**SAT Information for Students and Parents**

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The SAT reasoning test is a measure of the critical thinking skills needed for academic success in college. The SAT assesses how well a student analyzes and solves problems.

* The Michigan Department of Education (MDE) has announced it will transition to using the SAT as part of the Michigan Merit Examination (MME). The state will also offer the [PSAT 8/9](https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/psat-8-9) and [PSAT 10](https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/psat-nmsqt-psat-10) to ninth- and 10th-grade students free of charge in the spring.

### What You Need to Know

* Michigan will offer the PSAT 8/9, PSAT 10, and SAT with Essay during regular school hours free of charge to Michigan ninth-, 10th-, and 11th-grade students.
* The Michigan SAT test day is April 12, 2016.
* The Michigan PSAT 10 and PSAT 8/9 will be offered on April 12 and 13, 2016.

## Why the SAT?

* The SAT is accepted at **all Michigan universities** and is already a familiar test to many in the state. The recently redesigned test is more focused and more useful than ever before. The new SAT measures the skills and knowledge that colleges are looking for today. And it reflects what Michigan students are already learning in their classrooms.

### SAT Basics

* More than 1.6 million students take the SAT annually, and it is accepted or required at nearly all four-year colleges and universities in the United States. The SAT is among the most rigorously researched and designed tests in the world. It provides valuable information about college readiness; when used in combination with high school GPA, SAT scores are shown to be the best predictor of a student’s likelihood to succeed in college.

### The Redesigned SAT

* The SAT has recently been redesigned for greater focus, relevance, and transparency. The new SAT more strongly reflects what students are already learning in their classrooms, including the best of instruction in math, English language arts, science, history, and social studies.

### Benefits of Taking the SAT

* SAT scores directly relate to Michigan’s content standards and to knowledge and skills needed for college and career success.
* Students can send SAT scores to four colleges for free, ensuring that colleges have the most complete set of information for decisions on admission as well as on scholarship awards, course placement, or admission to a specific program or major.
* The SAT provides unparalleled opportunities to all students for connections to college, financial support, and scholarships.

### Prepare for the SAT

#### Free Practice from the College Board

* The SAT Suite of Assessments website offers sample questions, printable full practice tests, and more resources to help students get familiar with the test.

#### Free Practice at Khan Academy®

* All students can access Khan Academy’s world-class personalized SAT practice resources for free. These interactive resources complement and reinforce the great work already happening in Michigan classrooms with official SAT practice questions and full-length tests. Teachers and students will also receive detailed information on student progress to guide next steps.

**Scores**

Students who take the SAT can send score reports to four colleges for free. The new SAT includes a new score structure, but the value of SAT scores in college admission won’t change.

**No Penalty for Guessing:** On the new SAT, you simply earn points for the questions you answer correctly. So go ahead and give your best answer to every question — there’s no advantage to leaving them blank.

**More Scores Equals More You:** Reported scores now include subscores and cross-test scores. With these additional scores, the SAT is better at highlighting your strengths and showing colleges that you’ve been building the skills and knowledge you need for college and career.

**Score Reports:** It’s not just colleges that can learn from your scores. You’ll get an online score report that helps you look beyond the numbers, see how you stack up, figure out where you can improve, and **get a personalized study plan on**[**Khan Academy®.**](https://www.khanacademy.org/sat)

If you take the SAT with Essay, you’ll also find a scanned copy of your response.

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