






Big changes are coming to the SAT®

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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 ▶ Subscores and insight scores available
 Anatomy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ 3 Critical Reading tests (20-25 minutes each) ▶ 3 Math tests (10-25 minutes each) ▶ 3 Writing tests (10-25 minutes each) ▶ 1 Essay test (25 minutes) ▶ 1 Experimental test ▶ 5 answer choices for multiple-choice questions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ 1 Evidence-Based Reading and Writing test; 65-minute Reading section, 35-minute Language and Writing section ▶ 1 Math test; 55-minute section with calculator, 25-minute section without calculator ▶ 1 Essay test (optional; 50 minutes) ▶ 4 answer choices for multiple choice questions
 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 ▶ Focus on broad range of content and skills 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Available in print and digitally* ▶ Fewer questions with a greater focus on in-depth analysis of content and evidence
 Essay	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Essay is required ▶ Students have 25 minutes to draft a response ▶ Quality of reasoning and accuracy of data not assessed ▶ Score combined with multiple-choice Writing section 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Essay is optional ▶ Students have 50 minutes to analyze a 650-750 word document and draft an essay ▶ Tests reading, analysis, and writing skills; requires students to analyze a source document 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 ▶ Multiple choice and grid-in questions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Concentrated focus on problem-solving and data analysis, “The Heart of Algebra”, “Passport to Advanced Math” ▶ Real-world problem-solving accompanied by informational graphics ▶ Calculator permitted for 37 questions, not permitted for 20 questions ▶ Multiple choice and grid-in questions, 1 enhanced grid-in question
 Reading and Writing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Critical Reading is in two parts: sentence completions and passage-based questions ▶ Passage-based questions from short (100-150 words) and long (400-850 words) passages ▶ Writing combines score of writing multiple-choice questions and essay 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Reading and Writing combined into “Evidence-Based Reading and Writing” ▶ Reading section does not contain sentence completions ▶ Tests understanding of passages from U.S. and World Literature, History/Social Studies, and Sciences (500-850 words) ▶ Writing and Language section tests “Expression of Ideas” and “Standard English Conventions” through passages relating to Careers, History/Social Studies, Humanities, and Science ▶ Questions pull from extended prose (400-450 words)

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