

A decorative graphic on the left side of the slide. It consists of a blue parallelogram and a light green parallelogram, both tilted at an angle. The blue shape is in the foreground, and the green shape is partially behind it. They are set against a dark blue background with subtle diagonal lines.

# Raising SAT Participation Rates

Hi! My name is Alex Fioto.



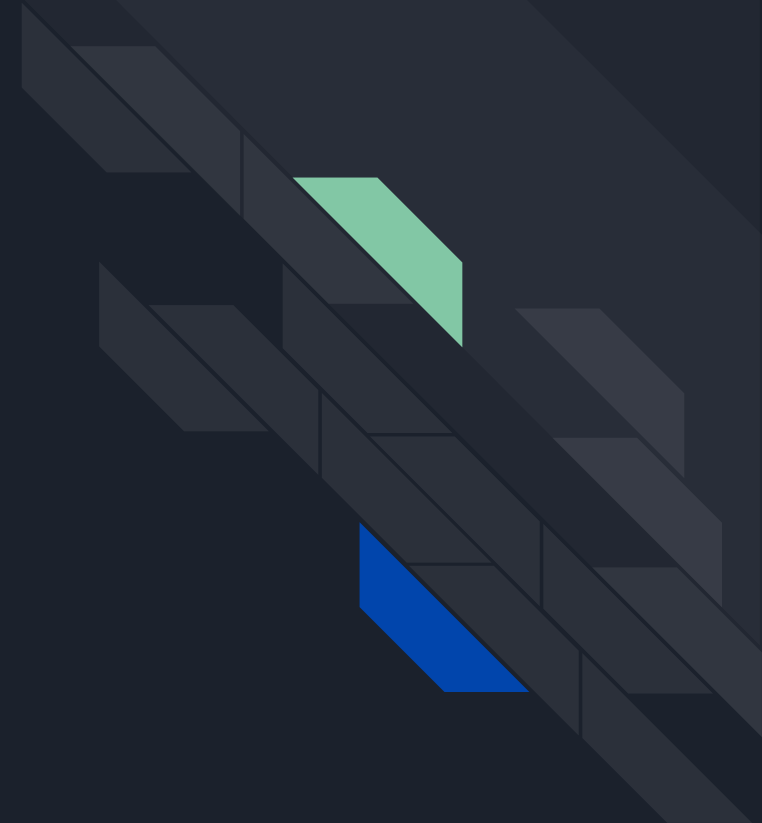
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SAT participation rates?



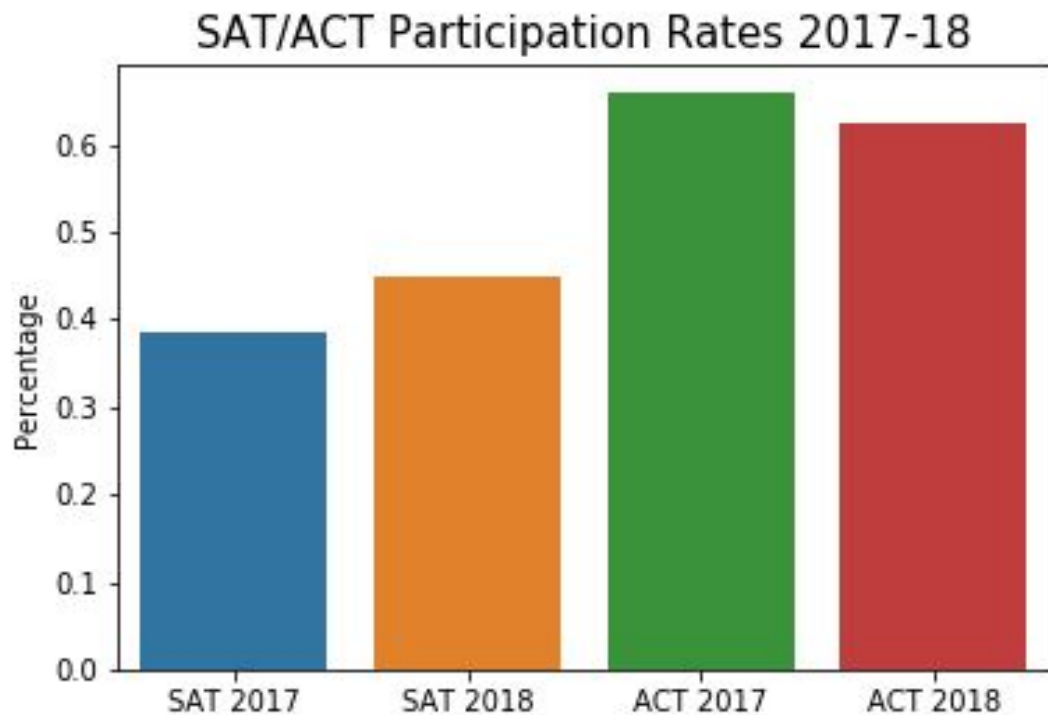
Good News!

45%

The SAT participation is up 6.2%  
from 2017

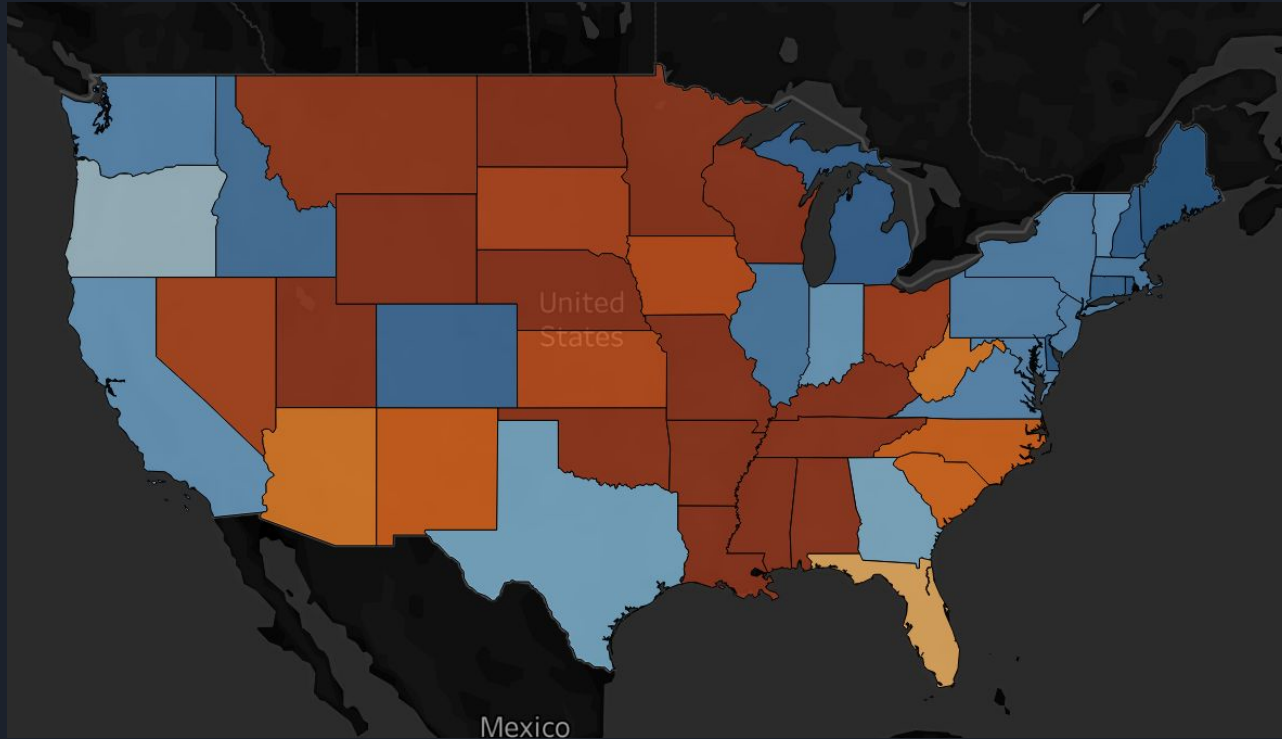


# Bad News...



# 2018 Participation Rates

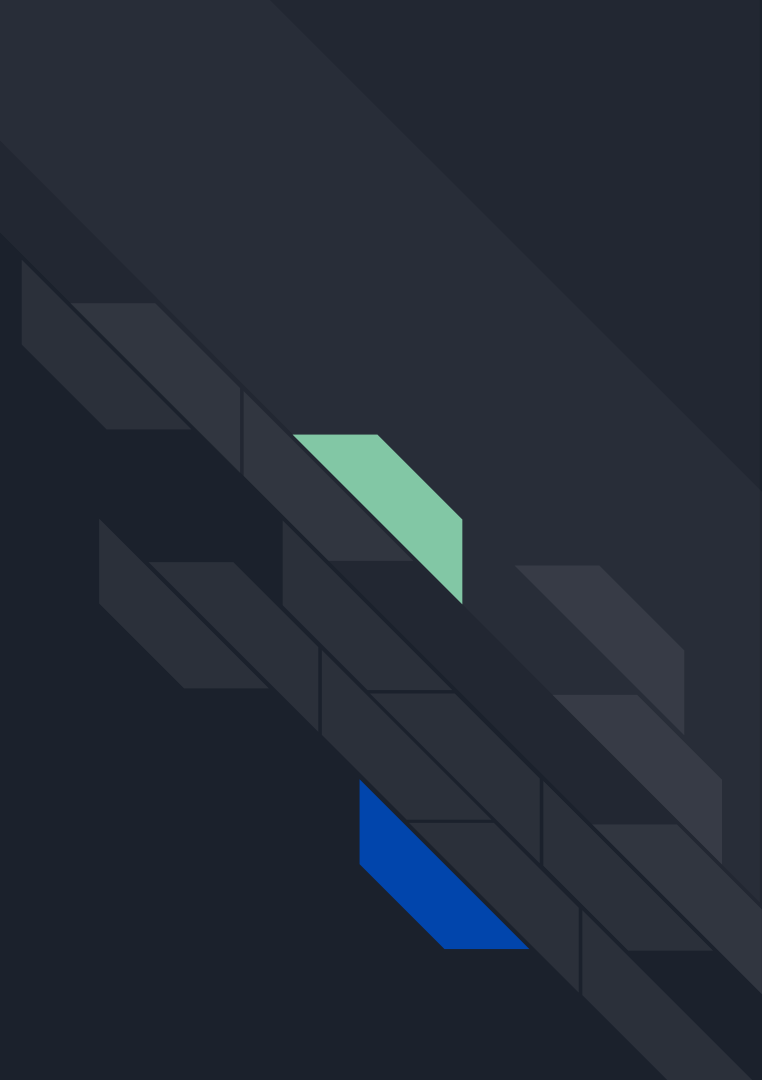
## ACT vs SAT



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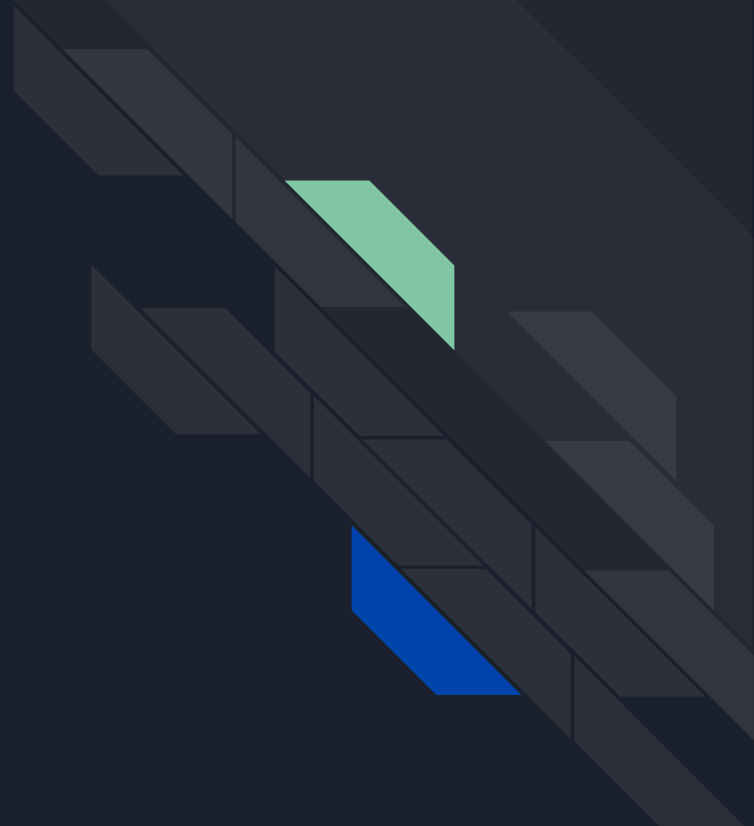
# 1. State Board of Education Requirement





# SAT Required

- Connecticut
- Delaware
- Michigan
- Idaho
- Colorado





Maroon Bells. Photo from [www.tripsavvy.com](http://www.tripsavvy.com)

# Colorado

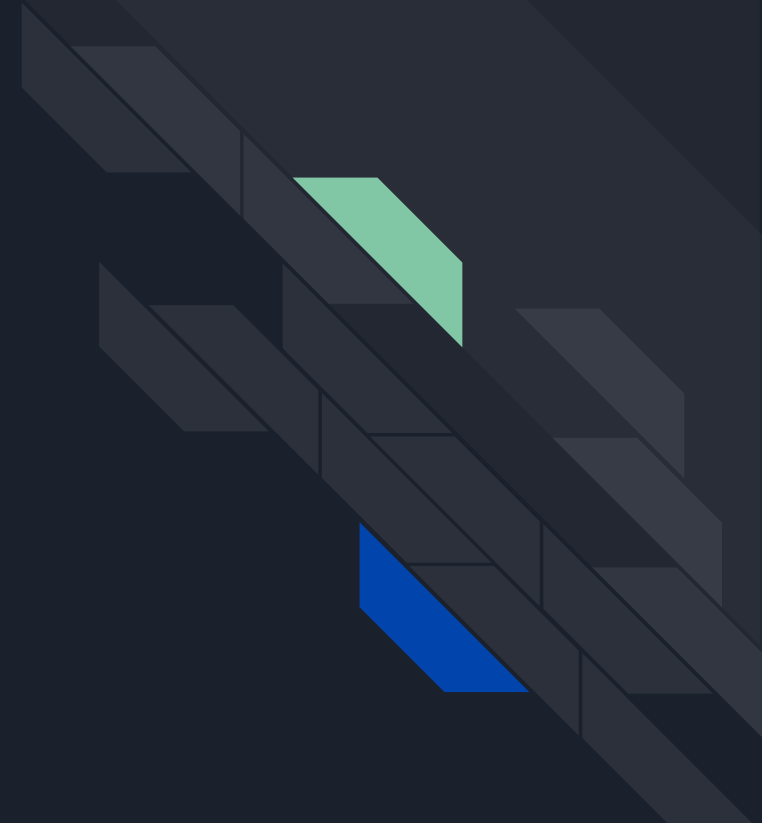
2017

- 11 % SAT Participation
- 100% ACT Participation

2018

- 100% SAT Participation
- 30% ACT Participation

## 2. Examination Fee Waiver





# Free SAT Testing for students

- Colorado
- Connecticut
- Delaware
- Illinois
- Ohio
- Oklahoma
- Michigan
- New Hampshire

<https://magoosh.com/hs/sat/2017/states-provide-sat-free/>



# Illinois

2017

- 9% SAT Participation
- 93% ACT Participation

2018

- 99% SAT Participation
- 43% ACT Participation

Downtown Chicago, IL. Photo from [www.chicagonow.com](http://www.chicagonow.com).

# ACT Required

- Alabama
- Arkansas
- Kentucky
- Louisiana
- Mississippi
- Missouri
- Montana
- Nebraska
- Nevada
- North Carolina
- Ohio
- Oklahoma
- South Carolina
- Tennessee
- Utah
- Wisconsin
- Wyoming

# Lobbying



- Increase budget
- Increase Activity

## States

- Large population
- No requirement
- No waiver



# Focus on California



- Pop: 39,512,223
- 60% SAT Participation
- +7% SAT 2018
- -4% ACT 2018



# Honorable mentions



Florida

[www.moving.com](http://www.moving.com)



Texas

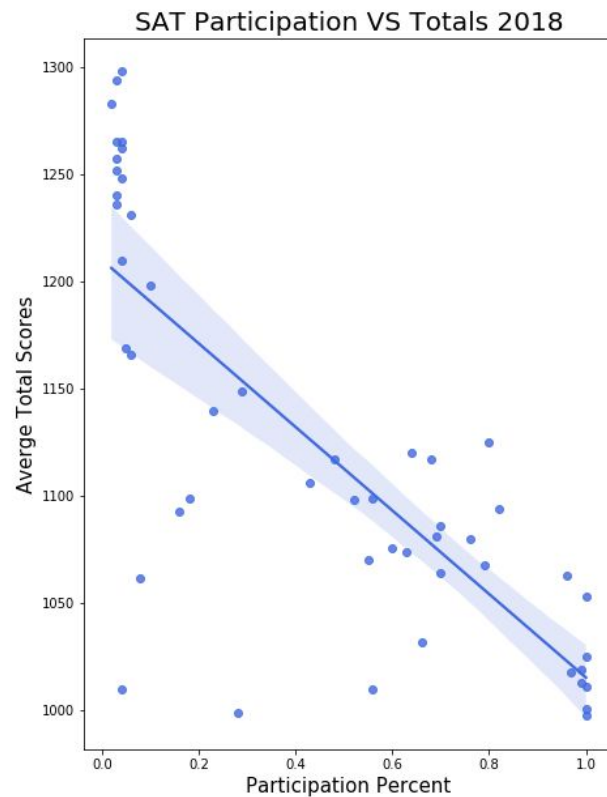
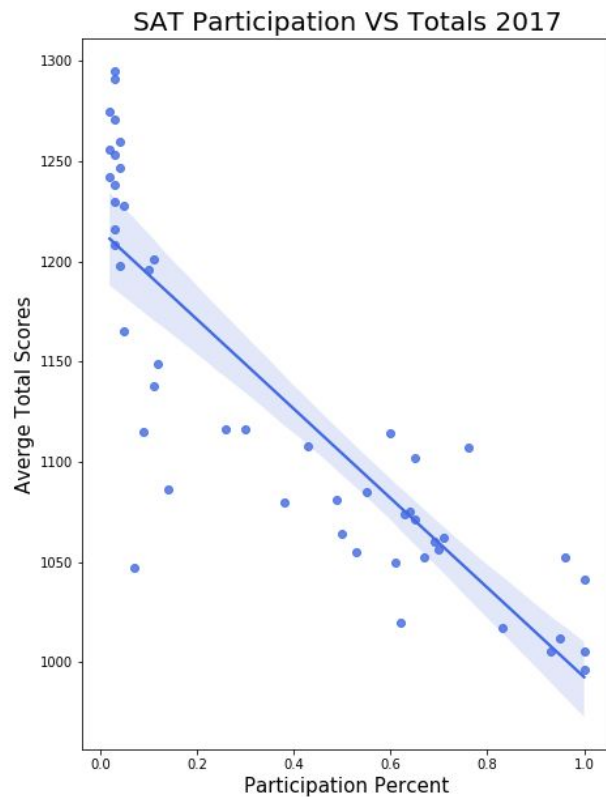
[www.texastribune.org](http://www.texastribune.org)

“the College Board’s reporting system [is] more useful to students, as it connects students to resources and activities designed to help identify next steps for extra support or possible acceleration.”

- Unnamed Colorado State Official

<https://co.chalkbeat.org/2015/12/23/21092477/goodbye-act-hello-sat-a-significant-change-for-colorado-high-schoolers>

## Participation VS Average Total Scores by State



Thank you!

Questions?