

The Good, Bad and Ugly of the Digital SAT 2023



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It's a pleasure to meet you!

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What is the SAT?

- Offered 7 times per year
- Digital as of March 2024 for all test takers
- Reading/Writing & Math
- Admissions & Scholarship Considerations

Digital SAT: Key Differences

	Paper SAT	Digital SAT
Delivery	Taken on paper book at test center	Taken on a laptop/tablet (student's or school's) at test center
Sections	One English, One Writing, Two Math (No-Calculator and Calculator)	Two Reading/Writing (mixed), Two Math (calculator for both)
Timing	Three hours of exam with two breaks	Two hours of exam with one break
Adaptivity	None	The second Reading/Writing and second math section will adapt based on performance in the first section.

Digital SAT: Breakdown

- **Maximum Score: 1600 (800 Reading/Writing & 800 Math)**
 - PSAT: 1520 (760 Reading/Writing & 760 Math)
- **Reading Writing: 2 Sections 27 Questions 32 Minutes**
 - Short Passages
- **Math: 2 Sections 22 Questions 35 Minutes**
 - PSAT Same # Questions & Time
- **Section Adaptive**

Digital SAT: Reading/Writing

- Reading/Writing
 - Craft & Structure (28%)
 - Information & Ideas (26%)
 - Standard English Conventions (26%)
 - Expression of Ideas (20%)

Digital SAT: Math

- Math
 - Algebra (35%)
 - Advanced Math (35%)
 - Problem Solving & Data Analysis (15%)
 - Geometry & Trigonometry (15%)

Digital SAT Details

- Students will use an approved device:
 - Laptop, School Chromebook, or Tablet ... no phones
- Test will be through an App
 - Bluebook, downloaded from College Board.
- Testing Center, Proctored, Time Built In
- The app is designed to handle connectivity issues
 - The College Board hasn't released details, but student work will be saved and their time won't be lost.



The GOOD

Shorter Test

RC: One paragraph Reading Passage + 1 Question

WR: Sentence completions

Math: Integrated Calculator (Desmos)

Individual Timing

Faster Exam Results





The BAD

Device Issues

Technology Concerns

Accommodations = Paper Based Exam





The UGLY

Equitable concerns

Policy

Test Optional

ACT





Timelines

Current Sophomores

Option 1: Take DIGITAL PSAT in 2023 + Paper-based SAT in Fall 2023

Option 2: Take DIGITAL PSAT in 2023 + DIGITAL SAT in March 2024

Option 3: Take DIGITAL PSAT in 2023 + Paper-based ACT in 2023-24

Current Freshmen

Option 1: All digital PSAT and SAT

Option 2: Paper-based ACT

Thank you!

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