Some of the webinars offer counselors Continuing Education Credits (CEUs).

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