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Dear Parents and Guardians,

On October 7, 2015, the Connecticut State Board of Education adopted the SAT (created by the College Board) as the annual state assessment for eleventh graders in Connecticut. All students in Connecticut must be tested once in high school for English language arts/ literacy and mathematics using the same assessment for all students. This is a requirement of federal and state law. By adopting the SAT, we are eliminating duplicate testing and eleventh grade students in Connecticut will have an opportunity to take the SAT free of charge during the school day. FLHS will administer the SAT (without essay) to all 11<sup>th</sup> graders on Wednesday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>. There is no charge and no registration required.

The SAT assesses the critical thinking skills students need for academic success. Supports are available for students with special needs, as determined by an individualized education program (IEP) or an Americans with Disabilities Act-Section 504 plan. There will also be accommodations for English Learner (EL) students. Many students will be able to use their SAT scores for both the state school accountability system, as well as college admission (if agreed upon by the student/family and the College Board).

**Attached is an informational brochure on the SAT produced by the Connecticut State Department of Education.** School personnel are being trained in all aspects of administration of the SAT, including supports for students with special needs and English learners. Students will also receive an informational booklet mid-late February. Please read this carefully especially sections on cancelling scores and sending scores to colleges.

**There are many free College Board resources to help students get to know the exam.** Resources will provide targeted review and authentic practice with SAT approved questions. Please visit the following Web site <https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/> to view resources such as sample questions, printable full practice tests, and other practice materials at Khan Academy.

As educators, we are committed to working together to support all students and families with resources and information on the SAT, in the hopes that each student will achieve his or her personal best.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert A. Esposito". The signature is stylized with a large loop at the end.

Robert A. Esposito

FLHS Director of Pupil Service and Counseling



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# Important Information for SAT<sup>®</sup> Test-Takers

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# SAT Terms and Conditions

- > By registering for the SAT you are certifying that you are the person whose personal information is being provided for this registration and that the information you are providing about yourself is accurate. If at the time of registration you provide false or misleading information about yourself, such as name, address, date of birth, current grade level, expected graduation date, attending high school, or photo, such misrepresentation can result in a score validity investigation and cancellation of scores.
- > If your school participates in an SAT School Day administration and/or bulk registration process for the test, the College Board may receive your personal information including first name, last name, sex, date of birth, and mailing address from your school. This information will be kept secure and added to your permanent College Board record to be used for score reporting purposes as well as the other purposes that are outlined in the SAT registration booklet and materials. By taking the SAT exam and signing the SAT answer sheet, you acknowledge that your school has provided this information to the College Board and consent to the College Board retaining this information.
- > In certain rare cases when there is unexpected volume in a particular area, resulting in lack of test center space, the College Board reserves the right to move test takers to a different location or to a subsequent test administration.
- > If you want to cancel your scores, you should do so immediately after the test. Your request must be received by the Wednesday after a test administration. Once you submit your request to cancel scores, your scores cannot be reinstated and are not reported to you or your designated institutions.
- > Creating multiple College Board student accounts, intentionally or inadvertently, is strictly prohibited and can result in an investigation and/or the merging of relevant records.
- > Only score reports from completed and scored tests are sent to your colleges and scholarship programs. Scores from future tests for which you registered, but have not yet completed, are not included. You can send all your scores to an institution, or you can choose to select which scores to send an institution by test date for the SAT and by individual test taken for SAT Subject Tests. Score Choice™ is optional; if you decide not to use it when sending scores, the College Board will send all of your scores to the recipient institutions.
- > Each time you test, you can choose those colleges or scholarship programs to which you want to send your scores. The first four are included with your test registration fee. If you are undecided about where to send your scores, you can add or change your score recipients online. Corrections and additions to your score report recipients can be made online until the second Monday after the national test administration date. The four score-sending requests that are included with registration cannot be applied to past or future score-sending requests or registrations.
- > Most, but not all scores will be reported online and available by phone several weeks after the test date. Your score report will be delivered to the high

school, colleges, universities and scholarship programs you indicated when you registered, and additional score report requests will be delivered approximately three weeks after the request is received. A paper copy of your score report can be requested at the time of registration.

- > SAT Program policies are subject to change at any time for test security or other reasons. The SAT Program will attempt to provide adequate prior notice although circumstances may limit our ability to do so.
- > The College Board will not be responsible for personal property brought to the test center on test day that becomes lost, stolen, or damaged.
- > In the event of a test security-related concern, public health threat, natural disaster, or terrorist act, the College Board may cancel testing for all or a particular group of test-takers. When this occurs, the SAT Program will attempt to provide adequate prior notice, although circumstances may limit our ability to do so. Once determined, we will communicate test cancellations and where feasible, alternative test dates for affected test-takers.
- > In order to ensure the integrity of the SAT Program, the College Board reserves the right to bar any individual from registering and/or taking the SAT or a Subject Test.
- > If the College Board becomes aware that you may be in imminent danger of harming yourself or others, or being harmed by others, including based on the content of your SAT essay, we reserve the right to contact the appropriate individuals or agencies, including your high school. We might also provide the relevant essay or other content, along with your personal information, to those contacted.
- > Except as otherwise indicated in this text, the College Board, including its subcontractors, shall not be liable to test-takers, schools, school districts, or anyone claiming by or through them for any damages, including direct, indirect, special, incidental, consequential, exemplary or punitive damages, which are caused by, arising from or otherwise related to the failure of test administration personnel, the students or the school, or the test center to comply with the College Board's and its subcontractors' test security and test administration policies and procedures, whether or not the College Board has been advised of the possibility of such damages.
- > The College Board or its designee may make use of video surveillance cameras at any or all test centers for the purpose of test security. These images, which may permit the College Board to identify specific individuals, may be collected, stored, reviewed, and used for the purposes of (1) identifying and/or investigating possible SAT test security incidents; (2) collecting evidence in connection with possible SAT test security incidents; and (3) enhancing SAT test security. These images are maintained following test administration for so long as is reasonably necessary for the purposes specified. Thereafter the images are securely destroyed. The College Board will not use or disclose video surveillance information except as described above, as requested by law enforcement, and/or as reasonably necessary to protect the rights and property of the College Board or third parties.

# Test Security and Fairness

The College Board's Test Security and Fairness policies are designed to give every student a fair and equitable opportunity to demonstrate college readiness. They are also designed to prevent anyone from gaining an unfair advantage on SAT tests. When you register to take the SAT® or SAT Subject Tests™, you acknowledge that you have read, understand and will comply with our Test Security and Fairness policies.

- > You must present acceptable photo identification for admission to the test center.
- > Allowing someone to impersonate you to take a College Board test, or engaging in impersonation to take a test for someone else, is strictly prohibited.
- > Your scores and your registration information, including the photo you provided, will be made available to your high school. In the event of an investigation involving the validity of your test scores, your photo may be made available to institutions to which you have sent your scores; however, any college that is granted access to your photo will first be required to certify that you are an admitted student. See "Important Information for Test-Takers," for more details about grounds for score cancellation and the use of your personal information and photo.
- > Sharing of test questions or answers is prohibited at any time. Never give questions or answers to anyone or discuss them by any means (e.g., email, text messages, exchanges via the Internet, or any other form of communication). There is never any point in time at which you are allowed to discuss exam content unless it is released as part of a College Board service (such as the Question-and-Answer Service).
- > The use of phones and certain other electronic devices is prohibited in SAT test centers. You are responsible for understanding and following the Phones and Electronic Devices Policy as it appears below and in the *Student Registration Guide for the SAT and SAT Subject Tests*.
- > Test materials are secured before, during and after the test. You are prohibited from accessing secured test materials at any time before or after the test. You are also prohibited from reading test materials without completing an answer sheet. If you leave your answer sheet blank, you are subject to dismissal.
- > If you exit the building before testing ends, your scores will be canceled.
- > While you are taking the test, you should not allow anyone to see the test questions or your answers — your test booklet and answer sheet should remain flat on your desk at all times.
- > The timing of each test section is strictly scheduled. You cannot skip ahead or go back to a previous test or test section in the test book or answer sheet while taking the SAT or SAT Subject Tests.

- > If your essay does not reflect your original and individual work, your entire SAT with Essay test score can be canceled.
- > You may not consult textbooks, other people, electronic devices, or any other resources during the test or during breaks.
- > Calculators may not be shared, and may only be on your desk during applicable math test sections or tests. Unapproved use of a calculator in any section other than the Math Test – Calculator section or SAT Subject Test in Mathematics will result in dismissal from the test center and cancellation of scores.
- > If you fail to comply with these Test Security and Fairness policies, you may be dismissed from the test center, and your scores may be withheld or canceled. If you are dismissed from the test center prior to completing the test because of failure to comply with these Test Security and Fairness policies, your test fees will not be refunded.
- > Legal action may be taken against test takers who violate applicable laws.

## **PHONES AND ELECTRONIC DEVICES POLICY**

The test administration staff is encouraged to collect and hold phones and other prohibited electronic devices during the test administration, including during break periods. If your device makes noise, or you are seen using it or you attempt to access it at any time, including during breaks, you will be dismissed immediately, your scores can be canceled, and the device may be confiscated. The College Board is not responsible for loss or damage to personal items, including electronic devices, while you are in the test center.

## **SAT TEST-TAKER IDENTIFICATION (ID) REQUIREMENTS AND POLICIES**

You are responsible for understanding and following these Identification Requirements and Policies. All of the identifying information that you provide during the registration process, including your photo, will be displayed on your Admission Ticket. On test day, the test center staff will match the information on your Admission Ticket with your photo ID and the test center roster to confirm your registration and identity. You cannot be admitted to a test center if any of the information does not match.

## **ACCEPTABLE IDENTIFICATION DOCUMENTS**

You are responsible for bringing an acceptable form of identification each time you report to an SAT test center. ID documents must meet all of the following requirements:

- > Be a valid (unexpired) photo identification that is government-issued or issued by the school that you currently attend. School IDs from the prior school year are valid through December of the current calendar year. For example school IDs from 2014-15 can be used through December 31, 2015.
- > Be an original document (not photocopied)



- > Bear your full name exactly as it appears on your Admission Ticket, including the order of the names
- > Bear a recent recognizable photograph that clearly matches both your appearance on test day and the photo on your Admission Ticket
- > Be in good condition, with clearly legible English language text, and a clearly visible photograph

Note: Not all of these requirements apply to Talent Search Identification documents used by students in the 8th grade or below at the time of testing; however, Talent Search Identification Forms must bear an original student/parent signature.

## **ADDITIONAL IDENTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS THAT MAY APPLY**

When you register for the SAT or SAT Subject Tests under the circumstances specified below, additional identification requirements will dictate what ID you can use on test day. In all of the cases below, only the listed form of ID will be accepted. There are no exceptions to these policies.

- > If you are in Waitlist status, you must present an acceptable school- or government-issued photo ID that has been issued in the country in which you are testing.
- > If you are testing in Ghana, India, Nepal, Nigeria, or Pakistan, you must present your passport.
- > If you are testing in Egypt, Korea, Thailand, or Vietnam, you must present your passport or a government-issued photo ID from the country in which you are testing. If you travel to another country to test, you must provide a passport as identification.
- > If you are 21 years of age or older, you must present your passport or a government-issued photo ID. Student ID cards are not valid for test-takers aged 21 or older.
- > If you are in the 8th grade or below and are testing for Talent Search purposes, a valid Talent Search ID Form is acceptable. In all other cases, you must present an acceptable photo ID.

# Important Information for Test-Takers

The testing policies and other information provided herein apply to every SAT test administration (including district- or state-sponsored administrations such as SAT School Day) except where, and only to the extent that, you are provided with different guidelines and rules issued by the College Board or Educational Testing Service (“ETS”).

## **PRIVACY POLICY**

The College Board recognizes the importance of protecting your privacy rights. You will be required to provide your name, the high school you attend and other personal information during the registration process.

The College Board employs an array of measures, in compliance with applicable laws and the policies and guidelines set forth herein, to manage and safeguard personal information that you provide to the College Board. Please see the College Board’s online privacy policy at [collegeboard.org/html/privacy001.html](http://collegeboard.org/html/privacy001.html). See below for information regarding unsolicited telemarketing calls.

Your scores will be made available to your high school. You will have the option to disclose your information for scholarship purposes, Student Search Service®, score reporting to institutions other than your high school, and receiving communications from the College Board.

The College Board may use scores and information you provide for research purposes and may share your scores and information with third parties to enable them to provide services to the College Board, or to conduct research consistent with the College Board’s not-for-profit education-related mission. Recipients of your data will be obligated by the College Board to implement controls to protect the confidentiality and security of your data.

Your individual scores and other information you provide during registration and testing may be reported to your district or state and/or their agents and representatives for educational, diagnostic and/or reporting purposes. For more information about the guidelines on the uses of College Board test scores and related data, ask your counselor or download “Guidelines on the Uses of College Board Test Scores and Related Data” from [collegeboard.org/research](http://collegeboard.org/research).

**Your name will never be sold to a commercial marketing firm or retailer of merchandise or services (such as test prep).**

The College Board maintains records of the personal information and photo that you provided at the time of registration for each test date, and which was used to produce the photo Admission Ticket required for test center entry. Some of the information, including photos, is available to your high school, the ETS Office of Testing Integrity, and the College Board. In the event of an investigation involving the validity of your test scores, your photo may be made available to institutions to which you have sent your scores. Any college that is granted access to your photo

will first be required to certify that you are an admitted student. When legally compelled to do so, for example pursuant to a subpoena, the College Board may provide your information and photo to outside parties.

The College Board will disclose scores to a student's parent or guardian if the parent or guardian is able to supply to the College Board the required authentication information, unless the College Board determines in its sole discretion that its records on the student contain a court order, state statute, or legally binding document relating to matters such as divorce, separation or custody that restricts the parent's or guardian's access to the student's scores. The College Board will not independently investigate whether a court order, state statute, or legally binding document exists other than in its records, rather relevant documents and information must be submitted to the College Board. The College Board reserves the right to request additional documents and information in connection with determining whether or not to disclose scores to a parent or guardian.

## **TELEMARKETING AND INTERNET SCAMS**

From time to time, we receive reports of phone scams in which callers posing as employees of the College Board contact students and families attempting to sell test preparation products, or otherwise request sensitive personally identifying information, such as credit card and social security numbers. Some of these callers engage in illegal "spoofing" to make it seem as if the call is coming from the actual company. **These calls do not come from the College Board. The College Board does not make unsolicited phone calls to students or families requesting this type of information.** This type of activity, known as telemarketing fraud, is a crime. Should you receive an unsolicited phone call or text message from someone claiming to work for the College Board, including where your Caller ID indicates that the telephone number originates from a College Board location, do not provide the caller with any personal information.

If you provide your phone number on your registration materials, representatives of the College Board only make calls or send text messages to students and their families in response to student-generated inquiries, or to provide or gather information about a test or program for which the student registered or regarding preparation for college and the application process. Should you have a question about the origin of a phone call you have received in which the caller claims to be from the College Board, contact us at **866-756-7346**. To make a complaint, and to obtain more information about protecting yourself from telephone and Internet scams, visit the FTC's Consumer Information site at <http://www.consumer.ftc.gov/>.

## **GROUNDINGS FOR SCORE CANCELLATION**

As the College Board test administrator, ETS ensures that the SAT is fairly administered on test day. The College Board and ETS strive to report scores that accurately reflect the performance of every test-taker. Accordingly, ETS standards and procedures for administering tests have two primary goals: give all test-takers equivalent opportunities to demonstrate their abilities, and prevent any test-taker from gaining an unfair advantage over others.

ETS reserves the right to dismiss test-takers, decline to score any test, and/or cancel any test scores when, in its sole judgment, as applicable, a testing irregularity occurs, there is an apparent discrepancy in the test-taker's identification, a test-taker is improperly admitted to the test center, a test-taker engages in misconduct, based on a test-taker's testing history, the validity of the score is suspect; or the score is deemed invalid for another reason, including, but not limited to, discrepant handwriting or plagiarism. Investigations that are pending are kept confidential, but results of completed investigations may be communicated to intended score recipients, including if investigation indicates attempts to gain an unfair advantage through actions such as impersonation, use of prohibited items, or attempts to send/receive test content.

When, for any of these reasons, ETS cancels a test score that has already been reported, it notifies score recipients that the score was canceled but it does not disclose the reason for cancellation unless authorized to do so by the test-taker, there is suspected impersonation, in certain cases that affect a group of test-takers, or where required by law.

**Testing Irregularities** Testing irregularities refer to problems or irregular circumstances or events associated with the administration of a test. When they occur, they may affect an individual or groups of test-takers. Such problems include, without limitation, administrative errors (e.g., improper timing, improper seating, accommodations not approved by the College Board, defective materials, and defective equipment), indication of possible preknowledge of secure test content, and other disruptions of test administrations (e.g., natural disasters and other emergencies).

When testing irregularities occur, ETS may cancel an administration or individual registrations, decline to score the test, or cancel the test score. ETS may do so whether or not the affected students caused the testing irregularities, benefited from them or engaged in misconduct. ETS is solely responsible for determining whether testing irregularities have occurred, and its decisions are final. When it is appropriate to do so, ETS gives affected test-takers the opportunity to take the test again as soon as possible, without charge. These remedies are the sole remedies available to test-takers as a result of testing irregularities. More information about makeup testing is given below.

**Identification Discrepancies** When in the judgment of ETS or test center staff, there is a discrepancy in a test-taker's identification or photograph on the Admission Ticket, the test-taker may be denied admission to or dismissed from the test center; in addition, ETS may decline to score the test, or immediately cancel the test score.

**Misconduct** When ETS or test center personnel find that there is misconduct in connection with a test, the test-taker may be dismissed from the test center, or ETS may decline to score the test or may cancel the test score. Repeated minor infractions during the test may result in dismissal from the test center or score cancellation. Test-takers whose scores are canceled due to misconduct will forfeit test and registration fees. Misconduct includes, but is not limited to:

- > taking any test questions or essay topics from the testing room, including through memorization, giving them to anyone else, or discussing them with anyone else through any means, including, but not limited to, email, text messages or the Internet
- > obtaining improper access to the test, a part of the test or information about the test or to the test center
- > referring to, looking through or working on any test, or test section, other than during the testing period for that test or test section
- > referring to, or looking through any test or test section while leaving the answer sheet blank
- > using any prohibited aids such as, but not limited to, cell phones, other oral or written communication devices, and reference books, etc., in connection with the test, including during breaks
- > sharing or other misuse of equipment, including using a calculator on a test or test section for which calculator use is not allowed
- > consuming food or drink in unauthorized areas
- > leaving the test room without permission
- > leaving the building at any time during the test administration, including during breaks
- > attempting in any manner to remove from the test room any part of a test book or any notes relating to the test
- > attempting to give or receive assistance. Discussion or sharing of test content during the test administration, during breaks, or after the test, is prohibited. Communication with other test-takers in any form is prohibited during the test administration
- > attempting to take the test for someone else or attempting to have someone else impersonate you to take the test.
- > using a telephone or cell phone or any other prohibited digital and/or electronic device without permission of the test center staff
- > creating a disturbance or failing to follow instructions given by test center staff
- > failing to follow any of the test administration regulations contained in the Registration Guide, in other registration materials or given by the test supervisor

**Testing History** At ETS's sole discretion, the procedures afforded to test-takers whose scores are canceled pursuant to the Invalid Scores section, immediately following, may not be afforded to test-takers whose scores are canceled pursuant to this section.

**Invalid Scores** ETS may also cancel scores if it judges that there is substantial evidence that they are invalid for any other reason. Evidence of invalid scores may include, without limitation, plagiarism, discrepant handwriting, unusual answer patterns, inconsistent performance on different parts of the test, text that is similar to that in other essays, paraphrasing of text from published sources and essays that do not reflect the independent composition the test is seeking to measure.

Before canceling scores under this "Invalid Scores" section, ETS notifies the test-taker in writing about its concerns, gives the test-taker an opportunity to submit information that addresses the concerns, considers any such information submitted, and, if substantial evidence still exists that the scores are not valid, offers the test-taker a choice of options. The options may include voluntary score cancellation, a free retest under closely-monitored conditions, or arbitration in accordance with ETS's standard Arbitration Agreement. In addition, when ETS notifies the test-taker about concerns, the test-taker is sent a copy of the booklet *Why and How Educational Testing Service Questions Test Scores*, which explains this process in greater detail. (Any test-taker may request a copy of this booklet at any time.)

If at any time before, during or after a review of questionable scores, ETS finds that misconduct has occurred in connection with a test, ETS may treat the matter under its misconduct procedures; in that event, the options available under this "Invalid Scores" section or in the "Testing Irregularities" section, as applicable, will not be available even if those options were previously offered. **Note:** The retest option is available only for tests administered in the United States and Canada. The arbitration option is available only for tests administered in the United States.

**Suspected Impersonation** In cases where the College Board or ETS believes that someone other than the registered test-taker took the test for the registered test-taker, and in other cases where required or permitted by law, the College Board and ETS may refer the matter to law enforcement and inform the registered test-taker's parent(s), legal guardian(s), high school, and colleges and other institutions to which the registered test-taker requested scores be sent. The registered test-taker specifically acknowledges, and agrees to, such disclosure.

**Reporting Misconduct or Suspicious Behavior** All SAT exams are administered under strict supervision and security measures. To report any suspected violation of our Test Security and Fairness policies, or any suspicion concerning the security of an SAT test administration, please contact the Office of Testing Integrity by phone at (609) 406-5430 between 7:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. Eastern/New York Time, by fax at (609) 406-9709, or by email at [testsecurity@info.collegeboard.org](mailto:testsecurity@info.collegeboard.org) as soon as possible. All information will be held strictly confidential.

## **MAKEUP TESTING**

The following policies apply to makeup testing:

- > The availability of makeup testing and the conditions under which test-takers are entitled to take a makeup test are at the sole discretion of the College Board.
- > Only registered students can take a makeup test. Students who have already tested during the same administration may not use a makeup administration to retest or to take a different SAT Program test.
- > You may test only at the center for which you are registered or authorized. You must present an acceptable ID and an Admission Ticket with photo.
- > You may only take tests that you registered to take on the original test date.
- > You must take the entire SAT, SAT with Essay, or SAT Subject Test at a makeup administration.
- > Sunday testing is offered for religious reasons only, not for makeup testing.
- > Access to essays from makeup administrations may be subject to several weeks' delay.
- > The Question-and-Answer Service (QAS) is not available for makeup tests, even if it was an available service on the original testing date.

## **SCORE VERIFICATION**

You can request a multiple-choice hand score verification or essay score verification, or both, up to five months after the test date by printing and completing a Request for SAT Score Verification form. Please read the information on the form carefully before deciding to request this service. There is a score verification fee required to cover the costs associated with verifying your scores. If you used a fee waiver to pay SAT registration fees, the score verification fee will be reduced.

# Reporting

**General Information** Each time you take an SAT Program test (SAT, SAT with Essay, or SAT Subject Test), the scores are added to your permanent College Board record. Your six most recent SAT and six most recent SAT Subject Test reportable scores are reported to you and to your high school. Most students' scores are made available to them online several weeks after the test (slightly longer for the redesigned SAT in the first few administrations). A full online score report becomes available about a week and a half after scores are released. A paper copy is sent to you by mail if you register by mail and do not have a free College Board online account or if you indicate your preference to continue receiving a paper copy. Between four and six weeks after the test, a copy of your score report is made available to your high school as specified during registration and to the colleges and scholarship programs you choose when you register. Additional score reports ordered for already scored tests will be sent between one and three weeks after the request is received.

We keep your full score history on file. We only report the scores to colleges that you select through Score Choice, but we cannot delete scores from your record. If you do not want your test scored at all, request a score cancellation form from the test center supervisor on test day or immediately go online to learn how to cancel them at: [sat.org/scores](http://sat.org/scores).

The report you receive and the reports received by colleges and your high school contain scores that have been converted to the College Board 200- to 800-point scale for all SAT Program tests. Note that the redesigned SAT includes additional scores that offer insights into your skill levels. The College Board does not use either your raw score or your reported scaled score by itself or in combination with any other information to predict your individual future academic performance at specific postsecondary institutions. However, the College Board does provide assistance to individual colleges and universities to help them use SAT Program test scores, high school records and other relevant information in making appropriate admission and placement decisions. Test scores are the property of the College Board.

**Delayed Scores** Scores can be delayed by various situations; we will notify you if your scores are subject to any unusual delays. If your score report is not available online when expected, you should check back the following week. If you have not received your online report by two weeks after the score release date, or your mailed score report by four weeks after the score release date, contact Customer Service by phone or email. Score release dates can be found at [sat.org/scores](http://sat.org/scores).

**Score Choice** Score Choice is an option which allows you to choose which scores you send to selected colleges for admission purposes as well as scores you send to selected scholarship programs. Please note that different colleges and scholarship programs use SAT scores in different ways. We've collected SAT score-use practices from every college or scholarship program that chose to provide the requested information in order to help you make an informed choice about the scores you send.



Please note:

- > College- and scholarship program-specific SAT score-use practices referenced in Score Choice materials are based on information provided to us by each participating college or scholarship program.
- > The description of a particular SAT score-use practice in the Score Choice materials might not include every aspect of how a college or scholarship program uses a student's score for admission decisions; additionally, SAT score-use practices for a particular college or scholarship program may change periodically and may not be automatically updated in Score Choice. Therefore, we recommend that you check with the college or scholarship program to which you are sending SAT scores to confirm its SAT score use-practice.
- > Where you send your scores, and which scores you send there, are important decisions that you should research and consider carefully and discuss with your parents and guidance counselors. While we have made available the information on score-use practices provided to us by participating colleges and scholarship programs to assist you in this process, we are not responsible for the accuracy of the information or the consequences of your decisions.
- > You and your high school will continue to receive reports containing all of your scores.
- > If you opted into the Student Search Service, colleges can receive your name related to score range information, but your exact score will not be reported. Colleges must certify that they will not use your information to make or influence individual admissions decisions.

## **SENDING SCORES TO COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY SYSTEMS**

For certain college and university systems, once you submit your score to one school, other schools within that system will also have access to your score. Please note, however, that if you are applying to more than one school within a college or university system, it is still important for you to send your SAT scores to each individual school. If you are not sure whether the specific school you are applying to is part of such a system, contact the school's admission office.

Additionally, if you have decided to participate in the Student Search Service, colleges and universities may identify you to provide you with materials about college admission and financial aid. Student Search Service does not report your course grades, test scores, phone numbers, or Social Security number to these organizations, but organizations can request student information based on a variety of criteria, which may include score range or other variables such as geographical location or expressed interests.

**Scholarships** Most of the scholarships available from the college and scholarship programs listed in the SAT Code List booklet are restricted to U.S. residents or children of employees of the scholarship sponsors. For more information, contact the colleges and scholarship programs in which you are interested. The SAT Program automatically reports scores to certain U.S. government and state scholarship programs to be used as one source of information to recognize student

achievement. SAT provides the report of your records for this purpose so that you do not have to use one of your free score reports. Your SAT score will be reported automatically for consideration if your mailing address or high school is in one of the following states:

- > Alaska, Delaware, Georgia, Idaho, Illinois, Kentucky, Maryland, Missouri, North Carolina, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Tennessee, Washington, and West Virginia.
- > For students who meet certain specific criteria (last name and score range), North Carolina State University may provide a scholarship regardless of your state of residence.
- > State Scholarship Program participants may change at any time, and this advisory material may not always reflect the most up-to-date information.

If you attend school or live in one of the above states, you can stop the automatic reporting of your test scores by writing to **College Board SAT Program, Attention: Confidentiality, P. O. Box 025505, Miami, FL 33102** by no later than the 15th day after the test date.

The SAT Program automatically reports scores and identifying information for Presidential Scholars consideration for test-takers in all states, the District of Columbia, U.S. territories, Puerto Rico, and U.S. citizens abroad.

#### **Releasing Your Scores to the New York State Scholarship Program**

**(NYSSP)** The NYSSP requires that New York State students who wish to be considered for the Robert C. Byrd Honors Scholarships and Regents Scholarships in Cornell University on the basis of their SAT scores take the SAT before November 1, 2015. The latest published SAT administration date that meets this deadline is October 3, 2015.

The New York State Standardized Testing Law requires that you specifically authorize the sending of all reports. Your SAT scores and other information from your record will be sent to the Scholarship Program if you authorize the release of your scores at the time that you apply for a scholarship. To do that, you must answer "yes" and sign the score release statement in the scholarship application.

Scholarship application forms are sent by the State Education Department to principals of all high schools in New York State in December or January. If you follow these procedures, there is no fee for sending reports to the NYSSP.

The College Board releases to the NYSSP the names, addresses, and other identifying information of seniors who registered to take the SAT prior to November 1, 2015, who are New York State residents, and who apply for scholarship(s). This procedure facilitates the matching of student files so that scores for all students who authorized their release are sent to the NYSSP. If you do not want your name and address released for this purpose, notify **College Board SAT Program, NYS Scholarship Program, P.O. Box 025505, Miami, Florida 33102**.

**Procedures for Keeping Scores on File** Your scores are kept indefinitely, unless you tested before entering the ninth grade. If you test in the eighth grade or below, your scores are removed from your file at the end of the year that you

tested. If you don't want your scores removed, you must let us know before the end of June of the year you tested. Send a letter that is signed by you and your parents and that provides your identification information, registration number and test date to: **The College Board SAT Program, Attention: Talent Search Scores, P. O. Box 025505, Miami, FL 33102.**

Your test scores and your responses to the SAT Questionnaire are maintained on active file by the SAT Program until June, one year after your class graduates from high school. (If you tested after high school, this information is kept on active file for a full year beyond the year in which you tested.) After that time, these data are placed in an archival file. Test scores can be obtained from the archival file indefinitely, although the College Board cannot guarantee that scores can always be retrieved. Note also that the College Board cannot make updates or changes to the archived records. For requests to have a permanent College Board student record removed, individuals must call College Board Customer Service or write to **The College Board, Attention: Customer Service, P.O. Box 025505, Miami, FL 33102.**

### **Ordering Scores More Than One Year After Your High School Graduation**

Scores can be ordered for students who have been out of high school for at least one year and who have not tested for one or more years. Older scores must be ordered using the paper form or by contacting Customer Service. The ordering of such older scores is subject to an additional fee to cover the cost of looking up your scores; this fee will be charged whether or not scores can be located.

Official score reports sent to colleges five or more years after a test date are accompanied by a message explaining that they may be less valid predictors of college academic performance than more recent scores would be. This message also notifies colleges that for SAT Subject Tests, the test-taker's knowledge of the subject may change given additional study in the area, and scores may become less valid predictors within a shorter time period.

**Missing Scores** If previous scores are missing from your score report, call SAT Customer Service or write to: **The College Board SAT Program, Attention: Unreported Scores, P.O. Box 025505, Miami, FL 33102.** Provide identification information, test dates and previous score recipients to which you want updated reports sent. Reports will be sent at no charge.

**Other Processing Issues** The College Board's processes are designed to ensure that registration records are properly handled and processed, and that answer sheets are properly handled and scored. In the unlikely event that an issue arises in connection with shipping or otherwise processing registration materials, answer sheets, or score reports, or with regard to scoring the test, or score reporting, the College Board will correct the error, if possible, or schedule a make-up for impacted test takers, or provide a refund of the test fee. These are the sole remedies for test takers in relation to such issues. The College Board has sole discretion in determining whether to score lost answer sheets that are eventually recovered.

# Students Testing in California and New York State

The California Education Code requires that you be given certain information concerning the purposes of the tests, property rights of the test subject and test agency to the test scores, procedures for releasing score reports, and score interpretation.

Statistical information related to the use of test scores in predicting future grade point averages (GPAs) must be provided to test-takers prior to the administration of the test or coinciding with the initial reporting of test scores.

The New York State Standardized Testing Law requires that certain information concerning the purposes of the test, property rights of the test-taker and test agency to the test scores, test fairness and equity, procedures for releasing score reports and for reviewing challenges about test questions, and score interpretation be provided to test-takers along with the Registration Form or score report.

The information for both California and New York State test-takers is furnished in the *Student Registration Guide for the SAT and SAT Subject Tests* and in the material included with score reports. Complete descriptions of the content of the tests, along with information on test preparation and sample questions, are provided in the booklets *Getting Ready for the SAT\** and *Getting Ready for the SAT Subject Tests*, which are available without charge from school offices for students who plan to register for these tests.

\* Two versions of the Getting Ready for the SAT booklet have been provided to your school. If you taking the current SAT, ask for the guide that applies to it, which was sent to your school last year. Your counselor can order additional copies if needed. Students taking the redesigned SAT in or after March 2016 can use the newer edition of the booklet sent to schools in August 2015.

See how to request our SAT Answer Verification Services: Question-and-Answer Service (QAS) and Student Answer Service (SAS) at <http://sat.collegeboard.org/scores/verify-sat-scores>. In addition, students who took the SAT in California in December 2015 can review the test questions under secure conditions at the ETS Western Field Office in Concord, California by calling (925) 808-2000 for details.

# Predicting College Grades

The primary purpose of the SAT is to provide information to college admission staff that helps them to evaluate a student's application. The College Board recommends that score recipients use scores in combination with other information such as grades and courses taken in determining admission. Results of research conducted using data from 149 colleges show that test scores on the current SAT, in combination with a student's high school grade point average, predict college freshman GPA more accurately than either SAT scores or high school GPA alone.

For all college freshmen in the study (N= 206,844), the predictive validity of an optimally weighted combination of SAT scores and high school GPA is 0.62. The correlation between the critical reading section score and freshman GPA is 0.49, between the math score and freshman GPA is 0.49, and between the writing section score and freshman GPA is 0.53. For all three sections (reading, mathematics, and writing), the correlation with freshman GPA is 0.55, while the correlation between high school GPA and freshman GPA is 0.53. The combination of scores and high school GPA raised the correlation 0.07 over scores alone, and 0.09 over high school GPA. For males, the correlation between the combination of scores and high school GPA with freshman GPA is 0.60, an increase of 0.07 over scores alone and 0.08 over high school GPA. For females, the correlation between the combination of scores and high school GPA with freshman GPA is 0.65, an increase of 0.06 over scores alone and 0.12 over high school GPA. All correlations are adjusted for restriction of range to account for enrolled students' narrower range of scores as compared to the wider range of scores observed in an applicant pool.

The changes to the SAT should provide the higher education community with a more comprehensive and informative understanding of students' readiness for college-level work, more clearly and transparently focus on the knowledge, skills, and understandings that students need to be successful in college and careers, and improve the links and connections between assessment and instruction by better reflecting the meaningful, engaging, and rigorous work that students must undertake in the best high school courses being taught today (for additional info visit [collegereadiness.collegeboard.org](http://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org)). The College Board will maintain and improve the high level of technical quality of the SAT as well as its rigorous validity research agenda. The results of ongoing research into the redesigned SAT will be released as they become available.

# Procedures to Ensure Fairness and Equity

All SAT Program test questions and editions of the tests are reviewed by external, independent educators from throughout the United States. These reviews help ensure that wording and content are unambiguous and relevant and that the language used is not offensive to or inappropriate for any particular group of students based on race/ethnicity or gender. Assessment staff ensure that the test as a whole includes references to men and women, as well as to individuals from varied racial, ethnic, and cultural backgrounds. Statistical procedures are also used to identify questions that proved to be harder for a particular group of students to answer correctly than would be expected from their performance on other items in the test; these questions are excluded from appearing on tests.

# Relationship of SAT Scores to Family Income

The correlation of SAT scores and student-reported family income tend to be in the 0.30s, which is consistent with general research findings on the relationship between educational measures and family income level. Although average SAT scores tend to be higher for students from higher-income families, students from every income level, as reported on the SAT Questionnaire, obtain the full range of SAT scores. Furthermore, many students from low-income families do well on the test. For seniors who graduated in 2014, approximately one-third of the students with reported family income of or below \$40,000 obtained scores above the national average.

# Restricted Registrations

As a United States-based corporation, the College Board, along with our representatives overseas, is subject to U.S. economic sanctions, laws, and regulations. We are, therefore, prohibited from providing testing services to or accepting registrations from persons in Cuba, Iran, North Korea, and Sudan, or persons designated by the U.S. government as Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons (collectively, "Sanctioned Persons"), unless specifically licensed or otherwise authorized by the U.S. Government. Payments submitted by or for such Sanctioned Persons may have to be placed in a blocked, interest-bearing account at a U.S. financial institution. If payment is not blocked under U.S. law, it may be returned to the registrant. If, however, a payment is blocked under U.S. law, the registrant may contact the U.S. Treasury Department's Office of Foreign Assets Control ("OFAC"). The list of countries contained in this section is subject to change. Contact SAT Customer Service if you would like to obtain the current list of restricted countries. Additional information regarding the U.S. Government's sanctions programs and contact information for OFAC is available at <http://www.treasury.gov/resource-center/sanctions/Programs/Pages/Programs.aspx>.



# About the College Board

The College Board is a mission-driven not-for-profit organization that connects students to college success and opportunity. Founded in 1900, the College Board was created to expand access to higher education. Today, the membership association is made up of more than 6,000 of the world's leading educational institutions and is dedicated to promoting excellence and equity in education. Each year, the College Board helps more than seven million students prepare for a successful transition to college through programs and services in college readiness and college success — including the SAT<sup>®</sup> and the Advanced Placement Program<sup>®</sup>. The organization also serves the education community through research and advocacy on behalf of students, educators, and schools.

For further information, visit **[collegeboard.org](https://collegeboard.org)**.

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