

# Digital SAT Scores & Reports

Enrollment leaders should plan to take the actions outlined in this document this spring and summer to prepare for scores from the digital SAT.

In August 2022, we'll begin sending colleges and universities scores for a small number of students who are participating in our digital SAT® research studies. The scores from these studies are valid for use in any campus process for which the paper and pencil scores are used. These scores will be reported along with current SAT scores in the Electronic Score Record data files.

It's important to begin preparing now as these scores will have some differences that you and your staff should understand and examine. In this document, we explain what is changing and what is not, and the actions that you need to take now to be sure you're ready.

## What's not changing:

- **Colleges will continue to access and download files the same way** through [Higher Education Reporting Portal](https://hedreports.collegeboard.org) at <https://hedreports.collegeboard.org>.
- **No changes have been made to the structure of the data layout.** Scores and score percentiles will be reported in the same fields they are currently.
- **Fields for Total, Evidence-Based Reading and Writing, and Math section scores will continue to be populated** as with the current SAT.

## What's changing:

- **Test, cross-test scores, subscore scores, and score percentiles will no longer be reported on the digital SAT—those fields will be blank**—this will include the scores that will arrive this August from students participating in research studies.
- **The “Essay Locator ID” field will be blank.** You can use “Find a Student” in the Higher Education Reporting Portal to download student essays.
- **Paper scores will be discontinued as a delivery method for student scores beginning June 29, 2022.** After that date, scores will only be reported through the Higher Education Reporting Portal.
- **We have posted the electronic score report data layouts for 2022-23** along with sample test files to our [website](#).

## Recommended Actions

### 1. Begin work now with your staff, vendors, and campus IT staff.

The most important work is to ensure the blank fields for test, cross-test, subscore scores, and score percentiles will not cause failure importing scores this summer.

- Review the 2022-23 data file layout with your teams.
- Check with your staff to find any rules that might cause score files with blank fields to fail when uploading.
- Check directly with vendors for systems that import scores and ask to see their suggestions for changes that need to be made to processes importing scores.
- Make sure staff in your office are working with vendors and other campus technology offices involved with the upload of scores to test uploads using sample files.

### 2. Modify policies that require tests, cross-test, and subscore scores before the fall.

The small number of students participating in the pilot spring 2023 and enrolling in fall 2023 as first-year students will likely be the first impacted by the end of test, cross-test, and subscore level scores. However, now is the time to begin modifying policies based on these scores.

- Work with your institutional research and/or enrollment research teams to determine how to use the SAT Evidence-Based Reading and Writing (ERW) section scores, rather than test scores, going forward.
- The College Board offers free research studies for assistance with determining the appropriate use of scores. Find out more at <https://aces.collegeboard.org/>.
- If you prefer to do the research on your own campus, [access this guide](#) for helpful information on how to conduct relevant studies.
- Ensure your staff are able to locate essays using “Find a Student” in the Higher Education Reporting Portal to download student essays.

### 3. If you have more questions or need additional information, email [hereports@collegeboard.org](mailto:hereports@collegeboard.org).