

SAT – College Admission

I'D LIKE TO GET A 4-YEAR DEGREE, AND I HAVE MY HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA.

Many colleges require that students submit test results as part of the admission application process. Both the ACT and the SAT are standardized tests, administered nationally, that help colleges evaluate candidates. All schools accept either test interchangeably. As you begin to think about college and creating the best application package possible, your admissions plan should begin with the question, "Which test should I take?"



SAT Assessment Test (SAT)

The SAT is a globally recognized college admission test that lets you show colleges what you know and how well you can apply that knowledge. It tests your knowledge of reading, writing and math—subjects that are taught every day in high school classrooms. You can take the general SAT or the SAT Subject, which many colleges use for admission, for course placement and to advise students about course selection.

Funding Eligibility

Service members are authorized one DANTES-funded administration at a DANTES Test Site of either the SAT (or ACT) for a Service or education requirement. For exceptions, contact a DANTES Test site. Refer to *DANTES Funding Eligibility Requirements* in this guide.

DANTES does not fund or reimburse SATs taken at National Test Centers.

DANTES Test Sites

Contact your local DANTES Test Site to schedule an SAT administration. Do not register for an administration on the SAT website when planning to test at a DANTES Test Site. If the education office on your military installation does not support a DANTES Test Site, email DANTES at exams@navy.mil for assistance.



Retest Policy

Service members seeking an authorized funded or unfunded (self-pay) retest cannot retest within the same calendar month within the testing year, as this will result in an invalid score.

Only two SAT test forms are available to DANTES Test sites each testing year. Examinees wishing to test more than twice in any one year must do so at a civilian test site on a self-funded basis.

Authorization for a funded retest is **not** based on the score of a previously funded SAT (or ACT). A funded retest is only authorized when a current SAT score is required by a Service or education regulation, which varies with individual programs.

For example:

- Officer ascension programs: STA-21, MECP and AECP define a current score as one not older than 3 years. Members with a DANTES-funded SAT score less than 3 years old are not eligible for a funded SAT (or ACT) retest.
- The Physician's Assistance Program defines a current score as one not older than 1 year. Members with a DANTES-funded SAT score less than 1 year old are not eligible for a funded retest.

Unfunded retesting is authorized on a self-pay basis for any other reason (e.g., to improve scores of a current, previously funded or unfunded administration).

To test or retest outside of the DANTES jurisdiction at a National Test Center, visit SAT's website. Civilian testing and retest policies apply.

Scoring and Reporting

Scores for SATs administered at a DANTES Test Site are mailed to the address provided at the time of testing about 8 weeks after receipt of the answer sheet at SAT. SAT does not offer expedited scoring.

Scores are available online to Service members who create an online account at www.collegeboard.org/mysat. The DANTES registration number is required and may be retrieved from the mailed paper score report or by providing your Social Security Number to Customer Service toll-free at 866-756-7346 (or International 212-713-7789) about 5 weeks after testing.