







Big changes are coming to the SAT®

Together, we'll be ready.

The College Board, makers of the SAT, will be launching a revised version of the test in the spring of 2016. There's no question that the SAT in 2016 will look significantly different from the current version. Our chart below will help you understand these differences.

Changes to the SAT	Current SAT (Class of 2014–2016)	New SAT (Class of 2017–beyond)
 Scoring	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ 1/4-point penalty for wrong answers ▶ Score is based out of 2400 - 800 for Math; 800 for Reading Comprehension; and, 800 for Writing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ No wrong-answer penalty ▶ Score is based out of 1600 - 800 for Math; 800 for Evidence-Based Reading and Writing; optional essay will receive a separate score
 Timing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ 3 hours 45 minutes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ 3 hours; 3 hours 50 minutes with optional essay
 Administration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Only available in print ▶ Test focused on broad range of non-essential topics and content 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Available digitally and in print ▶ Fewer questions with a greater focus on in-depth analysis of content
 Essay	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Essay is required ▶ Students have 25 minutes to write a persuasive essay in response to a prompt ▶ Accuracy of information not tested 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Essay is optional ▶ Students have 50 minutes to analyze document and draft an essay ▶ Requires students to analyze source documents and explain how the author builds an argument ▶ Facts matter
 Math	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Focus on wide array of topics ▶ More emphasis on computational skills ▶ Calculators permitted for all sections 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Focus on 3 topics - problem-solving and data analysis, "the heart of algebra", and "passport to advanced math" ▶ Real-world problem solving including analyzing data, charts, and graphs ▶ Calculator not permitted for all math sections
 Reading and Writing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Writing score combines writing multiple-choice questions and written essay score ▶ Reading section has two question types: Sentence Completion and passage-based questions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Reading and Writing combined into "Evidence-Based Reading and Writing" ▶ No Sentence Completions ▶ Focus on real-world vocabulary-in-context, as well as revising and editing of passages ▶ Focus on analyzing Literature, Social Studies, and Science passages ▶ One passage is a primary source from American and/or World History, such as excerpts from The Constitution or Martin Luther King, Jr.'s "I Have a Dream" speech