

Glossary-2017 SAT Report

This glossary defines key terms shown on the school, district, county, and state level 2017 SAT Report

Background

Starting in March 2016, the College Board launched the New SAT, which has two sections: Evidence-Based Reading & Writing (ERW) and Mathematics. Both sections have scores ranging from 200 to 800, with a total possible combined score of 1,600. The previous SAT had three sections: Mathematics, Critical Reading, and Writing. Each section had scores ranging from 200 to 800, with a total possible combined score of 2,400.

The California Department of Education (CDE) has a data agreement with the College Board that allows the CDE to match SAT test takers to California public schools in order to produce an SAT report for each school and district. As with previous reports, the CDE is providing results for the graduating class of 2017, as defined by the College Board. These results are aggregated to produce school, district, county, and state-level reports. Since some students in the Class of 2017 cohort took the SAT in grade 9, 10, or 11, when the old testing format was still in use, the file includes results using two scoring methodologies:

- Results for students who took the SAT **prior to March 2016** are reported using the **old scoring methodology**.
- Results for students who took the SAT **after March 2016** are reported using the **new scoring methodology**.

During this transitional period, the CDE SAT Report will display the number of students who met the established College Board benchmarks based on the new and old test formats.

The new ERW and mathematics benchmarks by grade are provided below:

Benchmarks by Grade	Evidence-Based Reading and Writing	Mathematics
SAT College and Career Readiness Benchmarks (i.e., grade 12)	480	530
11 th Grade Benchmarks	460	510
10 th Grade Benchmarks	430	480
9 th Grade Benchmarks	410	450
8 th Grade Benchmarks	390	430

Details information is available on the College Board's Web site at <https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/about/scores/benchmarks>.

The SAT report also provides the number of students whose **old** SAT scores met the benchmarks for Critical Reading plus Writing (English language arts [ELA]), and Mathematics. The benchmarks for old SAT scores are:

- 860 points or above for ELA and
- 500 points or above for Mathematics.

The SAT Report **includes only California public schools that had either:**

- At least one student who took the SAT exam (Note: To preserve student anonymity, scores are replaced with an asterisks [*] for schools that had fewer than 15 students taking the SAT.) , or
- Zero students who took the SAT exam but had a grade-twelve enrollment greater than or equal to 15. (Note: Results for these schools are replaced with an N/A [Not Applicable]).

The schools in (1) and (2) are high, middle, K-12, opportunity, or alternative. Adult education schools do not receive a report.

Note: California Education Authority (CEA) schools SAT results are not reported at the school or district levels but are rolled up to the county and state levels.

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The terms described below are listed in the order in which they appear in the table.

Name

Name of county, local educational agency (LEA) or school.

Enrollment 12

Enrollment is based on the number of students enrolled in grade twelve, as reported by LEAs in the California Longitudinal Pupil Achievement Data System (CALPADS) as of Fall Census Day in October 2016. (Note: The enrollment does not include "ungraded" students.)

Number Tested

The number of students with SAT exam scores as reported by the College Board. (Note: The College Board generates the academic institution [AI] code based on the school name inputted by the student on the SAT exam. The CDE uses the AI code and the school name to identify the school's County-District-School (CDS) code so that students' SAT scores can be linked to the appropriate school.)

Number Meeting Current ELA Benchmark

The number of students who met or exceeded the benchmark for ERW (new SAT test).

Number Meeting Previous ELA Benchmark

The number of students who met or exceeded the benchmark for ELA (old SAT test).

Total Number Meeting ELA Benchmarks

The total number of students who met or exceeded the benchmark for **either** the ERW (new test) **or** ELA (old test).

Percent Meeting ELA Benchmarks

The percent of students who met or exceeded the benchmark for either the ERW (new test) or ELA (old test). The percent was calculated by dividing the "Total Number Students Who Met the Benchmark for the ERW or ELA" by the "Total Number of Students Tested."

Number Meeting Current Math Benchmark

The number of students who met or exceeded the benchmark for the new SAT Mathematics test.

Number Meeting Previous Math Benchmark

The number of students who met or exceeded the benchmark for the old SAT Mathematics test.

Total Number Meeting Math Benchmarks

The total number of students who met or exceeded the benchmark for **either** the new **or** old SAT Mathematics test

Percent Meeting Math Benchmarks

The percent of students who met or exceeded the benchmark for either the new or old SAT Mathematics test. The percent was calculated by dividing the "Total Number of Students Who Met the Benchmark for the New or Old SAT Mathematics" by the "Total Number of Students Tested."

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