

Connecting Assessments with Opportunities: The Redesigned SAT[®] Compared to the ACT[®]

Launching March 2016, the redesigned SAT[®] is focused on the classroom skills and knowledge that are essential for college and career. The redesigned test is part of the College Board's commitment to ensuring that our assessments not only measure readiness, but connect students to opportunities including free practice tools and college application fee waivers.

	Redesigned SAT[®]	ACT[®]
TEST FEATURES		
Curriculum based	✓	✓
Optional essay	✓	✓
No guessing penalty	✓	✓
Full test specifications available online	✓	
FEE WAIVERS		
Test fee waivers for eligible students	✓	✓
Free late registration for fee-waiver students	✓	
Four college application fee waivers sent directly to eligible students	✓	
Four free score sends with registration	✓	✓
Four free additional score sends	✓	
FREE PRACTICE		
Official, personalized practice recommendations on Khan Academy [®] that help students where they need it most	✓	
Four full-length practice tests	✓	
Sample test questions	✓	✓
SAT practice app with paper scan & score functionality	✓	
SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE TESTED		
Focused on the few things evidence shows matter most for college and career, in both math and ELA	✓	
Vocabulary: Focused on words more widely used in college and career	✓	✓
History/social studies and science included throughout all required sections of the test	✓	
Integration of words and numbers across academic disciplines	✓	
Demonstration of command of evidence	✓	
Essay analyzing a source	✓	

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TEST STRUCTURE AND FORMAT

Testing time	3 hours + 50-minute SAT essay (optional)	2 hours 55 minutes + 40-minute essay (optional)
Structure	3 tests + optional SAT essay	4 tests + optional writing test
Score range	Composite 400–1600 (SAT Essay: reported in 3 dimensions, each 2–8)	Composite 1–36 (writing domain scores: 2–12)
Test length and timing	<p>Number of questions: 154 Time per question: 1:10</p> <p>Reading Test 65 minutes 52 questions</p> <p>Writing and Language Test 35 minutes 44 questions</p> <p>Math Test 80 minutes 58 questions <i>Use of a calculator permitted on some problems</i></p>	<p>Number of questions: 215 Time per question: 0:49</p> <p>Reading Test 35 minutes 40 questions</p> <p>English Test 45 minutes 75 questions</p> <p>Math Test 60 minutes 60 questions <i>Use of a calculator permitted on some problems</i></p> <p>Science Test 35 minutes 40 questions</p>

Working together, the tests that constitute the SAT Suite of Assessments — including PSAT[™] 8/9, PSAT[™] 10, PSAT/NMSQT[®], and the SAT — provide benchmarks and consistent feedback for measuring student progress over time, allowing teachers to accelerate students who are either ahead or behind. And, in addition to fee waivers and free, personalized practice tools through Khan Academy, the assessments help connect students to millions of dollars in scholarships and Advanced Placement course work.

For more information, visit sat.org/new

*ACT data was retrieved July 2, 2015, from act.org and actstudent.org.



Family & Friends



Interests



College

The Step-by-Step Guide to College Planning



Earn + \$22k/yr

College matters — for life

A college education is a gateway to success in today's knowledge-based, global economy.

College graduates earn an average of \$22,000 more per year than high school graduates.

College is more than a classroom. It's an important opportunity to learn and grow as a person, gaining independence, confidence and life skills.



The website to help your student plan for college

BigFuture™ by the College Board is a free, comprehensive website that guides families — step by step — in preparing for, finding and enrolling in college. At bigfuture.org, you can:

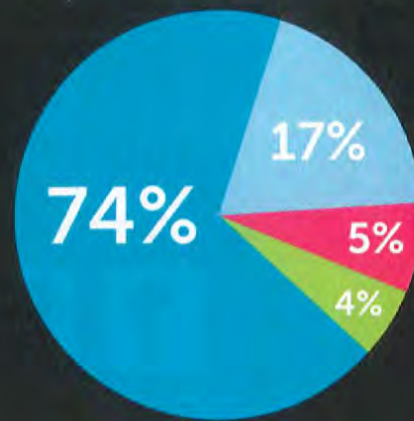
- Use intelligent search-and-match tools and informative videos to find colleges that are a good fit for your student;
- Learn how families like yours have paid for college; and
- Create a personalized plan for college so you and your student know what to do and when to do it.

Help your student navigate the steps to college using BigFuture.

Financial aid comes from many sources:

Federal government grants, loans and other aid: **74%**
College grants and scholarships: **17%**
State government grants and scholarships: **5%**
Private employer grants and scholarships: **4%**

Be sure to take advantage of federal- and college-provided funds that add up to 91% of all aid.



BigFuture guides students as they find, afford and enroll in a college that's a good fit for them.



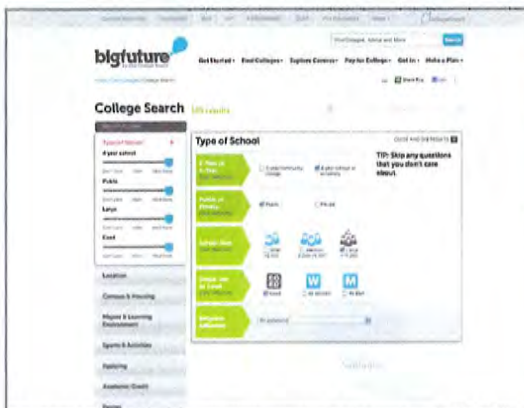
Using BigFuture™

The College Board developed BigFuture in collaboration with parents, students and educators to make the college planning process easier and less overwhelming. Students can:

- **Start with a focus on themselves;** their interests, what and where they want to study, how much financial assistance they think they'll need and other important considerations;
- **Search for colleges** and easily compare them based on factors ranging from majors to size and location;
- **Watch videos from real students** who explain what they did to get into college and what their college experience has been like;
- **Hear from education professionals** who provide the inside story on preparing for and getting into college;
- **Learn about the different kinds of colleges** and how to find one that is the right fit for them;
- **Find valuable help in paying for college** by discovering what goes into college costs and how to find financing; and
- **Build a personalized plan** for realizing their goals and getting into a college that meets their needs.

BigFuture will make you feel more confident about your student's ability to go to college. And it will give you the tools you need to help your student get there.

Get free expert guidance in helping your student go to college. Go to bigfuture.org.



Search and compare colleges.



Hear the inside story from educators.