

Taking the SAT

Registering for the Test:

1. Sign in to your free College Board account (you made an account after PSATs). www.collegeboard.org
2. Students who qualify for free/reduced lunch can get a fee waiver from your SSC. **You need this before you register.**
3. Click on the link to register for SATs.
 - a. **CAHPS School ID = 380154; CRA = 380152; BIS = 380153**
 - b. Make sure the name you use is the exact same one on your photo ID.
 - c. It is worth the time it takes to answer the questions about yourself. It will help you find scholarship and college information after the test.
 - d. Decide whether to sign up for the SAT with Essay. Go to this link to see if your college requires the essay. <https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat/register/college-essay-policies>
 - i. Taking the SAT with Essay keeps the door open to colleges that require or recommend it. The essay is a lot like a typical college writing assignment. You have 50 mins to write the essay.
 - e. Upload a photo that meets the VERY SPECIFIC photo requirements.
 - i. Recent photo
 - ii. You are easy to recognize. Full head-and-shoulders view, with the entire face, both eyes, and hair clearly visible (head coverings worn for religious purposes are allowed).
 - iii. You are the only one in photo.
 - iv. In focus. No dark spots or shadows.
 - v. Black and white is acceptable.
 - f. Pay for the test. \$47.50 for regular SAT and \$64.50 for SAT with Essay.
 - i. This price includes four score reports which are available to send up to nine days after the test date.
 - ii. There are fees for changes or late registration.
 1. LATE Registration: Add \$29.00 to the regular fee.
 2. Change Fee: Add \$29.00 (change test center or test date).
 3. Add Essay: Pay the \$17 difference to add the essay to your test.
 - iii. Remember, there are fee waivers available for students who qualify for free/reduced lunch. See your SSC.
 - g. Check out and print your ADMISSION TICKET.
4. Practice for the test. Visit www.satpractice.org for details.

Test Day:

Test centers open at 7:45 and the door closes at 8am. **Do not be late!** You will need to reschedule if you arrive after the door is closed.

1. What To Bring:

- a. Printed Admission Ticket
- b. Approved Photo ID (with same name as Admission Ticket and clear photo)
- c. Sharpened No. 2 Pencils with soft erasers
- d. Approved Calculator
 - i. Most graphic calculators and all scientific calculators are acceptable. Visit <https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat/taking-the-test/calculator-policy> for more info on what type of calculator is allowed.
 - ii. You cannot share a calculator
- e. Water bottle and snacks (for break time not during test)

2. What **NOT** To Bring:

- f. Mobile phones (You must power them down and hand them in before the test and returned before dismissal)
- g. Audio players
- h. Tablets, notebooks, laptops, smart watches, or any other wearable technology
- i. Watches with alarms or that make noise (including smart watches)
- j. Timers
- k. Cameras
- l. Protractors, compasses, rulers
- m. Mechanical pencils, highlighters, colored pens, colored pencils
- n. Pamphlets or papers of any kind
- o. Dictionaries or other books

IMPORTANT NOTE: If your device makes noise or you are seen with it at any time, including during breaks, you may be dismissed immediately, your scores can be canceled, and the device may be collected and its contents inspected.

The test administration staff are required to collect and hold phones and other prohibited electronic devices during the test administration, including break periods, or to deny admission to anyone in possession of a prohibited electronic device.

Taking the Test:

1. When marking answers in your test booklet
 - a. Use a No. 2 pencil with a soft eraser on all parts of the answer sheet.
 - b. No mechanical pencils or pens.
2. There is no penalty for guessing! You earn points for the questions you answer correctly. There is zero advantage to leaving a question blank. Make an educated guess.
3. Keep an eye on the time. Don't spend too much time on any one problem.
4. Do not skip a section and do not leave your answer sheet blank. Doing this could result in score cancellation and/or delays. You cannot go back and work on a previous section once time is up.
5. Store any snacks you bring out of sight in your backpack or a paper bag. You may only eat snacks during breaks.
6. Keep your ID and admission ticket with you at all times, especially if you leave the testing room. You may be asked to show them at any time.
7. Do not write on the test admission ticket!
8. If you exit the building before testing ends, your scores will be canceled.

Scores

1. Score reports will be automatically provided to you, your high school, and to the institutions you designate as part of your registration.
2. The colleges you choose to receive score reports will have access to a copy of your essay if you took the SAT with Essay.
3. Each time you take the SAT or SAT with Essay, the scores are added to your College Board record.
4. If you want to change where your scores are sent, you have until 9 days after the published test date to alter your four free score reports at no charge. After that you are charged the additional fee.