THE REDESIGNED SAT

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The Class of 2015 and the SAT College and Career Readiness Benchmark

- **41.9%** of SAT takers met the benchmark
- **16.1%** of African American SAT takers met the benchmark
- **22.7%** of Hispanic SAT takers met the benchmark
- **32.7%** of Native American SAT takers met the benchmark
Beyond tests. More opportunities.

- **Easier** for students to navigate a path through high school, college and career

- Extraordinary, **exclusive** partnerships that deliver **unprecedented** benefits to students, educators, and states/districts
About the Redesigned SAT

3 SECTIONS:

- Evidence-Based Reading and Writing: 200-800 points
- Math: 200-800 points
- Essay: Separate Scores

3 Hours*

50 Minutes*
Eight Key Changes to the SAT®

- Words in Context
- Command of Evidence
- Essay Analyzing a Source
- Math that Matters Most
- Problems Grounded in Real-World Contexts
- Analysis in Science and in History/Social Studies
- U.S. Founding Documents and the Great Global Conversation
- No Penalty for Guessing
Words In Context

Students will need to:

► Interpret meaning based on context

► Master relevant vocabulary

► Engage in close reading
Command of Evidence

Students will be asked to:

▸ Interpret, synthesize, and use evidence found in a wide range of sources

▸ Support the answers they choose

▸ Integrate information conveyed through both reading passages and informational graphics
Essay Analyzing a Source

The redesigned essay will:

- More closely mirror college writing assignments
- Cultivate close reading, careful analysis, and clear writing
- Promote the practice of reading a wide variety of arguments and analyzing an author’s work
Current research shows that three key areas most contribute to readiness for college and career training:

1. Problem Solving and Data Analysis (quantitative literacy)
2. Heart of Algebra (mastery of linear equations)
3. Passport to Advanced Math (familiarity with more complex equations)
Problems Grounded in Real-World Contexts

Students will engage with questions that:

- Directly relate to the work performed in college and career

- Include charts, graphs, and passages likely to be encountered in science, social science, and other majors and careers

- Feature multistep applications to solve problems in science, social science, career scenarios, and other real-life contexts
Analysis in Science and in History/Social Studies

Students will apply their reading, writing, language, and math skills to answer questions in science, history, and social studies contexts.
The redesigned SAT will include one of the following:

- An excerpt from one of the Founding Documents
- A text from the ongoing Great Global Conversation about freedom, justice, and human dignity

No prior knowledge of the text will be required.
No Penalty for Guessing

- One point for each correct answer
- Zero points for unanswered items
- Zero points for wrong answers
SAT® Reading Test: Features

- Single and paired passages
- Cross disciplinary contexts:
  - US and world literature
  - History/social studies (Founding documents/great global conversations)
  - Science
- Informational graphics
- Range of text complexity
- Focus on:
  - Words in context
  - Command of evidence
SAT® Writing and Language Test: Features

- Passage based
- Cross-disciplinary contexts:
  - Humanities
  - History/social studies
  - Science
  - Careers
- Informational graphics
- Multiple text types: argument, informative, nonfiction narrative
- Focus on:
  - Expression of ideas
  - Standard English conventions
  - Words in context
  - Command of evidence
SAT® Essay Test: Features

- Common prompt: publicly available
  - Represents sound instructional model
- Sources are arguments written for a broad audience
- Emphasis on analysis of the argument (not opinion)
- Expanded time for students to read, plan, write (50 minutes)
- Analytic scoring
SAT® Math Test: Features

- Multiple item types
- Focus on what matters in college/career readiness
- Calculator/No calculator sections
- Focus on application, procedural skill and fluency, conceptual understanding
- Rich application contexts:
  - Social studies
  - Science
  - Careers
- Item sets
- Multistep problems
SAT® Scores and Subscores

1 Total Score
400–1600 Scale

2 Section Scores
200–800 Scale

2 Cross-Test Scores
10–40 Scale

3 Test Scores
10–40 Scale

7 Subscores
1–15 Scale

- Reading
- Writing and Language
- Math

- Words in Context
- Heart of Algebra

- Command of Evidence
- Problem Solving and Data Analysis

- Expression of Ideas
- Passport to Advanced Mathematics

- Standard English Conventions
Essay scoring will consist of three separate scores:

- **Reading**: 2–8 Scale
- **Analysis**: 2–8 Scale
- **Writing**: 2–8 Scale
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