

# The Redesigned PSAT/SAT

## Key Changes

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# What Do Students Need to Know for Post-High School Success?

The College Board has identified a critical set of knowledge, skills, and understandings that predict student success in college and workforce training programs:

- ▶ Comprehend challenging literary and informational texts
- ▶ Revise and edit extended texts
- ▶ Show command of math, especially algebra and data analysis
- ▶ Use evidence in reading and writing
- ▶ Analyze data
- ▶ Use and understand words in context

# The Redesigned SAT: Assessed Skills and Sample Questions

# What Does the Redesigned SAT Look Like?

- ▶ Evidence-Based Reading and Writing Section
  - Reading Test
  - Writing and Language Test
- ▶ Math Section
  - Math Test
- ▶ Optional Essay

# How Does the Redesigned SAT Compare?

## COMPARISON OF THE MAJOR FEATURES: OF THE CURRENT SAT AND REDESIGNED SAT-

Category	Current SAT	Redesigned SAT
<b>Total Testing Time</b> (Subject to research)	3 hours and 45 minutes	3 hours (plus 50 minutes for the Essay [optional])
<b>Components</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Critical Reading</li> <li>b) Writing</li> <li>c) Mathematics</li> <li>d) Essay</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Evidence-Based Reading and Writing Section               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» Reading Test</li> <li>» Writing and Language Test</li> </ul> </li> <li>b) Math Section               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» Math Test</li> </ul> </li> <li>b) Essay (optional)</li> </ul>
<b>Important Features</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» Emphasis on general reasoning skills</li> <li>» Emphasis on vocabulary, often in limited contexts</li> <li>» Complex scoring (a point for a correct answer and a deduction for an incorrect answer; blank responses have no impact on scores)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» Continued emphasis on reasoning, alongside a clearer, stronger focus on the knowledge, skills, and understandings most important for college and career readiness and success</li> <li>» Greater emphasis on the meaning of words in extended contexts and on how word choice shapes meaning, tone, and impact</li> <li>» Rights-only scoring (a point for a correct answer but no deduction for an incorrect answer; blank responses have no impact on scores)</li> </ul>
<b>Essay</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» Required and given at the beginning of the SAT</li> <li>» 25 minutes to write the essay</li> <li>» Tests writing skill; students take a position on a presented issue</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» Optional and given at the end of the SAT; postsecondary institutions determine whether they will require the essay for admission</li> <li>» 50 minutes to write the essay</li> <li>» Tests reading, analysis, and writing skills; students produce a written analysis of a provided source text</li> </ul>

# Test-Length Comparison

## COMPARISON OF TEST LENGTH AND TIMING: CURRENT SAT AND REDESIGNED SAT

Current SAT			Redesigned SAT		
Component	Time Allotted (minutes)	Number of Questions/ Tasks	Component	Time Allotted (minutes)	Number of Questions/ Tasks
Critical Reading	70	67	Reading	65	52
Writing	60	49	Writing and Language	35	44
Essay	25	1	Essay (optional)	50	1
Mathematics	70	54	Math	80	58
<b>Total</b>	<b>225</b>	<b>171</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>180 (230 with Essay)</b>	<b>154 (155 with Essay)</b>

# Key Changes in the Redesigned SAT

1. Words in Context
2. Command of Evidence
3. The Essay and Analysis
4. Focused Math
5. Problems Grounded in Real-World Contexts
6. Analysis in Science and Analysis in History/Social Studies
7. Founding Documents and the Great Global Conversation
8. Rights-Only Scoring

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# The Redesigned SAT Test Content

# Evidence-Based Reading and Writing Overview

- ▶ **Evidence-Based Reading and Writing Section** comprises the Reading Test and the Writing and Language Test.
- ▶ **Text complexity:** 9<sup>th</sup> grade through first year post-high school
- ▶ Emphasis on **source analysis and use of evidence**
- ▶ Inclusion of **data and informational graphics**
- ▶ Focus on **words in context** and on **word choice for rhetorical effect**
- ▶ Students work with **texts in literature, science and social studies**

# Reading Test Overview

- ▶ The overall aim of the Reading Test is to determine whether students can demonstrate college and career readiness proficiency in **comprehending a broad range of high-quality, appropriately challenging literary and informational texts** in the content areas of U.S. and world literature, history/social studies, and science.
- ▶ The test will comprise a series of **passages and associated multiple-choice questions**. Some question sets will refer to **paired passages**, others will refer to only one passage.
- ▶ Students must refer to the specific language in the passages and use **careful reasoning to draw supportable inferences**.

# Writing and Language Test Overview

- ▶ Assesses college and career readiness proficiency in **revising and editing** a range of texts.
- ▶ **Does not require students to provide written responses** -- multiple-choice questions only.
- ▶ Attends to a **core set of standard English language conventions** and to **effective written expression**.
- ▶ Some passages and/or questions will be accompanied by representations of data — **tables, charts, graphs**, etc.
- ▶ All passages will be written **specifically for the test**.
- ▶ The most common question format will require students to **choose the best of three alternatives** to an indicated part of the passage (often an underlined portion) or to determine that the **version presented in the passage is the best option**.

# Optional Essay Overview

- ▶ Students who opt to take the Essay are required to make purposeful, substantive use of textual evidence in a way that can be objectively evaluated.
- ▶ The Essay task is not designed to elicit students' subjective opinions.
- ▶ The prompt will remain consistent for all administrations of the SAT; only the writing passages will change.
- ▶ Students will receive three scores of 2-8 in Reading, Writing, and Analysis.

# Math Test Overview

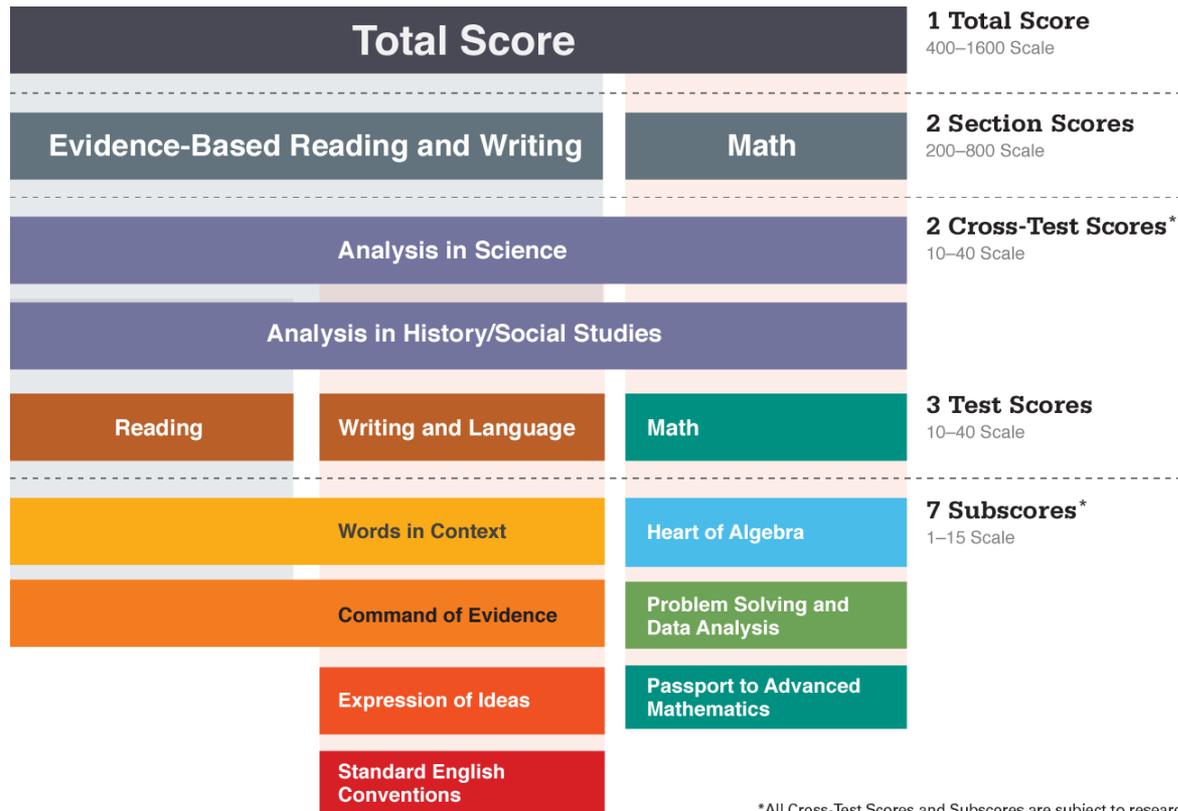
- ▶ Focus on **content that matters most** for college and career readiness:
  - Assesses fluency with, understanding of, and ability to apply mathematical concepts
    - Algebra and linear equations
    - Problem solving and data analysis
    - Advanced mathematical practices
- ▶ Certain key elements will be woven throughout the Math Test:
  - Emphasis on **mathematical application and reasoning**
  - Problems from a **range of disciplines** addressing real-world problems drawn from science, social studies, and careers
  - Inclusion of both **calculator and no-calculator portions** as well as attention to the use of a calculator as a tool
  - Includes both **multiple choice questions** and **student-produced response questions**

# How Do The Tests Impact Instruction in Science, Social Studies, and Career-Related Courses?

- ▶ **Cross-test scores** will include a score for Analysis in Science and Analysis in History/Social Studies
  - Texts used for analysis in reading and writing and language may have foundations in content area courses. Questions related to these texts will contribute to the Cross-Test scores.
  - At least one text used on the Reading Test for analysis will be a Founding Document or from the Great Global Conversation. Questions related to this document will contribute to the Analysis in History/Social Studies Cross-Test score.
  - Tables, graphs, and data may relate to topics in content areas. Questions related to these informational graphics will contribute to Cross-Test scores.
  - Math problems may have science or social science contexts. Questions related to these informational graphics will contribute to Cross-Test scores.

# Scores and Reporting

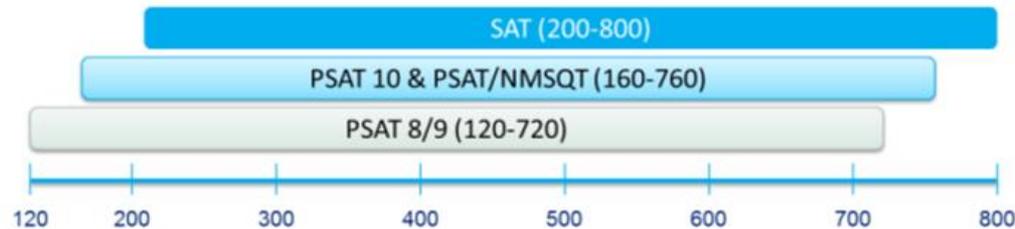
# Score Reporting on the Redesigned SAT



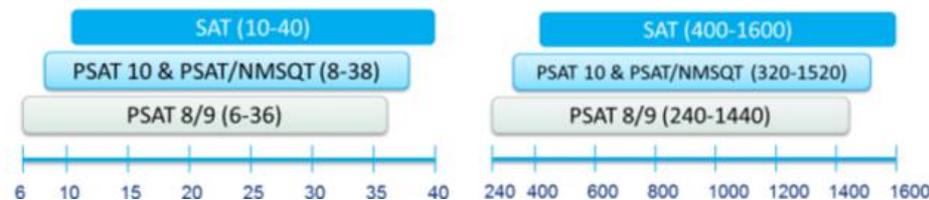
\*All Cross-Test Scores and Subscores are subject to research.

# Scores and Score Ranges Across the SAT Suite of Assessments

- + Section Scores will be placed on a vertical scale.



- + This same concept will hold true for the **Test and Cross-Test Scores** as well as **Total Score**.



# Online Reporting Portal

- ▶ Generates rich score reports that connect student results to classroom work.
- ▶ Provides benchmarks and consistent feedback to help teachers encourage and accelerate students.
- ▶ Accesses a wide array of standard reports.
- ▶ Generates score reports based on student demographics:
  - Compare means and trends among demographic groups;
  - Compare the performance of students in the district and at the state level.
- ▶ Allows educators to drill down to the student level.

# How To Help Students Prepare for the Redesigned SAT

# Practice with Khan Academy

- ▶ The College Board and Khan Academy have partnered to provide online SAT® test preparation programs and resources entirely free of charge.
- ▶ Beginning on **June 2, 2015**, Khan Academy will release an interactive and personalized practice program for the redesigned SAT.
- ▶ Features include:
  - Thousands of practice problems
  - Personalized tutorials on test content
  - Official SAT practice questions and full-length tests
  - Comprehensive reporting for students
  - Access anytime, anywhere — for free
- ▶ The College Board is working with educators, community groups, college access organizations, and parents to provide the necessary resources to propel students to college success.



# Practice with Khan Academy

- ▶ Practice programs will be individually targeted to address each student's greatest areas of need (based on diagnostic assessment on [khanacademy.org](http://khanacademy.org)).
- ▶ Khan Academy provides online guides and suggestions to help teachers use Khan Academy supports in classroom instruction.
- ▶ [www.khanacademy.org/sat](http://www.khanacademy.org/sat)

# Top 10 Things to Tell Students About the Redesigned SAT

1. Register/sign up for Khan Academy.
2. Use evidence to support your arguments.
3. Build your reading stamina.
4. Always analyze the informational graphics.
5. Get excited about the U.S. Founding Documents.
6. Practice editing.
7. Put away the calculator (some of the time).
8. Check your answers.
9. Answer every question on the test.
10. Take the SAT!