

The SAT

Measure Readiness, Increase Insight, Expand Opportunity



The SAT® is widely known as a college admission test. It's also a powerful tool that helps schools and districts measure college and career readiness, expand access to postsecondary opportunities, and connect assessment results to actionable planning resources for students and educators—all with a single, two-hour test.

The SAT is the culminating assessment in the SAT Suite of Assessments—a connected, multiyear readiness system that gives schools consistent insight into student learning and helps strengthen student pathways over time.

PSAT 8/9

PSAT 10

PSAT/NMSQT

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Because all assessments in the SAT Suite are built on the same scale, schools can monitor growth over time and gain a clearer picture of student readiness from middle school through graduation.

As part of the full suite or on its own, the SAT measures the skills that matter most for any post-high school path. It is aligned to state standards in reading, writing, and math and backed by decades of research as an effective indicator of college and career readiness and success.

It also boosts operational simplicity and integrates with teaching and learning systems, helping schools align assessment, instruction, and postsecondary planning.

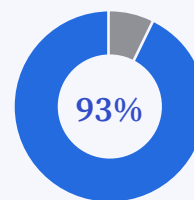


SAT School Day at a Glance

- Administered at school with flexible testing windows.
- Delivered digitally on Bluebook™, the testing app also used for the PSAT™ assessments and AP® Exams.
- Adaptive design enables a shorter testing experience while providing a more personalized and precise measure of student readiness.
- Takes just over two hours to complete.
- Includes two core sections: Reading and Writing, and Math. (No add-on sections, with science measured across the core sections.)
- Uses 400–1600 score range, consistent with the scoring scale used across the SAT Suite.

“My high school just finished our schoolwide 11th-grade administration of the SAT today. The **streamlined directions** and the **single-code sign-on** made the test delivery the easiest and most convenient that I’ve ever experienced.”

Test Coordinator, Ohio



In spring 2026, 93% of coordinators and test day staff who responded to the post-administration survey rated their overall test administration as **excellent or good**.



Expanding Student Opportunity

For students, the SAT can help expand access to college and career opportunities while connecting them to tools that support skill building and future planning, including:

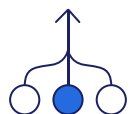
- The most comprehensive set of *free* practice resources available.
- Customized career insights showing how their skills connect to potential career pathways.
- Access to personalized college and career planning tools on BigFuture® and the BigFuture School mobile app.

The SAT connects students to career exploration and planning tools that help them strengthen future pathways.

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Career Insights

BigFuture



Systematic Improvements

For school and district leaders, the SAT can be a catalyst for systems alignment and more cohesive educator and student support. It can help schools:

- **Reduce participation barriers** by providing all students access to a high-quality, college-reportable assessment during the school day.
- **Align accountability systems** around a nationally benchmarked, validated measure of college and career readiness.
- **Gain actionable data**—supported by free instructional planning tools—to track student progress and inform instruction, with detailed score reports delivered within 2 weeks of testing.
- **Accelerate student learning pathways** through AP Potential™, which uses SAT Suite data to identify students who are likely to thrive in AP® coursework.
- **Reduce operational complexity** through a secure, shared testing app used across the SAT Suite and AP exams and flexible, streamlined implementation.

More than
9 million

digital SATs have been taken since 2023, with a submission success rate of greater than 99%.

Accepted by more than

4,000

colleges and universities in the U.S.

Discover more at: satsuite.org/why-sat.

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