

The Digital SAT Suite of Assessments: What Higher Ed Needs to Know

In 2023, the SAT® Suite of Assessments will begin transitioning to an all-digital platform.

The Digital SAT Suite of Assessments

Students live in a digital world and taking the SAT shouldn't be the exception. We're not simply creating a digital version of the current paper and pencil test—we're taking full advantage of what it means to deliver an assessment digitally. The digital SAT Suite of assessments will be **easier to take, easier to give, more relevant, and more secure.**

What's Not Changing

- The digital SAT Suite will continue to measure the knowledge and skills that students are learning in high school and that **matter most for college and career readiness.**
- **Digital SAT scores will mean the same thing and stay on the same 1600 scale.** You won't have to adjust the way you interpret scores.
- The digital SAT will still be **administered in a school or in a test center** with a proctor present—not at home.

Benefits for Students










- The SAT will be shorter—**about two hours instead of three with more time per question.**
- Test content will feature **many more texts, topics, and authors that reflect the diversity of our students.**
- Going digital allows us to give every **student a unique test form, so the digital SAT Suite will be far more secure, which is especially important for global access to the test.**
- **If a student doesn't have a device, we'll provide one on test day.** Students can use their own device, a school-issued device, or request to borrow one from College Board.



Benefits for Higher Ed

- In the U.S., going digital will provide access for more **SAT School Day test takers.** SAT School Day is an important driver of equity and access.
- Increased flexibility will enable **more SAT administrations internationally**—including two additional international administrations in the first year.
- Your institution will **receive scores faster—in days, not weeks.**

Timeline

- We will roll out the digital SAT at international test centers in March 2023 and at U.S. test centers in March 2024.
- For students testing internationally, those in the class of 2024 will be the first to take the digital SAT.
- In the U.S., students in the high school class of 2025 will be the first class to take the digital test.

	International SAT	PSAT-Related Assessments	U.S. SAT and SAT School Day
Spring 2023			
Fall 2023			
Spring 2024			

 Paper and Pencil
  Digital

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Research and Validity

The SAT Suite of Assessments has long been one of the most rigorously researched tests, ensuring our ability to provide an opportunity for all students to show their college readiness knowledge and skills, and to provide higher education with a reliable tool for predicting success in the first year of college and beyond.

Before the first administration in March of 2023 we will conduct extensive research to ensure that our assessments continue to be valid and useful for students and educators.

- A robust research agenda is already well underway. Item pretesting, student focus groups, cognitive labs and surveys, a Reading and Writing study, and a comprehensive timing study have been completed.
- Planned studies in 2022 include: two concordance studies, a concurrent validity study, and two vertical scaling studies. We will be sharing more information on the studies and their findings throughout 2022 and 2023.

“In light of the College Board’s commitment to thorough research ahead of the first administration of the new exam, the shift to a digital SAT will not impact decisions about our use of the SAT or our test policies.”

Stu Schmill, Dean of Admissions
and Student Financial Services,
MIT

In November 2021, College Board conducted our first operational pilot of the digital SAT with over 500 students across nine countries. A few key highlights of the pilot include:

- More than 80% of students who participated in the digital SAT pilot said the test experience was less stressful than the paper and pencil test.
- 100% of test proctors who participated in the pilot said the experience administering the digital SAT was the same or better than administering the paper and pencil test.

We will administer additional operational pilots throughout 2022.

“The College Board has listened to us. This is the right next step for the SAT.”

Wendy Beckemeyer,
Vice President for Enrollment,
Cornell College

The Continuing Value of the SAT

The digital SAT meets students where they are by being easier to take, easier to give, more secure, and more relevant. It will continue to give every student who wants it the opportunity to be recognized show what they can do, and be connected to scholarships to help them pay for college.

When viewed within the context of where a student lives and learns, SAT scores can confirm a student’s grades or demonstrate their strengths beyond what their high school grades may show.

The SAT allows every student regardless of where they go to high school to be seen and to access opportunities that will shape their lives and careers.

“As the admissions landscape at U.S. universities continues to evolve, it’s encouraging to see longstanding promoters of higher education like the College Board working to ensure broader access to testing services. Removal of dated barriers and development of new delivery methods is essential to increasing access.”

John Wilkerson, Interim
Associate Vice President,
International Services,
Indiana University
