

The SAT® and Michigan: What You Need to Know

What is the SAT?

The SAT® is a college entrance exam that is accepted or required at nearly all four-year colleges and universities in the United States. It is among the most rigorously researched and designed tests in the world, serving as both a measure of students' college readiness and as a valid and reliable predictor of college outcomes.

How many higher education institutions in Michigan accept the SAT?

All Michigan colleges accept and use the SAT for admission decisions.

- ▶ 60,000 SAT scores were sent to Michigan universities last year.

What College Board programs are currently offered in Michigan?

The SAT, AP®, and PSAT/NMSQT® are just some of the programs we offer Michigan students.

SAT

- ▶ **4,027 Michigan students in the class of 2014 took the SAT;** 2,774 were in public school.
- ▶ 78.1% of total Michigan SAT takers (3,145) met the SAT College and Career Readiness Benchmark.
- ▶ 78.6% of public school students (2,180) met the benchmark.

AP

- ▶ **In May 2014, 57,510 Michigan students took 94,043 AP Exams;** 50,829 were in public school.

PSAT/NMSQT

- ▶ **In 2013, 39,280 Michigan students benefited from taking the PSAT/NMSQT;** 30,644 were in public school.

The redesigned SAT debuts in March 2016. What's changing?

The redesigned SAT focuses on the skills and knowledge that evidence shows are needed most for college and career success. It reflects what students are already learning in their classrooms, including the best of instruction in math, English language arts, science, history, and social studies.

- ▶ "SAT words" will no longer consist of vocabulary students may not have heard before and are not likely to hear again. Instead, the redesigned SAT will focus on words that students use consistently in college and beyond.
- ▶ The guessing penalty for wrong answers has been eliminated.
- ▶ Additional information is available at deliveringopportunity.org.



What resources will you provide to Michigan students, parents, and educators through SAT School Day?

Beginning fall 2015, we will provide in-person and technology-based professional development and assistance for:

- ▶ Local test administrators, proctors, and technology coordinators.
- ▶ Teachers, students, and parents, to help them understand the redesigned SAT and analyze test results.
- ▶ Postsecondary enrollment professionals, to show them how to use data/resources to inform admission and financial aid decisions.

We are working closely with state officials to develop a clear plan and next steps for Michigan's transition to the SAT in spring 2016. For more information, visit www.collegereadiness.collegeboard.org.

How will the transition to the SAT benefit Michigan educators, schools, and families?

The transition to the SAT will benefit Michigan through:

- ▶ **Free, personalized SAT practice resources from Khan Academy.** We have partnered with Khan Academy to provide all students with free anytime/anywhere access to online, interactive resources beginning May 2015. These resources will complement and reinforce the great work already happening in Michigan classrooms, and will include official SAT practice questions and full-length tests. Teachers and students will also receive detailed information on student progress to guide next steps.
- ▶ **Money-saving scholarship opportunities and college application fee waivers.** By opting in to the College Board's Student Search Service® when they register for the SAT, students will be connected to scholarship and financial aid opportunities from more than 1,200 colleges, universities, scholarship programs, and educational organizations. In addition, all low-income SAT takers in Michigan who meet the criteria outlined in the College Board's RFP response will receive four college application fee waivers to use at over 2,000 participating institutions.
- ▶ **Plenty of time and opportunity to prepare.** The redesigned SAT together with the redesigned PSAT™ 8/9 and PSAT™ 10, and the PSAT/NMSQT make up the SAT Suite of Assessments. The skills and knowledge measured by the PSAT-related assessments — administered in grades 8–11 — are the same as those measured by the SAT, so for students who participate, it will be easy to track progress and identify areas in need of improvement. Identifying these areas early in a student's high school career gives teachers ample time to intervene and help students succeed.
- ▶ **Less work for school staff.** Michigan's transition to the SAT eliminates the need to reapply for testing accommodations if already approved for AP Exams or the PSAT/NMSQT.