

The 2016 SAT® - Understanding the Score

While the redesigned SAT has returned to the 1600-score model, the similarities stop there. The revamped scoring system is more complex than previous administrations and provides greater insight into students' strengths and weaknesses.

Our chart below will help you understand how to break it all down.

Type of Score	Score Range	Details
Composite Score	400-1600	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ The sum of the two Area scores—Math score + Evidence-Based Reading & Writing score ▶ The Essay score will be reported separately and is not a part of the Composite Score
Area Score	200-800	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ There are two Area scores – one for Math and one for Evidence-Based Reading & Writing ▶ The Essay score is scored separately and not included in either Area score
Essay	2-8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ The Essay will have three scores – Reading, Writing, and Analysis
Test Score	10-40	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ There are five Test scores – Math, Reading, Writing & Language, History/Social Studies, and Science ▶ Two of the Test scores – History/Social Studies and Science – are “Cross-Test Scores”. These scores will reflect how students perform on specific questions tied to these subjects as seen in both the Math and Evidence-Based Reading & Writing sections.
Subscore	1-15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ There are seven Subscores: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two tied to Reading, Writing & Language • Two tied to Writing & Language only • Three tied to Math ▶ The Reading, Writing & Language Subscores will reflect how students perform on specific questions tied to Command of Evidence and Relevant Words in Context concepts ▶ The Writing & Language Subscores will reflect how students perform on specific questions tied to Expression of Ideas and Standard English Conventions concepts ▶ The Math Subscores will reflect how students perform on specific questions tied to The Heart of Algebra, Passport to Advanced Math, and Problem Solving and Data Analysis concepts

The 2016 SAT[®] - Understanding the Key Terms

Many of the key terms and content areas outlined in the redesigned SAT may look familiar to educators well versed in Common Core objectives. This is intentional. To help you remain clear on what these terms refer to, see our chart below.

Key Term	Definition
Heart of Algebra	Content focuses on creating, solving, and analyzing equations, systems of equations, linear equations, inequalities, and functions
Problem Solving & Data Analysis	Content focuses on real-world problems that include concepts in proportional relationships, percentages, complex measurements, and data interpretation and synthesis
Passport to Advanced Math	Content focuses on understanding and analyzing the structure of advanced expressions as well as complex equations, including quadratic and higher-order equations
Additional Math Topics	Geometry, Trigonometry, and the Pythagorean Theorem
Extended Grid-in	Multi-part math problem that challenges students to problem solve, analyze data, and validate their answers
Informational Graphics	Visual representation of data through tables, charts, and graphs
Command of Evidence	Content focuses on understanding and using evidence in reading, writing, and math in a broad array of contexts, including literature and literary nonfiction, global/international issues, History/Social Studies, Science, and career related topics
Relevant Words in Context	Content focuses on understanding the meaning of words in different contexts and how word choice can shape overall meaning and tone Emphasis on “Tier Two” words, or “words that are of high utility for mature language users and are found across a variety of domains”*
Expression of Ideas	Content focuses on revising a text to improve its topic development, accuracy, logic, cohesion, and rhetoric
Standard English Conventions	Content focuses on the understanding of English grammar and usage skills, such as sentence structure, punctuation, and usage
Source Document	Authentic text from previously published, high quality sources