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The SAT Suite of Assessments

The SAT® Suite of Assessments is an integrated system of tests that includes the SAT (for students in grades 11 and 12), the PSAT/NMSQT® and the PSAT™ 10 (for grades 10 and 11), and the PSAT™ 8/9 (for grades 8 and 9).

The tests measure the same skills and knowledge in grade-appropriate ways. They work together to show student progress over time so educators, students, and parents can monitor the student's level of preparation for university or a career. Their content reflects the kinds of meaningful, engaging, and challenging work that students find in middle school and high school courses taught today.

The SAT, the last test in the suite, is a globally recognized university admission test that's widely accepted by universities in the U.S. and in almost 70 other countries.

The SAT is one of the most accessible and fair ways for students from all backgrounds to show what they know and stand out to universities.

The Paper and Pencil SAT

The last international administration of the paper-based version of the SAT took place in December 2022; however, the paper-based SAT continues to be administered in U.S. test centers and SAT School Day administrations through the end of 2023. For information about the paper and pencil SAT scores, see [Understanding SAT Scores](#).

The Digital SAT Suite

While the transition to digital brings a number of student- and educator-friendly changes, many important features of the SAT Suite have stayed the same. The SAT Suite continues to measure the knowledge and skills that students are learning in school and that matter most for college and career readiness. We haven't simply created a digital version of the current paper and pencil tests—we're taking full advantage of what digital testing makes possible. The digital SAT Suite is easier to take, easier to give, more secure, and more relevant.

This Understanding Scores brochure includes information for the digital SAT administered in international test centers.

The digital SAT includes the following sections:

READING AND WRITING

The Reading and Writing section measures comprehension and reasoning skills and focuses on close reading of passages in a wide array of subject areas. It also measures a range of skills, including command of evidence, expression of ideas, and the use of standard English conventions in grammar and punctuation.

MATH

This section includes multiple-choice and student-produced response questions, and students are permitted to use a calculator on all math questions. The Math section assesses skills in algebra, problem-solving and data analysis, manipulation of complex equations, geometry, and trigonometry.

HOW THE DIGITAL SAT IS ORGANIZED

The digital SAT Suite uses multistage adaptive testing (MST). Relying on MST means we can fairly and accurately measure the same things with a shorter, more secure test while preserving test reliability. Both the Reading and Writing and the Math sections are divided into two equal-length and separately timed stages, each composed of a module of questions. The first module contains a mix of easy, medium, and hard questions. Based on how a student performs on the first module, the second module of questions will either be more difficult or less difficult.

Having a personalized test that adapts to their performance level will result in a more efficient assessment of students' academic strengths.

How the SAT Is Scored

All test questions are scored as correct or incorrect. Students won't lose points for guessing, so they should try to answer every question.

The difficulty level and other qualities of each question—as well as whether the student got the question right or wrong—are taken into account when calculating a student's score. No points are subtracted for incorrect answers or answers left blank. That score is then converted to the reported score of 200–800.

How to Compare Scores on Digital and Paper and Pencil SAT

To facilitate the transition to digital, scores from the digital SAT are directly linked to scores from the paper-based SAT, so there is no need for concordance tables or score conversions. College Board has confirmed this statistical linking through a series of studies conducted in 2022. The underlying linking methodology is essentially the same as that used in most assessment programs to equate alternate test forms over time.

The digital SAT and paper and pencil SAT measure similar, but not identical, content, so a score on the paper and pencil test is not a perfect predictor of how a student would perform on the digital test (and vice versa). However, because of the direct link between digital and paper-based SAT scores, scores on the SAT mean the same thing for digital and paper-based editions of the test; for example, a score of 1050 on the digital SAT corresponds to a score of 1050 on the paper and pencil SAT.

When using digital SAT scores, counselors, educators, and higher education professionals can still use the existing ACT/SAT concordance tables with digital SAT scores. College Board will continue to review the relationship between SAT and ACT scores, as well as the linking relationships of the digital and paper-based scores over time.

In addition, the percentiles in this brochure from 2023 testing can be used to interpret digital scores.

Using Digital SAT Score Reports

The digital SAT provides information about a student's developed reading and writing and math skills—knowledge and skills generally associated with university and career success. At most institutions, admission tests such as the digital SAT play a role in outreach, recruiting, selection, placement, and retention. In all cases, score use should take place in the context of the institution's mission and based on empirical data, a solid rationale, or both.

The downloadable score report is not merely a vehicle for retrieving scores. It is designed to help you understand what your scores mean in relation to your knowledge and skills in the context of college and career readiness requirements, the performance of other test takers, and your goals.

The digital SAT provides test interpretation tools that allow test takers and their families, educators, and other stakeholders to make informed, data-based decisions about students' educational futures. The downloadable score report PDFs not only provide easy access to performance information and interpretation aids but also facilitate connections to educational opportunities.

HOW SCHOOLS MAY USE SCORES

Through our K–12 score reporting portal, educators can access the official downloadable score PDF for printing and sharing with the student. Educators can also see additional interpretive insights about the student's results. The PDF, titled "Your Scores", (sample shown on page 4) clearly summarizes a student's current achievement levels and encourages next steps to increase college and career readiness. Teachers can review the official score PDFs with students to help them understand what their scores mean. Reviewing their scores can also help students see their strengths, which can increase their confidence and show them content areas in which they can handle more advanced coursework.

SAT Scores

Total Scores

The total score is the sum of the two section scores; its range is 400–1600.

Section Scores

Students receive scores in the range of 200–800 for each of two sections.

- The Reading and Writing section
- The Math section

Accessing Official Student Scores

A downloadable PDF called “Your Scores” is provided for every SAT test taker. Students aged 13 or older can use their personal College Board account and go to studentscores.collegeboard.org to access their scores online as well as the PDF score report and additional SAT insights.

Score reports will be automatically sent to the student’s high school and to any other organizations/institutions chosen by the student. Students can review the PDF score report with educators at their school. Schools have access to the downloadable PDFs for their students through the [online K–12 score reporting portal](#).

Information About Scores

In the official score PDF, the student can view the three scores available in a digital SAT—total score, Reading and Writing section score, and Math section score. For each score, the official score PDF includes:

- The range of possible scores: 400–1600 for total score, and 200–800 for section scores.
- The All Tester Percentile (formally called the “User Percentile”) of each score. For example, if a student’s score is in the 70th percentile, 70% of a comparison group achieved scores at or below that student’s score.

All Tester Percentiles are based on the actual scores of students in the past 3 graduating classes who took the SAT during high school. The All Tester Percentiles for the first half of 2023 are reported on tests completed anywhere in the world (including the United States) in August 2021 through June 2022.

The All Tester Percentile ranks are provided on page 7 in this publication for both total and section scores.

Information About Knowledge and Skills

Students can view a graphic showing their performance on each of the 8 content areas measured on the digital SAT.

- There are 4 content areas in Reading and Writing, and 4 in Math.
- In each content area, students can view:
 - ♦ The approximate number of questions in the content area and what percentage of the section that represents (e.g., 12–14 questions would be about 26% of the Reading and Writing section).
 - ♦ A visual indication of how the student performed in each content area.
- Students can use this section to identify content areas they may want to focus on to practice and improve.

Additional Support

The last section of the score PDF focuses on next steps the student can take after reviewing their scores. A QR code or link will provide them more information on tools and services related to these next steps, which include reviewing the additional insights on their scores provided in the online portal, Official Digital SAT Prep on Khan Academy®, college and career exploration, and scholarship opportunities.

Sample Official Score Report (Downloadable PDF)

Your Scores

Name: [student's name]
Grade: 11
Test administration: SAT June 3, 2023
Tested on: Jun 3, 2023



SAT Scores

Total Score 1120 400-1600 **63rd***

Section Scores

Reading and Writing **620** 200-800 **78th***
Math **500** 200-800 **44th***


* Percentiles represent the percent of graduating SAT test takers from the past 3 years who scored equal to or lower than you.

Knowledge and Skills


View your performance across the 8 content domains measured on the SAT.

Reading and Writing	Math
Information and Ideas (26% of section, 12-14 questions) 	Algebra (35% of section, 13-15 questions)
Craft and Structure (28% of section, 13-15 questions) 	Advanced Math (35% of section, 13-15 questions)
Expression of Ideas (20% of section, 8-12 questions) 	Problem-Solving and Data Analysis (15% of section, 5-7 questions)
Standard English Conventions (26% of section, 11-15 questions) 	Geometry and Trigonometry (15% of section, 5-7 questions)

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- Get additional score performance insights online.
- Practice key SAT skills on Khan Academy.
- Discover 3,000+ colleges in U.S. and worldwide.
- Search over \$4 billion in scholarship opportunities.
- Explore up to 1,000 careers, and more.



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Additional SAT Insights

Students who already have a College Board student account can get additional insights into their performance on the digital SAT in the online student score reporting portal at studentscores.collegeboard.org. Students can watch a video breakdown of their online scores at satsuite.collegeboard.org/sat/scores/understanding-scores/your-score-report-explained.

Putting Scores in Context

SCORE COMPARISONS

Students can see more contextual comparisons of their scores in the portal. Students can compare their total and section scores to the average scores of all testers in their:

- School (as applicable)
- District (public schools, as applicable)
- State (U.S.-based & territories)
- All Testers (domestic and international)

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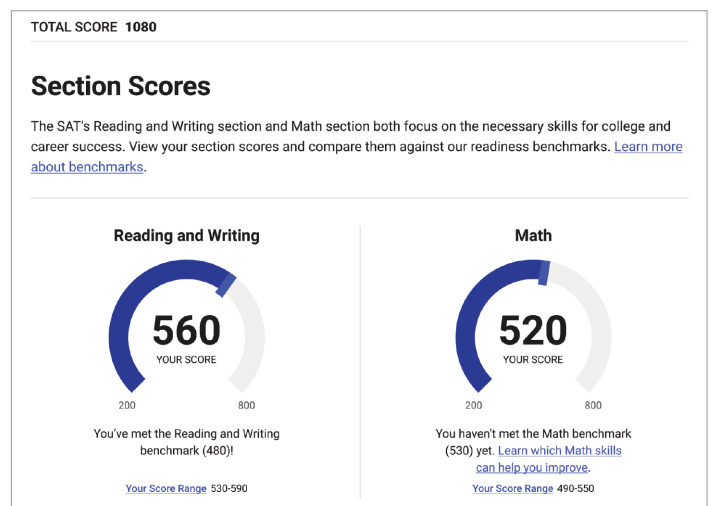
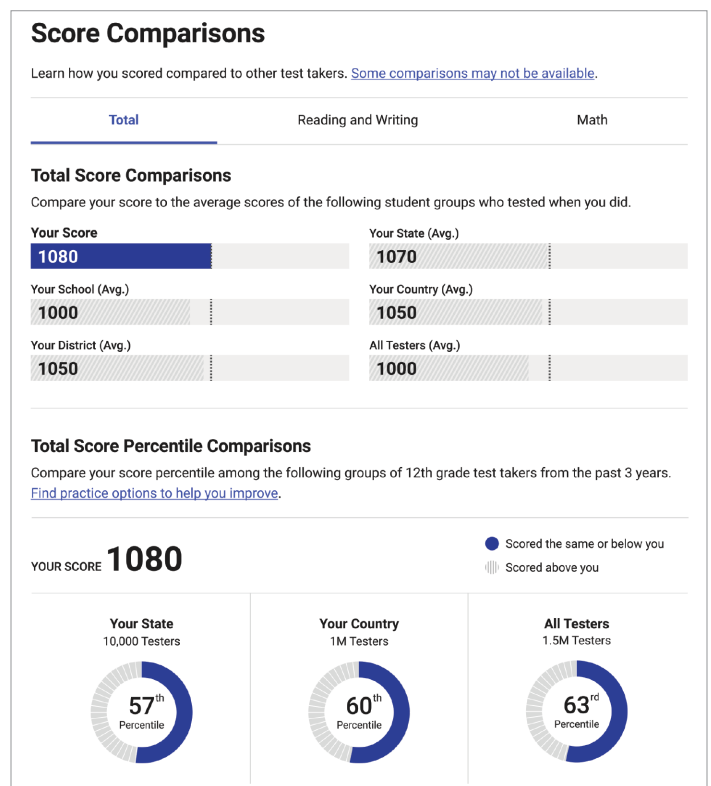
The additional insights provided in the online score reporting portal include percentiles not provided in the downloadable PDF.

- The percentile ranks include:
 - ♦ Country (all testers in the student's country)
 - ♦ State (all testers in the student's state, available for U.S. and U.S. territories only)
 - ♦ All Testers (domestic and international)
- For the percentiles above, the student's score is ranked among testers from the last 3 years, i.e., students in the graduating cohort from each year.
- See page 7 in this booklet for All Tester percentiles for total and section scores.

Section Benchmarks

Students can also view their section level readiness benchmarks in the online score reporting portal. We'll indicate if the student has met the section benchmark or not, providing links to resources to help them analyze what skills to focus on for improvement.

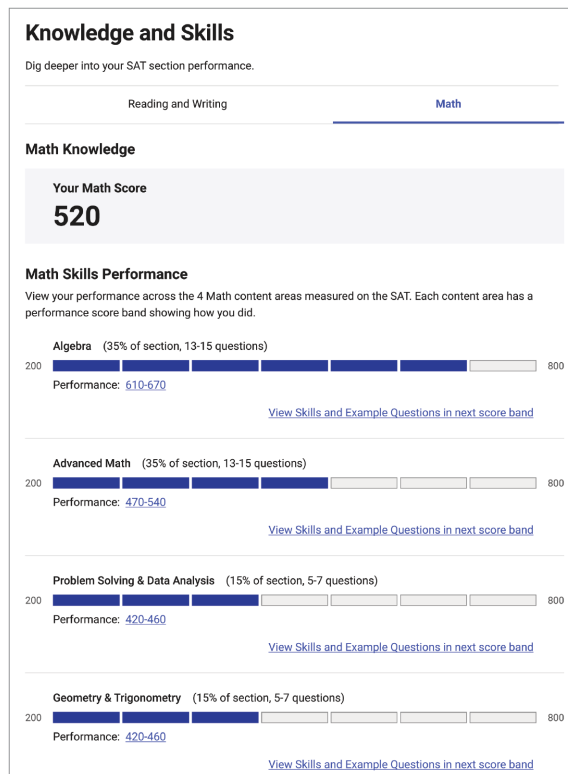
Additionally, we show students their score range and provide a link to information about how a score range more accurately reflects their level of knowledge and skills than a single score.



More About Knowledge and Skills

Based on our Skills Insight™ tool, we provide students with a deeper dive into the knowledge and skills measured by the digital SAT. Similar to the downloadable PDF, the online scores let students view a breakdown of their knowledge and skills across 4 content areas in Reading and Writing and 4 content areas in Math.

- The online insights go further by helping students view their performance across 7 defined performance score bands to get a sense of how they did in each area.
- Students can:
 - ♦ Click **View Skills and Example Questions in Next Score Band** to see skills and example questions that students in this performance score band are typically able to demonstrate, as well as examples of the kinds of questions that these students are likely able to answer correctly.
 - ♦ From the next performance score band, they can navigate to any other performance score band in the Skills Insight tool, including their current performance score band.



Next Steps

- Practice and Improve >
- Retake the SAT >
- Help Colleges Find You >
- Send Your Scores >
- AP Get Your Personalized AP Roadmap >

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Overwhelmed with planning for life after high school? Our free, personalized tools can help.

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- Search over \$4 billion in scholarship opportunities
- Explore up to 1,000 careers, and more

→ Explore BigFuture

Further Guidance

Students can view next steps with linked resources to do more with their score, including:

- Getting practice help to improve their score.
- Registering for another SAT.
- Connecting with universities.
- Sending their scores to universities, colleges, and scholarship organizations.
- Exploring **AP Potential™** in connection with their score.
- Planning for their university and/or career future using their SAT score on BigFuture®.

Percentiles for Total Scores

Total Score	All Testers	Total Score	All Testers	Total Score	All Testers
1600	99+	1190	74	780	12
1590	99+	1180	73	770	10
1580	99+	1170	71	760	9
1570	99+	1160	70	750	8
1560	99	1150	69	740	7
1550	99	1140	67	730	6
1540	99	1130	66	720	5
1530	99	1120	64	710	4
1520	98	1110	63	700	3
1510	98	1100	61	690	3
1500	98	1090	60	680	2
1490	97	1080	58	670	2
1480	97	1070	56	660	1
1470	96	1060	55	650	1
1460	96	1050	53	640	1
1450	96	1040	52	630	1
1440	95	1030	50	620	1
1430	95	1020	48	610	1-
1420	94	1010	47	600	1-
1410	94	1000	45	590	1-
1400	93	990	43	580	1-
1390	92	980	42	570	1-
1380	92	970	40	560	1-
1370	91	960	39	550	1-
1360	90	950	37	540	1-
1350	90	940	36	530	1-
1340	89	930	34	520	1-
1330	88	920	32	510	1-
1320	87	910	31	500	1-
1310	87	900	29	490	1-
1300	86	890	28	480	1-
1290	85	880	26	470	1-
1280	84	870	25	460	1-
1270	83	860	23	450	1-
1260	82	850	22	440	1-
1250	81	840	20	430	1-
1240	80	830	19	420	1-
1230	79	820	17	410	1-
1220	78	810	16	400	1-
1210	76	800	14		
1200	75	790	13		

Percentiles for Section Scores

Total Score	Reading and Writing	Math
	All Testers	All Testers
800	99+	99+
790	99+	99
780	99+	98
770	99	97
760	99	96
750	98	95
740	97	94
730	96	94
720	95	93
710	94	92
700	93	91
690	92	90
680	90	89
670	89	87
660	87	86
650	85	85
640	83	83
630	81	82
620	78	80
610	76	78
600	73	76
590	71	73
580	68	71
570	65	68
560	62	66
550	59	63
540	56	60
530	53	57
520	50	53
510	47	49
500	43	46

Total Score	Reading and Writing	Math
	All Testers	All Testers
490	40	44
480	37	41
470	33	38
460	30	35
450	27	33
440	24	30
430	21	27
420	18	24
410	15	22
400	13	19
390	10	16
380	8	13
370	6	11
360	5	8
350	3	6
340	2	4
330	2	3
320	1	2
310	1	2
300	1	1
290	1-	1
280	1-	1
270	1-	1
260	1-	1-
250	1-	1-
240	1-	1-
230	1-	1-
220	1-	1-
210	1-	1-
200	1-	1-