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Your Student
## Updated ACT Overview

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| **Scoring** | ▪ No changes to 1-36 scoring  
▪ New scores reported  
✓ ELA  
✓ STEM  
✓ Career Readiness  
✓ Text Complexity |
| **Math** | More probability & statistics |
| **Reading** | New paired passages |
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| **Essay** | ▪ Now requires analysis of 3 different perspectives  
▪ More scores provided  
✓ Ideas and analysis  
✓ Development and support  
✓ Organization  
✓ Language use |
# New SAT Overview

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| **Structure** | • Evidence-based Reading & Writing  
• Math  
• Optional Essay |
| **Timing** | 3 hours + 50 minutes with Optional Essay |
| **Scoring** | • Now scored on a scale of 1600  
• New optional Essay scored separately  
• No more guessing penalty |
Scoring Details

Composite Score
- Sum of the two Area Scores
- Range of 400 - 1600

Area Score
- Math
  - Range of 200 - 800

Area Score
- Evidence-Based Reading + Writing
  - Range of 200 - 800

Test & Cross-Test Scores
- 3 Test Scores: Math, Reading, and Writing & Language
- 2 Cross-Test Scores: Science, History/Social Studies
- Range of 10 - 40
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- **Reading and Writing combined into new Evidence-Based Reading and Writing Area**
  - Passage topics include US and World Literature, History/Social Studies, and Sciences

- **Reading details:**
  - 500 - 750 word passages
  - 65 minutes

- **Writing and Language details:**
  - 400 - 500 word passages
  - 35 minutes
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| Math     | - Three areas of concentrated focus:  
|          |  ✓ Problem solving and data analysis  
|          |  ✓ “The Heart of Algebra”  
|          |  ✓ “Passport to Advanced Math”  
|          | - New enhanced grid-in (Item sets)  
|          |  ✓ Multi-step student constructed response question  
|          | - 80 minutes  
|          |  ✓ 25 minutes without a calculator  
|          |  ✓ 55 minutes with a calculator  

Test Changes
## New SAT Overview

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| Essay    | - Optional  
          - 50 minutes  
          - Read & analyze a 650-750 word document  
          - Write about how the author builds an argument  
          - Tests reading, analysis, and writing skills |
## PSAT/NMSQT Overview

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<td>Structure</td>
<td>Aligned with the New SAT, and almost the same length</td>
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<td>Timing</td>
<td>2 hours, 45 minutes</td>
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<td>Scoring</td>
<td>- Now scored on a scale of 320-1520</td>
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<td>- No more guessing penalty</td>
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**Test Changes**
PSAT & New SAT Scoring

SAT: 400-1600

PSAT/NMSQT: 320-1520

Composite Score Range
Reading Skills Tested

Current SAT
- Reading Comprehension
- Words in Context
- SAT Words

New SAT
- Reading Comprehension
- Words in Context
- Evidence-based

ACT
- Reading Comprehension
- Words in Context
- Evidence-based

Test Changes
Math Skills Tested

Current SAT

New SAT

ACT

Test Changes
Writing Skills Tested

Current SAT
- Grammar/Usage/Mechanics
- Essay
- Rhetorical Skills

New SAT
- Grammar/Usage/Mechanics
- Rhetorical Skills

ACT
- Grammar/Usage/Mechanics
- Rhetorical Skills

Test Changes
New SAT and ACT: 5 Key Differences

1. The New SAT has a greater focus on History & Social Studies passages

2. Both focus on Algebra, but the New SAT has a greater emphasis on Data Analysis & Problem Solving

3. The ACT requires more Science reading

4. The New SAT requires more mental math

5. The New SAT has grid-in questions, and an extended thinking grid-in question
The New SAT & College Admissions

- First New SAT administration
  - 21 days + up to 4 weeks for scores to be available

- Concordance tables
  - Released in December for the PSAT and May for the SAT

- New and Old SAT scores
  - Schools will accept both scores for a 3-year transition period
New SAT: To be Determined

- Will schools “Superscore” the Old & New?
  - Probably not

- Will schools require the optional Essay?
  - Likely at competitive schools

- What impact will Test and Cross-Test Scores have on admissions?
  - Depends
Test Change Timeline

- **ACT:** Enhanced Scoring + Writing Test
- **PSAT:** New Test Launches
- **SAT:** New Test Launches
- **SAT:** 2nd to Last Current Test
- **SAT:** Last Current Test
Test Options

Current SAT
- Class of 2017: ✔
- Class of 2018 and Younger: ✗

ACT
- Class of 2017: ✔
- Class of 2018 and Younger: ✔

New SAT
- Class of 2017: ✔
- Class of 2018 and Younger: ✔
## Test Paths

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<td>✓ SAT or ACT</td>
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<td>✓ Early Decision, ✓ APs and Subject Tests</td>
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<td>✓ Regular Decision</td>
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<td>✓ Great Test Taker</td>
<td>✓ New SAT, ACT, &amp; Current SAT</td>
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<td>✓ Anxious test taker, ✓ Obvious strengths with one test</td>
<td>✓ Pick one</td>
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Thank you!

Questions,
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