

<b>Changes</b>	<b>Current SAT</b>	<b>Redesigned SAT (starting spring 2016)</b>
<b>Scoring</b>	2400 points possible over 3 sections	1600 points possible over 2 sections
<b>Incorrect Answer Penalty</b>	1/4 point deduction for incorrect answers on multiple-choice questions	No penalty for incorrect answers
<b>Sections</b>	3 sections (Math, Critical Reading, Writing Skills)	2 sections (Math, Evidence-Based Reading and Writing)
<b>Length of Test</b>	3 hours, 45 minutes	3 hours (without essay) 3 hours, 50 minutes (with essay)
<b>Format</b>	Paper and pencil option only	Paper and pencil AND a computer-based option
<b>Reading and Writing</b>	<p>Two sections: Critical Reading and Writing Skills</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vocabulary tested by sentence completion questions; famous for "SAT Words," often considered obscure</li> <li>• Passage-based questions, with passages drawn from random topics sentence completion questions; famous for "SAT Words," often considered obscure</li> </ul>	<p>One section: Evidence-Based Reading and Writing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No more sentence completions</li> <li>• Vocabulary less esoteric, more likely to be found in real life</li> <li>• Focus on providing support for answers from evidence found in passages</li> <li>• Passages will draw from significant historical or scientific documents</li> </ul>
<b>Math</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Covers topics from Arithmetic, Algebra I, Geometry, and a little bit of Algebra II</li> <li>• Calculators permitted throughout</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Focus more on application-based questions; will cover topics from Problem Solving and Data Analysis, the Heart of Algebra, and Passport to Advanced Math</li> <li>• Calculators only sometimes allowed</li> </ul>
<b>Essay</b>	Required first section of the test (25 minutes, timed)	The essay will be optional (50 minutes, timed)