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THE NEW DIGITAL SAT: INFORMATION YOU NEED TO KNOW

The Digital SAT is a new format of the SAT test given in an online format by the College Board. The College Board has adapted the test based on many factors and information gathered from the COVID-19 lockdowns, access concerns, and more. This transition to a digital format marks a significant shift from the traditional paper-based test and is designed to modernize the testing experience for students. Here is some helpful information as you plan for your teen's SAT experience:

The New Digital SAT: What is the same?

- Scoring will still be a 400-1600 scale
- Verbal Section: Reading and Writing
- Math Section
- Availability of practice tests on Khan Academy
- Similar concepts and content
- Math questions are similar to current paper-and-pencil test

The New Digital SAT: What is different?

- Format is digital (online) and adaptive
- Test length is shorter at 2 hours and 15 minutes
- Scores will be available faster
- Testing is done on your own personal computer
- A calculator can be used in both math sections (not just one section, as on previous version)
- Online calculator integrated into the test
- Availability to take at school during the school day at educational institutions that opt to offer this
- No bubble (answer) sheets or booklets to fill in
- Reading and Writing passages are much shorter – up to 150 words (previous SAT passages are up to about 750 words)
- Each passage has only a single question
- Annotation tool to highlight, underline, and take notes

What is a Digital Adaptive Test?

An adaptive test model adjusts the difficulty of questions based on the performance of the person taking the test. Instead of wasting time on questions that are too easy or too challenging, students will spend more time on questions at their skill levels. Adaptive testing allows the SAT to provide accurate scores with fewer questions. However, the SAT's content won't change much. The digital SAT is still focused on the same set of math and verbal questions. An adaptive format makes the digital SAT more efficient.

What are the Benefits of a digital assessment?

- Makes the test more secure, as materials cannot be leaked or tampered with
- Has convenient scheduling and more testing dates
- Improves accessibility with enhanced features for students with disabilities, such as adjustable screen sizes and screen readers