

Change for a Reason: The Redesigned SAT®

When students open their SAT test books in spring 2016, they'll encounter an SAT that is more focused and useful than ever before. The full specifications of the exam along with extensive sample items for each section are available now at deliveringopportunity.org.

A brief description of the eight key changes

The redesigned SAT will ask students to apply a deep understanding of the few things shown by current research to matter most for college readiness and success. They'll find questions modeled on the work of the best classroom teachers and perform tasks practiced in rigorous course work. The SAT redesign is centered on eight key changes.



Relevant words in context

Students will need to:

- ▶ Interpret meaning based on context
- ▶ Master relevant vocabulary
- ▶ Engage in close reading



Command of evidence

Students will be asked to:

- ▶ Interpret, synthesize, and use evidence found in a wide range of sources
- ▶ Support the answers they choose
- ▶ Integrate information conveyed through both reading passages and informational graphics



Problems grounded in real-world contexts

Students will engage with questions that:

- ▶ Directly relate to the work performed in college and career
- ▶ Include charts, graphs, and passages likely to be encountered in science, social science, and other majors and careers
- ▶ Feature multistep applications to solve problems in real-life contexts



Analysis in science and in history/social science

Students will need to:

- ▶ Solve problems in science and history/social science
- ▶ Revise texts to be consistent with data presented in graphics



Essay analyzing a source

The redesigned essay will:

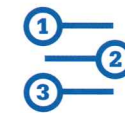
- ▶ More closely mirror college writing assignments
- ▶ Cultivate close reading, careful analysis, and clear writing
- ▶ Promote the practice of reading a wide variety of arguments and analyzing an author's work



Founding documents and great global conversation

The redesigned SAT will include one of the following:

- ▶ An excerpt from one of the U.S. founding documents
- ▶ A text from the ongoing global conversation about freedom, justice, and human dignity



Focus on math that matters most

The redesigned SAT will focus in depth on three essential areas of math:

- ▶ Problem Solving and Data Analysis (quantitative literacy)
- ▶ Heart of Algebra (mastery of linear equations)
- ▶ Passport to Advanced Math (familiarity with more complex equations)



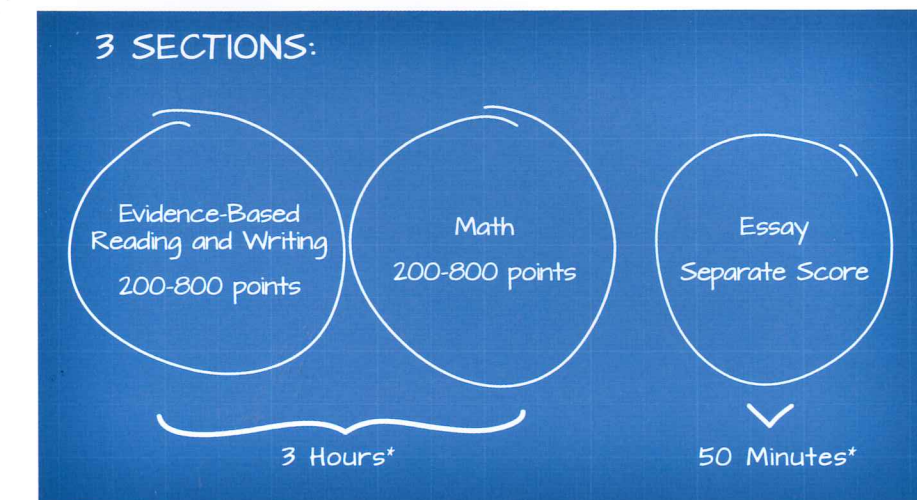
No penalty for wrong answers

Students will earn:

- ▶ One point for each correct answer
- ▶ Zero points for unanswered items
- ▶ Zero points for wrong answers

Score Highlights

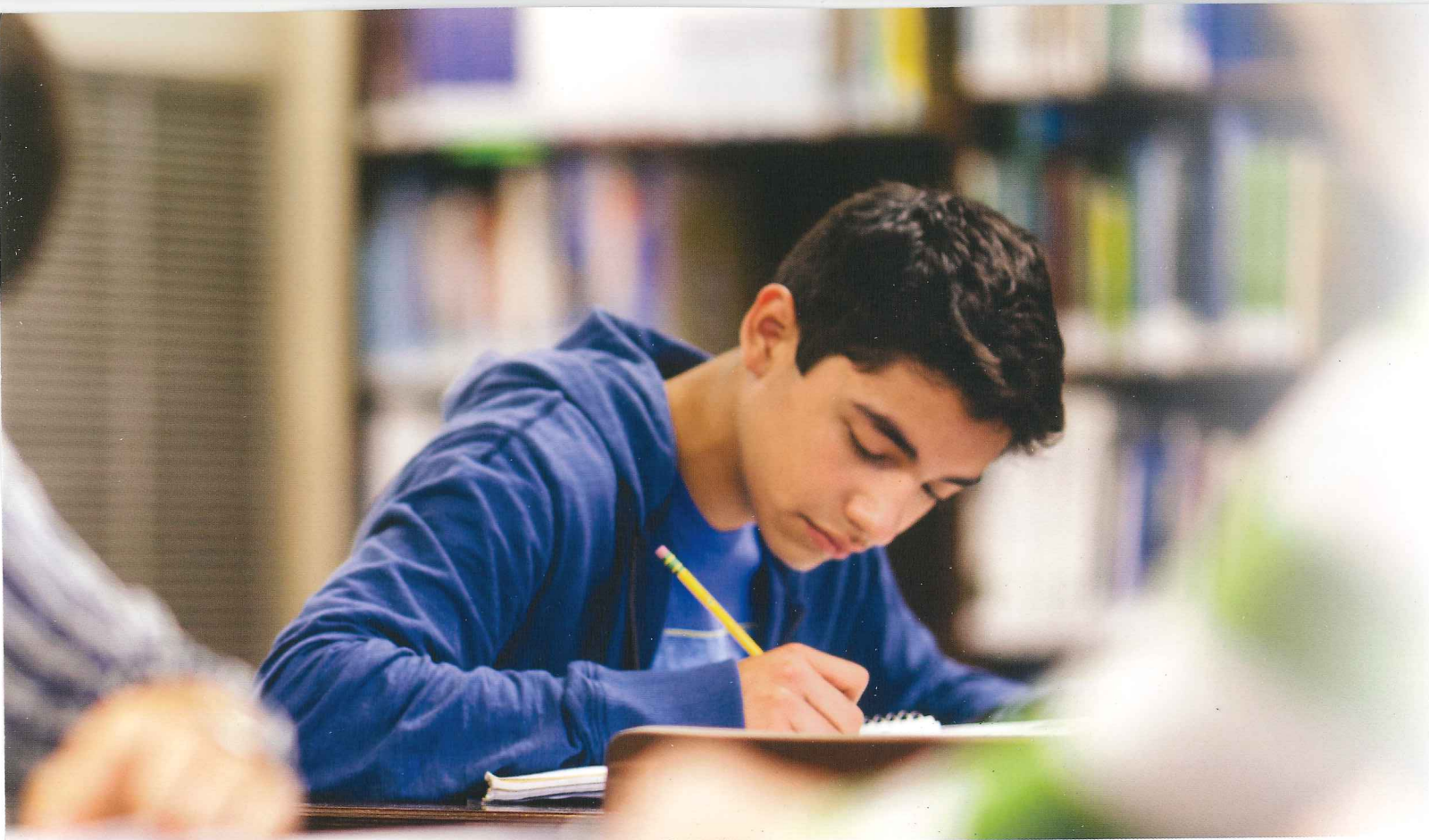
Rich score reports will provide a more detailed view of student achievement in specific skills.



*Please note: All time limits are tentative and subject to research.

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Beyond Assessment: Delivering Opportunity

The College Board is working with educators to help propel students forward into the opportunities they have earned by encouraging them to engage in academic rigor during high school and helping them navigate the college-going process.

The redesigned SAT® is only one step in a larger process, and the College Board is working to ensure that all students have access to the opportunities they have earned. We are committed to:

- ▶ Increasing access to higher education
- ▶ Providing high-quality test preparation
- ▶ Promoting excellent classwork and supporting students who are behind

Increasing Access to Higher Education

The College Board and its members believe that all students should be able to pursue higher education. Our Access to Opportunity™ initiatives build on assessment results and are based on current research that shows measurable outcomes for students. This work is ongoing, and it will evolve as we identify, implement, and adjust initiatives to help students move forward in their education.

- ▶ **All In:** The College Board's "All In" campaign aims to ensure that every qualified African American, Latino, and Native American student takes an AP course or another advanced course.
- ▶ **College application fee waivers:** Every income-eligible student who takes the SAT will receive four fee waivers to apply to college.

Providing High-Quality Test Preparation

More than ever, we are linking the SAT to the best of classroom learning. When students engage in rigorous course work, they give themselves the best chance to succeed — not just on the SAT, but in college and career. As test day approaches, students can use our free test-preparation resources to engage in focused review and authentic practice.

- ▶ **Partnership with Khan Academy:** We are happy to announce that we have partnered with Khan Academy to provide free test-preparation programs and resources that will be available to all students. And we will train tutors, counselors, mentors, and others to help students take full advantage of these resources.

Promoting Excellent Classwork and Supporting Students Who Are Behind

When we help students focus on the skills and knowledge that research shows are essential for college readiness, we're setting them up to succeed. We will work with classroom teachers to ensure that the daily work students do in grades 6–12 aligns with the demands of college and career readiness.

Research also shows that students who are behind by the time they enter high school rarely catch up without focused support. We must do more to accelerate these students forward by focusing on their individual academic needs as well as on noncognitive factors like motivation, grit, and resilience.

- ▶ **Instruction modules for grades 6–12:** The College Board will collaborate with teachers and college faculty to design instructional resources for use in grades 6–12 to help students focus on the work that matters most.
- ▶ **Personalized online guidance:** The College Board will expand supports to students who are falling behind and help them accelerate so they can get back on track. These supports will include individualized diagnostic tools and targeted resources to focus on where students most need help. We will also invest in tools to evaluate and support students' noncognitive skills that can accelerate their learning.

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