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# Test-Taking Information

## How Can the SAT Serve You?

When surveyed, more than 80% of students say they want the option to submit test scores to colleges and universities. Most colleges and universities, including those that are test optional, continue to value SAT® scores as one part of the admissions process. By taking the SAT, you can apply to universities in the United States and around the world. Taking the SAT is also a great way to find out how prepared you are for college, career, or whatever your path after high school is.

Many students find that their test scores confirm their high school grades or can even show their strengths beyond what their grades show. Learn more at [sat.org/whytake](https://sat.org/whytake).

## What to Expect from this Guide

This *SAT Weekend Student Guide* includes everything you need to know before, during, and after test day, such as:

- An introduction to the Bluebook™ testing application.
- Registration and accommodation information, as well as resources and policies.
- How to practice and prepare for the test.
- Details about how the test is structured.
- Lists for test day items and testing guidelines.
- How to understand and use your scores.

**You will be required to review and agree to the SAT Weekend Testing Rules during registration for the test and in Bluebook before you can take the test.** You should review them ahead of time. They are available at [sat.org/rules](https://sat.org/rules).

## What to Know About the Test

The SAT Suite, including the SAT, measures the skills and knowledge that students like you are learning in school and that matter most for college and career readiness.

The SAT is scored on a 400–1600 point scale. The 2 sections of the SAT—(1) Reading and Writing and (2) Math—include:

- Use of reading/writing passages that come from different subject areas and vary in difficulty level.
- Emphasis on showing command of evidence, both textual and quantitative.
- Emphasis on high-utility words and phrases in context.
- Focus on revising texts to improve the effectiveness of written expression and to meet specific rhetorical goals.
- Measurement of ability to edit texts to follow core conventions of Standard English sentence structure, usage, and punctuation.
- Focus on the math that matters most for college and career readiness and success.
- Math problems in (and out of) context.
- Use of both multiple-choice and student-produced response question formats in the Math section.
- The SAT takes about 2 hours and 14 minutes to complete. It is designed to give you enough time on each question to measure your skills and knowledge, rather than your test-taking speed. The reading passages are short and have just 1 question each. Additionally, you can use a calculator on the entire Math section (Bluebook includes a built-in calculator).

## How the SAT Is Organized

The SAT Suite uses multistage adaptive testing. Both the Reading and Writing section and the Math section are divided into 2 equal-length and separately timed parts, called modules. The first module contains a mix of easy, medium, and hard questions. Based on how you perform on the first module, the second module of questions will either be more difficult or less difficult overall, but will still contain a mix of easy, medium, and hard questions.

Having a personalized test that adapts to your performance level results in a more efficient assessment of your academic strengths. Additionally, you can navigate freely within each module by previewing upcoming questions or returning to earlier questions (as time permits).

This type of adaptive testing allows for a much shorter, but just as reliable, assessment that delivers accurate scores more efficiently.

The test breaks down like this:

### TEST ORGANIZATION

Section	Time Allotted (min.)	Number of Questions
Reading and Writing	64	54
Math	70	44

You must complete all sections of the test based on your approved timing. If you have been approved for extended time (up to time and one-half, up to double time, or more), you have the option of moving to the next part of the test before your full extended time expires, once the standard testing time has passed. For more information, see Accommodations and Digital Testing on page 5. If you leave before dismissal, your test may be considered incomplete or may be subject to cancellation. Do not close your laptop lid or cover or turn off your tablet screen at any point until you are dismissed.

## Bluebook Digital Testing

Bluebook is the custom-built application you'll use to take the SAT. Developing our own custom app has allowed College Board to adapt to changes and respond quickly to user feedback. This app has many features that you'll find useful, including a test preview that can help you familiarize yourself with key aspects of the app before the test. Visit [bluebook.app.collegeboard.org](https://bluebook.app.collegeboard.org) to download the app and for installation instructions.

### Bluebook Tools

Bluebook includes plenty of test tools. Here are some examples:

- **Mark for review:** You can flag and return to any question within a given test module that you want to come back to later.
- **Testing timer:** A clock counts down the time remaining in each module. You can hide the timer, and you get an alert when 5 minutes remain in the module. When there are only 5 minutes remaining, the clock can no longer be hidden.
- **Calculator:** A built-in Desmos calculator is available for the entire Math section. You can toggle between the scientific and graphing Desmos calculators at any point during the Math section. The calculator is provided in the Bluebook practice test to allow you to practice with it before the test. (You can also bring your own acceptable calculator; please see [sat.org/calculator](https://sat.org/calculator) for complete information.)
- **Line reader:** Use this tool to focus as you read test content.
- **Reference sheet:** On the Math section, you have access to a list of common formulas.

- **Highlights & Notes:** On non-math questions, you can highlight any part of a passage and leave yourself a note. You can change the highlight color, add an underline, make a note, or delete the highlight. Please note that if you are testing on a Windows tablet, it may be challenging to use this feature unless you are also using a keyboard.
- **Option eliminator:** If you think an answer option is wrong, you can cross it out.
- **Question menu:** Students can see which questions they skipped or marked for review and navigate to any question in the module.

You can use keyboard shortcuts on laptops or pinch and zoom on tablets to get a closer look at any part of the question, and you can set up your device before testing to use color contrast.

## Testing Devices

You can take the SAT on a wide range of devices, including a personal or school-managed Windows laptop or tablet, personal or school-managed Mac laptop, personal or school-managed iPad, or school-managed Chromebook.

**IMPORTANT:** Download the exam app onto your device before test day. If you are taking the test on a device managed by your school, ask your school's technology department to install the app and ensure your device is configured with the most up-to-date required Bluebook settings. For more information on preparing your testing devices, visit [bluebook.org/device-prep](https://bluebook.org/device-prep).

Your device must also be able to connect to Wi-Fi, especially Wi-Fi beyond your home and school, and be charged enough to stay on for roughly 3 hours. We recommend you bring a power cord or portable charger, but we can't guarantee you'll have access to an outlet.

You are permitted to bring an external mouse for your device and an external keyboard if your device is a tablet. For Windows tablets, external keyboards are required if you want to use the Highlights & Notes tool. You can't bring detachable device privacy screens.

All other applications and programs must be closed during the test, including writing assistants. You can't test on multiple devices.

If you don't have access to a device, you can request to borrow one from College Board. You may qualify to borrow a testing device from College Board if you submit a request with your test registration before the deadline. You must register and complete the device request at least 30 days before the test date. Bluebook will be preinstalled on these loaned devices.

If you participate in the device lending program, you'll arrive at the test center 30 minutes earlier than other students on test day in order to receive your borrowed device, complete exam setup, and finish the check-in process.

See If You Need to Borrow a Device on page 6 for more information.

**IMPORTANT:** It's critical that Bluebook is downloaded in advance and that you check in on the device you'll test with. If you use a different device on test day, you will need to complete the check-in process again.

## Digital Testing Disruptions

An internet connection is required to start the test, but Bluebook will keep running even if your connection drops momentarily. If your device battery runs down, you can simply plug in, restart your device, and pick up where you left off—all your work will be saved, and you won't lose testing time. At the end of the test, if you're still offline and your answer submission fails, you'll have until 11:59 p.m. local time the next day to get back online and submit your answers. If your answer submission fails on a device borrowed from College Board, don't leave the test center until it submits successfully (you or your test coordinator can call Customer Service).

If the app crashes during your exam, just relaunch it and hit **Resume Testing**. Raise your hand so the proctor can approve your re-entry, and you'll return to the question you were on. The testing timer will be paused until you resume testing.

# Before Test Day

To take the SAT, you need to:

- Register for the test on [My SAT](#).
- Ensure you have an acceptable device to test on.
- Become familiar with Bluebook before test day. See more under Prepare for the SAT on page 11.
- Complete exam setup in Bluebook before test day (or immediately after receiving a borrowed device).

Use the information in this section to register for the test, learn about accommodations, and prepare to test with Bluebook.

## Registering and Exam Setup for the Test

Register online for the SAT at My SAT by signing in with your free College Board account. If you don't have an account yet, create one. At least five days before you test, you'll need to [upload a photo](#) of yourself to your registration in My SAT. This photo will be used to identify you on test day. Once you're registered to take the test, you'll see a test card in Bluebook five days before your test date. If it's within five days of your test, and it's not showing up in the app, please contact Customer Service.

Within the five days before you test, you'll log in to Bluebook to complete a quick exam setup as just described. This step must be completed to check in for testing. You'll watch a short video, then you'll be asked to confirm your information, to read and agree to the SAT Weekend Testing Rules, and complete a device check. At the end of exam setup, the app generates your admission ticket. You can take a picture of the ticket, email the ticket to yourself, or print it for presenting to the testing staff for admission to the center. You must complete exam setup before test day to confirm your device supports the app and to generate your admission ticket for test day check-in. If you don't follow these steps prior to test day, you may be turned away.

## If You Need Testing Accommodations

If you have a disability that requires accommodations such as a screen reader, extra breaks, or permission to test blood sugar, be sure to have your school request College Board approval at least seven weeks before the test date you need the accommodations for.

Requests for accommodations are handled by the College Board Services for Students with Disabilities (SSD) office. For more information about requesting accommodations and timing, visit our [Advice for Students and Families](#) webpage.

Timing accommodations, such as extended time testing or extra breaks, will be enabled in your digital exam with your approved amount of time per section. Others don't affect the format of your digital test, such as permission for small-group testing, food/drink/medication, and permission to test blood sugar.

When considering accommodations, note the following:

- Work with your school's SSD coordinator or counselor for accommodations requests. Your SSD coordinator or other appropriate school staff can help determine what accommodations are best for you and submit a request online.
- The quickest and most efficient way to request accommodations is to work with your school. However, if you want to request accommodations without your school, download and submit a Student Eligibility Form from the [Requesting Without Going Through the School](#) webpage.
- Once approved for accommodations, with some exceptions, you remain approved and do not have to apply again when taking another College Board test.

- If you move to a new school after you've been approved for accommodations, provide them with your SSD number.
- If you're approved for extended time for math, you'll get it just for math; but if you're approved for extended time for reading, you'll get it for the whole test.
- Talk to your SSD coordinator to confirm what accommodations you're approved for and any additional information you need for testing.
- If you are approved for text-to-speech (embedded in Bluebook, with no configuration needed) or screen reader (non-embedded), be sure to practice with your accommodation ahead of test day to ensure you understand how it will work with the digital test.

## Accommodations and Digital Testing

Most students, including students with accommodations, test digitally, with many accommodations provided in Bluebook. For example, if you're approved for extended time, you'll receive a digital exam enabled with your approved amount of extended time per section. If you need large print, you can use zoom. If you need assistance with reading, you might be approved for Text-to-Speech (Embedded) or Screen Reader (Non-Embedded).

Some students approved for accommodations test with the standard format and testing timing. Examples of these types of accommodations include permission for small-group testing, food/drink/medication, and permission to test blood sugar.

The SAT is accessible to students approved to use assistive technology, including a screen reader and text-to-speech. If you are approved for text-to-speech, you'll use the tool built into Bluebook. No setup is needed. If you are approved for a screen reader, you'll use your own assistive technology software or the software that is part of the operating system on your testing device. For screen readers or other assistive technology, you'll need to open and start the assistive technology device or software before you open Bluebook for practice and for testing. On test day, adjust any necessary settings before you start to check in for the digital test. Visit our [Accommodations and Assistive Technology](#) webpage for detailed information about using assistive technology with Bluebook. Additionally, the app has extensive content to answer your questions about setup, navigation, and tools to help you access test content.

**IMPORTANT:** If you have an accommodation for extended time, once the standard time has elapsed for a module, you can move on when you're ready rather than having to wait until your approved time is up. We encourage you to use your full allotted time and you should only move ahead if you have completed the module. As always, at the end of the test, wait until testing staff have confirmed that your test has been submitted before closing the lid to your laptop, turning off your tablet screen, closing Bluebook, or shutting down your device. Please visit [SSD Updates](#) for more information.

## Fee Waiver Benefits for Income-Eligible Students

Students who face financial barriers to taking the SAT may be eligible for College Board fee waivers. Visit [sat.org/feewaivers](http://sat.org/feewaivers) to learn whether you're eligible and how to confirm that with College Board. College Board offers fee waivers to any eligible students in the U.S. or U.S. territories. Students attending school outside the country must also be U.S. citizens to be eligible for fee waivers.

For each qualifying student, one fee waiver unlocks a suite of benefits, which includes two free registrations for the SAT administrations and unlimited score sends to colleges, universities, and scholarship programs. Also, seniors with fee waiver benefits will automatically receive waived application fees at participating colleges and universities. SAT fee waivers also give first-time U.S. college and university applicants fee waivers for applying for nonfederal financial aid using CSS Profile®. Learn more about this at [profileonline.collegeboard.org](http://profileonline.collegeboard.org).



### New!

Bluebook now has a built-in (embedded) text-to-speech feature for students approved for this accommodation. For more information, please see our [Accommodations and Assistive Technology](#) webpage.



### New!

The new [Accommodations and Supports dashboard](#) is a student portal where you can see your decision letters and accommodations.



### Additional Guidance

It is very helpful to practice taking a digital test with the technology you plan to use to test. Please see Prepare for the SAT on page 11 for more information about practice.

You can learn about how to get fee waiver benefits, eligibility, and the other benefits offered to help you in the college application process at [sat.org/feewaivers](https://sat.org/feewaivers).

If you think you're eligible, talk to your school counselor about getting a fee waiver code. You can also request a fee waiver directly from College Board **through your College Board account**. If you request a fee waiver from College Board, please confirm your eligibility and then aim to submit your request as early as possible and at least 1–2 weeks before the registration deadline. Your fee waiver status may be shared with your school and district.

**IMPORTANT:** Don't forget the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®)—the form you'll need to qualify for most financial aid opportunities—can be filed beginning July 1. You should complete your FAFSA as early as possible.

## If You Need to Borrow a Device

Students who do not have access to a device can request to borrow one from College Board. You may qualify to borrow a testing device if you submit a request at least 30 days before the test date. If so, additional rules relating to borrowing a testing device will apply to you as shown in the terms of the Testing Device Lending Agreement.

We may be able to loan a testing device for use on test day, based on availability. This device would be free of charge. You'll pick up the loaned testing device at the test center before the SAT and return it to testing staff in the same condition as you received it as soon as you complete the test and your answers are submitted. You can't take the device off the test site or use it for any other purpose than to take the SAT.

Submitting a request does not guarantee that College Board will loan you a testing device. Test centers cannot provide you with a testing device from College Board on test day unless your request made for that test date was approved by College Board. If you show up on test day without a device, and you have not gone through the process of requesting and being approved to borrow one from us, you'll be dismissed. If you are approved to borrow a testing device, we will make all reasonable efforts to provide you with such a device on test day. However, we cannot guarantee that a testing device will be available on test day.

If you borrow a testing device, you agree to comply with the terms of the Testing Device Lending Agreement in addition to the SAT Weekend Testing Rules. You'll need to complete exam setup before checking in to your testing room.

## Optional Questions to Answer When You Register

When you register for the SAT, you'll have the opportunity to answer questions about yourself, your educational experience, and your plans for after you graduate high school.

Your responses give your school counselors and college admissions officers, as applicable, information they can use to help you plan your future. These questions are completely optional, and you don't have to answer them, but the more information you provide, the more they can help you. However, if your parent or guardian has told you that you shouldn't provide any optional or voluntary information, you shouldn't do so.

Your answers will be used by College Board as described in its Privacy Statement at [privacy.collegeboard.org/privacy-statement](https://privacy.collegeboard.org/privacy-statement), such as for educational research and will be provided to your school, district, and state department of education.

If you choose to participate in Student Search Service™, your answers will be provided to participating certain education organizations, as described under Student Search Service below. Your answers may also be provided to colleges, universities, and scholarship programs to which you choose to send your scores. See Section 5 of the SAT Weekend Testing Rules at [sat.org/rules](https://sat.org/rules).

Your responses, when combined with those of all other students taking the SAT, contribute to an understanding of the academic preparation, extra- and cocurricular involvement, and post-high-school plans of your graduating class, which can help College Board, colleges, and universities deliver programs and opportunities to serve you and your classmates.

## Useful Resources

We offer free resources to help you plan the right next step for you after high school on BigFuture®. Discover future career options based on your interests, explore colleges across the country, and learn about scholarships, financial aid, and more. Visit [bigfuture.org](https://bigfuture.org).

### Student Search Service

Student Search Service is a free, voluntary program that connects students with information about opportunities from nearly 1,200 eligible colleges, universities, scholarships, and government agencies running education programs. By joining Student Search Service, you can connect with colleges and scholarship programs looking for students like you and discover opportunities you had not previously considered.

Key facts about Student Search Service:

- You can join for free and hear from a diverse group of nonprofit accredited colleges and universities (domestic and international), nonprofit scholarship providers, and government agencies administering educational programs (“Education Organizations”). No other organizations or companies are eligible to participate in Student Search Service.
- When you take a College Board test, you’ll be asked to provide certain information about yourself by answering optional questions about yourself during registration.
- You’ll have the opportunity to join Student Search Service as part of registration. It’s entirely up to you whether to opt in. The service is free to you, but Education Organizations may pay us a licensing fee to use the service. We use those fees to support our nonprofit, mission-driven work, including providing fee waivers so that students from lower income families can take the SAT for free. College Board is a nonprofit organization.
- Being part of Student Search Service is voluntary and you can opt out at any time.
- Being contacted by an Education Organization doesn’t mean you’ve been admitted or received a scholarship. You must submit the required information and complete steps requested by the Education Organization for potential admission, enrollment, scholarship and/or financial aid.

### How Student Search Service Works

- If you opt in, you may be identified by Education Organizations as a potential match for their programs and opportunities.
- Education Organizations generally look for groups of students based on expected graduation date, where they live, self-reported cumulative grade point average (GPA), test score ranges, intended college major, geography, and other limited parameters. This information may be provided by you to College Board, such as during test registration, testing, and when using the College Board college planning website, BigFuture.org.
- College Board never shares your actual test scores, grades, disability status, parent information (unless they separately opt in to Student Search Service), or telephone numbers. Please note, we do share test score ranges and GPA. For details on the information shared, please see [bigfuture.collegeboard.org/student-search-service/what-information-shared](https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/student-search-service/what-information-shared). If you opt in to Student Search Service, we may share information that you provided prior to and after opting in to Student Search Service, but we will not share any information until you opt in.
- If you have opted in and match the Education Organizations’ search criteria, we will provide them with your contact information so they can reach out to you by postal mail (if you provided your address) and/or email about their programs and opportunities. They have to keep your data secure and may not share your data with any third parties (other than service providers to the Education Organizations).

### **Education Organizations send students information about things like:**

- Financial aid, scholarships, or other ways to make college or university more affordable
- Details on campus life and student services
- Overviews of majors, courses, and degree options
- Deadline information
- Offers of direct admissions to a college
- For more information, visit [bigfuture.collegeboard.org/student-search-service](https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/student-search-service).

### **Opting Out of Student Search Service**

If at any time you change your mind and want to stop participating, please visit [my.collegeboard.org/profile/privacy](https://my.collegeboard.org/profile/privacy), complete the Your Privacy Choices webform at [form.collegeboard.org/f/data-subject-rights-request](https://form.collegeboard.org/f/data-subject-rights-request), or contact us at [SearchCustomerService@collegeboard.org](mailto:SearchCustomerService@collegeboard.org) or 866-825-8051. Please note, Education Organizations that have already received your name and other data may continue to send you information. You may contact such organizations directly to opt out of further communications from them.

### **Connect to Opportunities in Higher Education**

Each year millions of students take the SAT, and thousands of high school counselors and postsecondary admissions officers worldwide use their scores to guide decisions in the college application process. The test that you'll take on test day is a challenging and fair assessment of what you know and can do. The questions you'll tackle focus on the knowledge and skills that the best available evidence indicates are essential for college and career readiness and success.

We're committed to providing opportunities to help you reach your goals for college and career. Students who are the first in their families to consider attending college, who come from low-income families, or whose ethnicities are historically excluded in colleges may feel that college isn't for them. Our mission is to help all students recognize and make the most of the opportunities they've earned.

## **Privacy Policies**

College Board recognizes the importance of protecting your privacy. Please review our privacy policies at [collegeboard.org/privacy-center](https://collegeboard.org/privacy-center) ("Privacy Policies") and the SAT Weekend Testing Rules at [sat.org/rules](https://sat.org/rules) to understand our collection, use, and disclosure of your personally identifiable information

## **Telemarketing Scams**

We sometimes get reports of phone scams when callers posing as employees of College Board try to sell test preparation products or request sensitive, personally identifying information, such as credit card and Social Security numbers. College Board does not make unsolicited phone calls or send emails to students or families requesting this type of information. This type of activity, known as telemarketing fraud, is a crime and should be reported to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). Please visit [Important Information About Telemarketing and Internet Scams](#) for more information.

## Test Question Inquiries

If you find what you consider to be an error or an ambiguity in a test question, tell the test coordinator immediately after the test. You may also complete an online form to report a test error or ambiguity available at [satsuite.collegeboard.org/contact-us](https://satsuite.collegeboard.org/contact-us).

In your inquiry, provide your name and email address, the date you took the SAT, the name and address of the school where you took the test, the test section and module, the test question (as well as you can remember), and an explanation of your concern about the question.

College Board will send you a response after your inquiry has been reviewed thoroughly by subject-matter specialists. If you submit a report for what you consider to be an error or an ambiguity in a test question, you understand that College Board may need to hold your SAT score for review. As a result, your score may not be available by the published release date for your administration.

## Makeup Testing

During bad weather, natural disasters, power outages, or other unusual conditions, test centers may be closed. Check [sat.org/test-center-closings](https://sat.org/test-center-closings) for test center closings on Friday night and Saturday morning before you go to the test center. Information about makeup testing is posted as it's available. If a makeup date has been confirmed, that information is included.

The following policies apply to makeup testing:

- The availability of makeup testing and the conditions that make test takers eligible to take a makeup test are at the sole discretion of College Board. The ability to offer a makeup test is based on test center availability.
- Test centers may close or make changes on short notice, including on test day, and they may even close for the scheduled makeup date.
- Access to scores from makeup administrations may be delayed by several weeks.

## Additional Information for Students

A primary purpose of the SAT is to predict how prepared students are to succeed, both in college and in career training programs. College Board continues to conduct extensive research on the predictive validity of the SAT. Several recent validity studies examined digital SAT score relationships with other education measures such as high school GPA (HSGPA) and the relationship of SAT scores to university outcomes. These studies found that:

- SAT scores are strongly predictive of college performance, and this finding also holds for historically excluded minority students, first-generation college students, and students whose best language was another language or English and another language.
- SAT scores meaningfully improve the prediction of college performance above HSGPA alone.
- Institutions using SAT scores can have confidence these scores will provide valuable insights for understanding students' readiness for college, course placement and major-field decisions, scholarship and honors program decisions, and identifying students who may need academic support.

SAT scores provide meaningful information about a student's likelihood of success in college and university, but the SAT should not be used as the sole source of information for high-stakes decisions. Find out more at [sat.org](https://sat.org).

Download a copy of the **Assessment Framework for the Digital SAT Suite** to learn more about the evidence-based design and development of the digital SAT Suite. A large-scale, national study evaluating the validity of digital SAT scores to predict college outcomes will be conducted once College Board has sufficient data from operational administrations of the test to support such analyses.

## Procedures to Ensure Fairness and Equity

College Board combats any bias in our tests with our review processes. Fairness reviewers help ensure that test materials are accessible to all students, have no offensive or insensitive content, and aren't made easier or harder by factors outside the subject being measured.

## Relationship of SAT Scores to Family Income

College Board no longer collects information regarding family income from test takers. Past data indicate that students from every income level obtain a full range of SAT scores.

# Prepare for the SAT

College Board offers many free, official ways to help you prepare for the SAT at [sat.org/practice](https://sat.org/practice). Here are some of them:

## Test Preview

To prepare for the SAT, you'll have access to a test preview within Bluebook. This tool helps you:

- Get familiar with functions in the app.
- See the structure of the test.
- Try a small sample of reading and writing and math questions to familiarize yourself with the kinds of questions you'll encounter on test day and with how to properly enter your answers.
- Try all the testing tools and experience how the digital tests work with any assistive technology you're approved to use.

## Full-Length Adaptive SAT Practice Tests

Taking a full-length practice test for the SAT will let you experience digital testing and familiarize yourself with test content, including the types of questions you'll answer and the exam tools you'll use to take the test. If you'll be using a personal device for testing, you can also make sure your device supports the app and is ready to use on test day.

Both sections on the SAT, (1) Reading and Writing and (2) Math, have 2 modules. Depending on how you answer the questions in the first module, you'll be routed to a second module, which has a different mix of difficulty levels. The mix of questions in the second module is, on average, either of higher difficulty or of lower difficulty than the mix in the first module. Taking a practice test in Bluebook helps you gain experience and comfort with the way you'll be assessed on test day.

The full-length practice tests will also give you a score.

1. Download the Bluebook app at [bluebook.collegeboard.org](https://bluebook.collegeboard.org).
2. Go to **Practice and Prepare** on the Bluebook homepage and select **Full-Length Practice**.
3. After you've finished the practice test in Bluebook, go to **My Practice** at [mypractice.collegeboard.org](https://mypractice.collegeboard.org) to view your score results and to review your practice exam questions and their skill level, as well as the answers, and explanations.



### Note

You can download Bluebook and start practicing anytime—you'll need a College Board account but you don't need to be registered for a test.

## Official SAT Prep on Khan Academy

The SAT course content on Khan Academy® includes videos, articles, and worked examples designed to help you understand and experience the SAT Suite. Visit [khanacademy.org/digital-sat](https://khanacademy.org/digital-sat).

For more information on practice for the SAT, go to [satsuite.collegeboard.org/digital-digital-practice-preparation](https://satsuite.collegeboard.org/digital-digital-practice-preparation).

## Student Question Bank

You can use the Student Question Bank to design your own practice. The question bank has thousands of official practice questions and you can filter by assessment, section (Reading and Writing or Math), domain, skill, and difficulty level. You can go to [My Practice](#) to access the Student Question Bank.

### Additional Practice

You can also try targeted practice questions in My Practice. If you click the **Practice Specific Questions** link, My Practice gathers a tailored set of questions from our Student Question Bank based on your performance on a practice test. These questions are specifically designed to help you build your skills at a level that's right for you.

### Question of the Day

The Question of the Day web app is a fun and fast way to check your knowledge. Each day, you can choose to answer a Reading and Writing question or a Math question. The content comes from the makers of the SAT Suite of Assessments, so you can answer official questions in a casual setting, earn badges, and build your streak. For more information, visit [qotd.collegeboard.org](http://qotd.collegeboard.org).

## Paper-Based Practice Tests

College Board provides downloadable paper versions of practice tests for those students who need to test with paper-based accommodations on test day. Since the PDF versions of our practice tests are nonadaptive, they're recommended only for students who will test with paper-based accommodations on test day.

While taking practice tests in Bluebook, every student is welcome to toggle on and experiment with certain built-in accommodations (text-to-speech, screen readers, etc.). However, practicing with accommodations does NOT mean you are approved to take an actual assessment with those accommodations. If you need to test with accommodations, please ask your school's SSD coordinator to submit a request through SSD Online at least 7 weeks before test day. For more information, visit [How to Request Accommodations](#).

## The Official SAT Study Guide

For additional tips on using practice tests effectively, check out an updated version of [The Official SAT Study Guide](#)™ from the College Board bookstore or wherever you find test prep materials. You can also purchase the study guide when you register to take the SAT. While you can take practice tests for free in Bluebook, taking a printed practice test in the study guide is another strategy to help you build your endurance and strengthen your understanding of the questions on the test.

## What the Reading and Writing Section Is Like

The Reading and Writing section of the SAT is designed to measure your success with building critical college and career readiness in literacy. In this section, you'll answer multiple-choice questions requiring you to read, comprehend, and use information and ideas in texts; analyze the craft and structure of texts; revise texts to improve the rhetorical expression of ideas; and edit texts to follow core conventions of Standard English.

Passages in this section, which serve as the basis for answering test questions, represent the subject areas of literature, history/social studies, the humanities, and science. There is a single question per passage.

Select questions in this section are accompanied by an informational graphic.

## Reading and Writing Section Overview

### OVERVIEW OF THE READING AND WRITING SECTION

Module	Number of Questions	Time Per Module
<b>Module 1</b>	25 operational questions and 2 pretest questions	32 minutes
<b>Module 2</b>	25 operational questions and 2 pretest questions	32 minutes
<b>Total</b>	<b>54 questions</b>	<b>63 minutes</b> <b>(1.19 minutes per question)</b>

Questions in the Reading and Writing section represent 1 of 4 content domains, shown in the table that follows. To help you budget your time, questions that test similar skills and knowledge are grouped together in Bluebook and then arranged from easiest to hardest. Pretest questions don't count toward your score.

### READING AND WRITING SECTION CONTENT DOMAINS AND QUESTION DISTRIBUTION

Content Domain	Domain Description	Skill/Knowledge Testing Points	Question Distribution
<b>Craft and Structure</b>	Measures the comprehension, vocabulary, analysis, synthesis, and reasoning skills and knowledge needed to understand and use high-utility words and phrases in context, evaluate texts rhetorically, and make connections between topically related texts	Words in Context; Text Structure and Purpose; Cross-Text Connections	13–15 questions
<b>Information and Ideas</b>	Measures comprehension, analysis, and reasoning skills and knowledge and the ability to locate, interpret, evaluate, and integrate information and ideas from texts and informational graphics (tables, bar graphs, and line graphs)	Central Ideas and Details; Command of Evidence (Textual, Quantitative); Inferences	12–14 questions
<b>Standard English Conventions</b>	Measures the ability to edit texts to conform to core conventions of Standard English sentence structure, usage, and punctuation	Boundaries; Form, Structure, and Sense	11–15 questions
<b>Expression of Ideas</b>	Measures the ability to revise texts to improve the effectiveness of written expression and to meet specific rhetorical goals	Rhetorical Synthesis; Transitions	8–12 questions

These specifications are for the adaptive version of the digital test, which most students will take. Students approved for certain testing accommodations—such as a human reader, raised line drawings, or paper test forms—will test using a nonadaptive version of the digital SAT. This nonadaptive version has a slightly higher number of test questions in each module to account for the fact that the test is not adaptive. Practice for this nonadaptive version of the test is also available in Bluebook. You can learn more about nonadaptive test specifications in Appendix E of the [Assessment Framework for the Digital SAT Suite](#).

# What the Math Section Is Like

The Math section of the SAT is designed to measure your success with building critical college and career readiness knowledge and skills in math. It focuses on key elements of algebra, advanced math, problem-solving and data analysis, and geometry. Over the course of the Math section, you'll answer multiple-choice and student-produced response questions that measure your fluency with, understanding of, and ability to apply the math concepts, skills, and practices that are most essential.

Approximately 30% of math questions are set in context. These in-context “word” questions require you to consider a science, social studies, or real-world scenario and apply your math skills and knowledge, along with an understanding of the context, to determine the answer to each.

Select questions in this section are accompanied by an informational graphic.

## Math Section Overview

### OVERVIEW OF THE MATH SECTION

Module	Number of Questions	Time Per Module
<b>Module 1</b>	20 operational questions and 2 pretest questions	35 minutes
<b>Module 2</b>	20 operational questions and 2 pretest questions	35 minutes
<b>Total</b>	44 questions	70 minutes (1.59 minutes per question)

Questions from all 4 content domains appear in each test module. Across each module, questions are arranged from easiest to hardest, allowing you to have the best opportunity to demonstrate what you know and can do. Pretest questions don't count toward your score.

## MATH SECTION CONTENT DOMAINS AND QUESTION DISTRIBUTION

Content Domain	Domain Description	Skill/Knowledge Testing Points	Question Distribution
<b>Algebra</b>	Measures the ability to analyze, fluently solve, and create linear equations and inequalities as well as analyze and fluently solve equations and systems of equations using multiple techniques	Linear equations in 1 variable; Linear equations in 2 variables; Linear functions; Systems of 2 linear equations in 2 variables; Linear inequalities in 1 or 2 variables	13–15 questions
<b>Advanced Math</b>	Measures skills and knowledge central for progression to more advanced math courses, including demonstrating an understanding of absolute value, quadratic, exponential, polynomial, rational, radical, and other nonlinear equations	Equivalent expressions; Nonlinear equations in 1 variable and systems of equations in 2 variables; Nonlinear functions	13–15 questions
<b>Problem-Solving and Data Analysis</b>	Measures the ability to apply quantitative reasoning about ratios, rates, and proportional relationships; understand and apply unit rate; and analyze and interpret 1- and 2-variable data	Ratios, rates, proportional relationships, and units; Percentages; 1-variable data: distributions and measures of center and spread; 2-variable data: models and scatterplots; Probability and conditional probability; Inference from sample statistics and margin of error; Evaluating statistical claims: observational studies and experiments	5–7 questions
<b>Geometry and Trigonometry</b>	Measures the ability to solve problems that focus on area and volume; lines, angles, triangles, and trigonometry; and circles	Area and volume; Lines, angles, and triangles, including right triangles and trigonometry; Circles	5–7 questions

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# Information You'll Need on Test Day for Digital Testing

Be prepared for digital testing by making sure you bring only what you need for the test. Leave all prohibited items at home. You'll have your testing device, but won't be able to use or access any other personal electronic devices, such as a mobile phone or wearable technology, during the test. Review the other important guidelines in this section to make sure you understand the policies that cover your SAT testing experience.

This section also includes information about test day technical support.

## Test Day Items

See Section 1 of the SAT Weekend Testing Rules at [sat.org/rules](https://sat.org/rules) for full requirements for taking the SAT.

The following items are required for taking the SAT:

- A valid photo ID for check-in. See [sat.org/id](https://sat.org/id). The ID must be a physical ID.
- Your admission ticket. Show your printed ticket or present it on your mobile device.
- Your College Board username (your email address) and password.
- A fully charged, acceptable testing device with Bluebook already downloaded and exam setup complete.
- A pen or pencil for scratch work.

Though not required, consider bringing:

- Snacks and drinks (which must be under your desk during testing).
- An acceptable calculator for the Math section (if you prefer using a handheld calculator to using the embedded Desmos calculator in Bluebook). Please see [sat.org/calculator](https://sat.org/calculator) for more information.
- Extra batteries, a power cord, and backup calculator.
- Backup testing device.



### Reminder

If you're using a loaned device from College Board, arrive 30 minutes early so you have time to complete exam setup and access your admission ticket.

## Test Day Steps

This section summarizes important guidelines for digital testing. See Section 1 of the SAT Weekend Testing Rules at [sat.org/rules](https://sat.org/rules) to make sure you cover all the steps to successfully prepare to take the SAT.

- Plan ahead and bring equipment that's in good working order with enough battery power to last for about 3 hours. Your testing device must be able to connect to new Wi-Fi networks, and you may need to update your operating system to support the digital test.
- Arrive early if you were approved to borrow a device to complete exam setup and obtain your admission ticket. You must bring confirmation of approval.
- If you're testing with extended time, bring a power cord; your testing site should provide an outlet for recharging if needed.
- Download the Bluebook app onto the device you'll use on test day from [bluebook.app.collegeboard.org](https://bluebook.app.collegeboard.org).
- Between 1 and 5 days before the test, you need to sign in to the app, agree to the *Privacy Policy and Use of This App* rules and complete exam setup. You'll get access to your admission ticket once you've completed exam setup.
- On test day, at the center, you'll follow instructions to connect to Wi-Fi, complete exam check-in on your testing device, and type a brief statement saying that you agree to follow all rules for the exam.

▪ During testing:

- ◆ Head coverings worn for medical or religious reasons are permitted during testing as long as they don't obstruct testing staff's ability to view your eyes and ears. You're not permitted to wear other head coverings while testing; if you are wearing one, store it under your desk. If you're wearing a hooded shirt in the testing room, your hood must stay down during testing.
- ◆ Store any snacks or drinks you bring under your desk. You may only eat snacks during breaks. The testing staff will tell you where you can go to have your snack.
- ◆ You must remain in the testing site for the duration of the test. If you leave before you're dismissed, your scores are subject to cancellation.
- ◆ Keep your laptop open or your tablet uncovered and on during the entire duration of testing. Closing your laptop lid or covering your device may result in a loss of your responses.
- ◆ Bluebook will tell you when to take your break. Because the test is individually timed, you'll break and finish testing at slightly different times from other students in your room. It's important to maintain a silent testing environment regardless.
- ◆ Keep your photo ID with you at all times, especially if you leave the testing room. You may be asked to show your ID at any time while in the test center.

## Support on Test Day

Bluebook is designed for minimal network and device requirements. You need an internet connection to start the test and at the end of testing to submit your answers. If you lose connectivity while you're testing, you can keep going without losing any work.

**IMPORTANT:** When using Bluebook as intended, with no other programs or applications running, the draw on your device's battery will be fairly low. You're allowed to have a power cord with you, but most students can take the entire test without ever plugging in their devices.

Before, during, and after testing, there is a Help icon in the Bluebook app where users can review troubleshooting tips.

Your test center will provide additional support on test day. They will help ensure the test center Wi-Fi network is working and assist you if you encounter connectivity issues. Additionally, there will be a help room for you to troubleshoot device issues with the testing staff, although most of the time students are able to resolve issues on their own by restarting the application. If you encounter a technical issue on test day, you won't lose any testing time. We'll also have customer service resources ready to help the test center troubleshoot issues on test day.



### Reminder

The deadline to submit answers, if unsuccessful on test day, is 11:59 p.m. local time the next day. Students using a loaned device should not leave the test center until their answers are submitted.

## Digital Testing Recap

- Before arriving to the test center you'll need to complete exam setup in Bluebook to generate your admission ticket. You will be turned away if you're unprepared.
- Your admission ticket is needed to check in to the test center. Your testing device should be fully charged and able to last the duration of the test and exam setup. You can bring a charger, but we can't guarantee access to an outlet unless you have an accommodation for extended time.
- You'll break and finish testing at slightly different times from other students in your room. Bluebook tells you when to take your break instead of the proctor.
- Test centers have a help room to assist with simple troubleshooting; however, most students are able to solve any issues on their own with a simple app restart.
- If you run into a technical issue, you won't lose testing time. You'll need access to the internet to start the test and submit answers but you can continue testing if the connection is disrupted during the test.
- Student devices are locked during testing and you won't be able to access other applications on your device. Bluebook is the only application you can have open on your device during testing unless approved for external assistive technology.

# After the Test

Once you've taken the SAT, the next step is to access your scores, understand what they mean, and track your progress. Use the information in this section to help you make the most of your scores. You can also explore additional College Board tools to help you plan for the future.

## How the SAT Is Scored

The SAT Suite uses a multistage adaptive test design and item response theory (IRT) methodology to precisely measure students' knowledge and skills with fewer questions in less time. Every test includes a standardized set of question types and measures the same content domains, so all students have equitable opportunity to demonstrate their strengths. Your scores depend on several factors, including whether you answer questions right or wrong, the difficulty level of the questions, and the probability that you might be guessing. For most students, it is better to guess than leave a question blank, especially if you can eliminate one or two wrong answers first. To learn more about how assessments in the SAT Suite adapt to your performance, watch our [What is Digital SAT Adaptive Testing?](#) video.

### TEST SCORING

SAT Score Reported	Details	Score Range
<b>Section Scores (2)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Reading and Writing (RW)</li><li>Math (M)</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>200–800</li><li>200–800</li></ul>
<b>Total Score</b>	Sum of the 2 section scores	400–1600

## Getting Your Scores

Your online scores give you the meaning behind your numbers by providing a summary of how you did on each section. You can access your online scores through your College Board account. If you can't access your scores online, your school can print a score report PDF for you. Visit [sat.org/scores](https://sat.org/scores) for more information.

Your College Board student account at [studentscores.collegeboard.org](https://studentscores.collegeboard.org) provides you additional insights about your scores and information about BigFuture. The online score insights include:

- Percentiles that let you see how your results compare with those of other students like you.
- Additional information about knowledge and skills, including how you scored on every content domain on the test, so you can identify your strengths and areas for growth.
- A search tool for careers and college majors, with suggestions based on information you provide in your profile.

## Explore Career Options

For students in the U.S., your score report will show Career Insights Snapshot—a list of growing careers in your state that connects you to your math and reading and writing skills based on your SAT Suite performance. Career Insights Snapshot provides career examples, not recommendations, that can stimulate your thinking, broaden your awareness of career options, and encourage deeper career exploration beyond the score report. Visit [bigfuture.org](https://bigfuture.org) to discover more careers that interest you.

# Sending Scores

You'll also have the opportunity when you register for the SAT to choose up to 4 colleges, universities, or scholarship programs to receive your scores for free. You can designate your score recipients (i) at the time you register, (ii) any time until you test, or (iii) within 9 days after you test. For these free score sends, only your scores from the test date on the registration will be sent (or the makeup test for that registration if you take a makeup test), unless you specifically ask to send more existing SAT scores. (Sending scores to additional colleges, universities, or scholarship programs can be requested online for a fee.) We share with your school and district the names of the organizations you select for your 4 free score sends.

If you want to change where your scores are sent, you have until 9 days after the test date to alter your 4 free score reports at no charge. After that, you can't make any changes and you'll need to place a new order. You'll be charged the additional score report request fee for each institution you send scores to, although you can send multiple scores to the same institution for one fee. Score Choice™ lets you choose which scores are sent. Visit [sendsatscores.collegeboard.org/login](https://sendsatscores.collegeboard.org/login) for more information.

The scores you receive and the score reports received by colleges and your high school contain total and section scores. Section scores are converted to a point scale from 200 to 800; these are added together to create a total score between 400 and 1600. (See How the SAT Is Scored on page 19 for more information.) Additional score sends include all your available scores unless you choose otherwise, as explained later in this section.

College Board doesn't use your raw score or your reported scaled score by itself or in combination with any other information to predict your individual future academic performance at specific postsecondary institutions. However, College Board does help individual colleges and universities use and interpret SAT scores.

When you request that we send your scores to the colleges, universities, or scholarship programs you choose, we send your scores, certain demographic information about you, and other information you provide when taking the SAT to those organizations, in accordance with [sat.org/scores](https://sat.org/scores). These organizations may use this information to send you information about admissions, educational, financial aid, and scholarship opportunities. Being contacted by these organizations does not mean you have been admitted or are eligible for a scholarship or financial aid program. You must submit an application to be considered for admission at a college or university, and complete any steps required by any scholarship programs to be considered for their opportunities.

In certain college and university systems, once you submit your score to one school, other schools within that system will also have access to your score. Please note, however, that if you are applying to more than one school within a college or university system, it is still important for you to send your SAT scores to each individual school. If you are not sure whether the specific school you are applying to is part of such a system, contact the school's admissions office.

## Score Reporting

Your score and other information about you will be sent to your high school, district, state department of education, to certain federal and state scholarship programs, state direct admissions programs, and to the organizations you choose as described under Sending Scores above and in accordance with our Privacy Policy in Section 5 of the SAT Weekend Testing Rules at [sat.org/rules](https://sat.org/rules).

- Each time you take the SAT, the scores are added to your College Board record. All of your scores are reported to your high school.

- You can send scores to additional colleges and scholarship programs online, for a fee. They'll be sent to your designated colleges and scholarship programs 5-10 business days after the request is received. Once you place an order to send scores, the order cannot be canceled. Visit [sendsatscores.collegeboard.org/login](https://sendsatscores.collegeboard.org/login) for more information.
- If your score is canceled, no score reports for that test date will be sent.
- If you take a makeup test, the score report(s) will include the score from the makeup test. For additional information regarding the College Board score cancellation policy, see Section 4 of the SAT Weekend Testing Rules at [sat.org/rules](https://sat.org/rules), and for information about voluntarily canceling your scores, see Section 6.

## Score Choice

If you take the SAT more than once, you can have the option of Score Choice, if you choose to send scores online for a fee. With Score Choice, you can choose which scores you send to colleges. Choose by test date for the SAT—but keep in mind that some colleges and scholarship programs require you to send all your scores.

This online service is optional and only applies to scores already received. It is not applicable to any of your 4 free score sends you may select; those scores are automatically included in those score reports. If you don't use Score Choice, we'll send all your SAT scores from your most recent 6 administrations. However, if you want only your highest scores to be seen from already released scores, select Score Choice. Each school or program has its own deadlines and policies for how scores are used. Information is listed on the score-sending site for each participating organization, but check with the individual school or scholarship program to make sure you're following its guidelines. We're not responsible for the accuracy of the information or the consequences of your decisions.

## Keeping Scores on File

Your test scores and related personal information that you provide to College Board become part of your student record and are retained in accordance with our [Privacy Statement](#). For requests to have a permanent College Board student record removed, individuals must call College Board Customer Service, write to College Board, (Attention: Customer Service), or email [DataProtectionInquiry@collegeboard.org](mailto:DataProtectionInquiry@collegeboard.org). See the inside front cover of this guide for contact information.

For additional information regarding College Board's score cancellation policy, see Section 4 of the SAT Weekend Testing Rules at [sat.org/rules](https://sat.org/rules) and for information about voluntarily canceling your scores, see Section 6.

## Canceling Your Scores

If you feel you didn't do your best on the SAT Weekend, you can cancel your score by no later than 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time 1 week after your test date. For easy instructions on how to cancel a score through your My SAT account, go to [satsuite.collegeboard.org/scores/canceling-sat-scores/sat-weekend](https://satsuite.collegeboard.org/scores/canceling-sat-scores/sat-weekend).



### Reminder

After you submit a request to cancel scores, the score cannot be reinstated or reported to you or any institutions.

# SAT Weekend Testing Rules

## **IMPORTANT NOTE REGARDING TESTING RULES**

You must review and agree to the SAT Weekend Testing Rules when registering for the test and again in Bluebook before or on test day. Please read these rules carefully in advance at [sat.org/rules](https://sat.org/rules).