

THE NEW SAT

MARCH 2016 WILL MARK THE FIRST ADMINISTRATION OF THE NEW SAT. START PLANNING YOUR COLLEGE ADMISSION PROCESS WITH THESE KEY CALENDAR DATES:

SAT Timeline: What's Happening When

The SAT is an important part of the college admission process, and we want to make sure you know when to take the test and how to access our free practice help. We're unveiling the new SAT in March 2016. This means that if you're taking the test any time before then, you'll take the current SAT; if you're taking the test from March 2016 onward, you'll take the new SAT.

KEY DATES

October 2015 – First administration of the redesigned PSAT/NMSQT. Taking this test is good practice for the new SAT and will give you an idea of what types of questions to expect.

January 2016 – The last time we're offering the current SAT.

March 2016 – The first administration of the new SAT.

WHICH TEST WILL YOU TAKE?

Class of 2016 – Most students will take the current SAT to meet the majority of admission deadlines. However, if you're applying to schools with rolling admission or if you plan to take a year off before college, you can take the new SAT near the end of your senior year.

Class of 2017 – While most students will take the new SAT in March 2016, you have the option of taking the current SAT in October, November, December 2015, or January 2016. You may also take both versions.

Class of 2018 – All students will take the new SAT.

OFFICIAL SAT PRACTICE ON KHANACADEMY.ORG

We've partnered with Khan Academy to provide free, world-class test practice for the new SAT. When you sign up at satpractice.org, you'll be able to access materials created by Khan Academy and the College Board, including:

- Full length practice tests
- Answer explanations for all four practice tests.
- Thousands of official practice questions.
- Personalized practice recommendations.

Be sure to check the website often for added features, such as scaled scores, which let you see how you might perform on an actual administration of the new SAT. The site also features practice tools for the current SAT through January 2016. Visit sat.org/new

HERE ARE FIVE KEY CHANGES YOU NEED TO KNOW BEFORE TAKING THE NEW SAT.

If you are planning to take the SAT in March 2016, or any time after, you'll be taking the new test. Check out some of the key changes the College Board has made to the SAT to make it more focused, clear, and useful.

1. It better reflects what you're learning in class. The best way to practice for the new SAT is to take challenging courses in high school and work hard in those courses.
2. "SAT vocabulary words" are gone. Two words you won't see on the test: "prevaricator" and "sagacious". You may see a word like "synthesis", which you're more likely to use again.
3. There's no penalty for guessing. You'll receive points for the questions you get right, but won't be penalized for choosing the wrong answer.
4. It focuses on the math that matters most for college and a wide variety of careers.
5. Free test practice for all. We've partnered with Khan Academy to provide FREE, world-class SAT practice materials that can be personalized just for you. Unlike traditional test prep, which suggests cramming for a single test, our practice tools complement your classwork to help improve your skills long after the test is over.

WHAT'S DIFFERENT ABOUT THE SAT? TO SHOW YOU, WE COMPARED THE CURRENT SAT TO THE NEW SAT.

Below you'll find a side-by-side comparison of the current and new tests to help you better understand some of the key changes to the SAT.

CURRENT SAT	NEW SAT
<p>A logic question that students aren't likely to encounter in class: (Sample Question) All of Kay's brothers can swim. If the statement above is true, which of the following must also be true? (A) If Fred cannot swim, then he is not Kay's brother. (B) If Dave can swim, then he is not Kay's brother. (C) If Walt can swim, then he is Kay's brother. (D) If Pete is Kay's brother, then he cannot swim. (E) If Mark is not Kay's brother, then he cannot swim.</p>	<p>A focus on the math that matters most for college and career, and that is related to the work students do in class: (Sample Question) A musician has a new song available for downloading or streaming. The musician earns \$0.09 each time the song is downloaded and \$0.002 each time the song is streamed. Which of the following expressions represents the amount, in dollars, that the musician earns if the song is downloaded d times and streamed s times? (A) $0.002d + 0.09s$ (B) $0.002d - 0.09s$ (C) $0.09d + 0.002s$ (D) $0.09d - 0.002s$</p>

CURRENT SAT	NEW SAT
Essay required	Essay optional
Points subtracted for incorrect answers	No penalty for guessing
Scores ranging from 600 to 2400	Scores ranging from 400 to 1600

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<p>Vocabulary that students aren't likely to use again after the test: (Sample Question) The commentator characterized the electorate as _____ because it was unpredictable and given to constantly shifting moods. (A) Mercurial (B) Corrosive (C) Disingenuous (D) Implacable (E) Phlegmatic</p>	<p>Focus on widely used words and phrases found in texts in many different subjects – words students are likely to use in college and career; set in context so students can draw meaning from the passages: (Sample Question) Note: the following paragraph is excerpted from a longer passage. The nature of impeachment: a narrowly channeled exception to the separation of powers maxim. The Federal Convention of 1787 said that. It limited impeachment to high crimes and misdemeanors, and discounted and opposed the term "maladministration." "It is to be used only for great misdemeanors," so it was said in the North Carolina ratification convention. And in the Virginia ratification convention: "We do not trust our liberty to a particular branch. We need one branch to check the other." As used in the first line, "channeled" most nearly means: (A) Worn. (B) Sent. (C) Constrained. (D) Siphoned.</p>

To sign-up to take the SAT test, please visit www.collegeboard.org. If this is your first time registering for the SAT, please allow approximately 1 hour to complete the registration.