

What to Expect on the New SAT

| KEY ELEMENTS | THE NEW SAT |
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| Scoring | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No wrong-answer penalty Perfect score is 1600: 800 for Math; 800 for Evidence-Based Reading and Writing Optional essay will receive a separate score |
| Timing | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3 hours; 3 hours 50 minutes with optional essay |
| Administration | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fewer questions with a greater focus on in-depth analysis of content |
| Essay | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Essay is optional Students have 50 minutes to analyze document and draft an essay Requires students to analyze source documents and explain how the author builds an argument |
| Math | <p>Focus on 3 topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Heart of Algebra, which focuses on the mastery of linear equations and systems. Problem Solving and Data Analysis, which includes analyzing data, charts and graphs that apply to real-world situations. Passport to Advanced Math, which features questions that require the manipulation of complex equations. <p>Calculator <i>not</i> permitted for all math sections</p> |
| Reading and Writing | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All reading test questions are multiple choice and based on passages Focus on using evidence in passages to support answers and reasonable conclusions Analysis of charts and graphs and how they relate to text Focus on understanding of literature, social studies and science passages Focus on important, widely used words and phrases, using context to determine their meaning |