

The Redesigned SAT Test

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Class of 2016

- ▶ The College Board **STRONGLY** suggests all current Seniors take the SAT on or before the January 23rd test date – before the new design is administered on March 5th.
- ▶ If a Senior takes the redesigned test in and after March 2016, the new SAT results may not be available to meet University admission timelines.

College Board and Khan Academy

- ▶ Students are given access to a FREE Khan Academy personalized learning plan after taking the PSAT in October and after taking the Redesigned SAT
- ▶ For the first time ever, the creators of the SAT have given Khan Academy exclusive access and advice to build a personalized practice program for anyone, anywhere.

Check it out! <https://youtu.be/E4zUMO24RVg>

Why College Board Changed the Tests

- ▶ The world needs more people who can solve problems, communicate clearly, and understand complex relationships. The SAT Suite of Assessments focuses on the skills and knowledge that will help today's students meet that need.

The tests are designed to:

- ▶ Measure the essential ingredients for college and career readiness and success, as shown by research.
- ▶ Have a stronger connection to classroom learning.
- ▶ Inspire productive practice.

They Changed What?

You might be surprised by everything that's new about the new SAT:

- ▶ All-new essay — and it's optional
- ▶ No penalty for guessing
- ▶ No vocab that you'll never use again
- ▶ [Click here](#) for more Key Content Changes

No Penalty for wrong answers!

- ▶ Students will earn:
 - ▶ One point for each correct answer
 - ▶ Zero points for unanswered items
 - ▶ Zero points for wrong answers

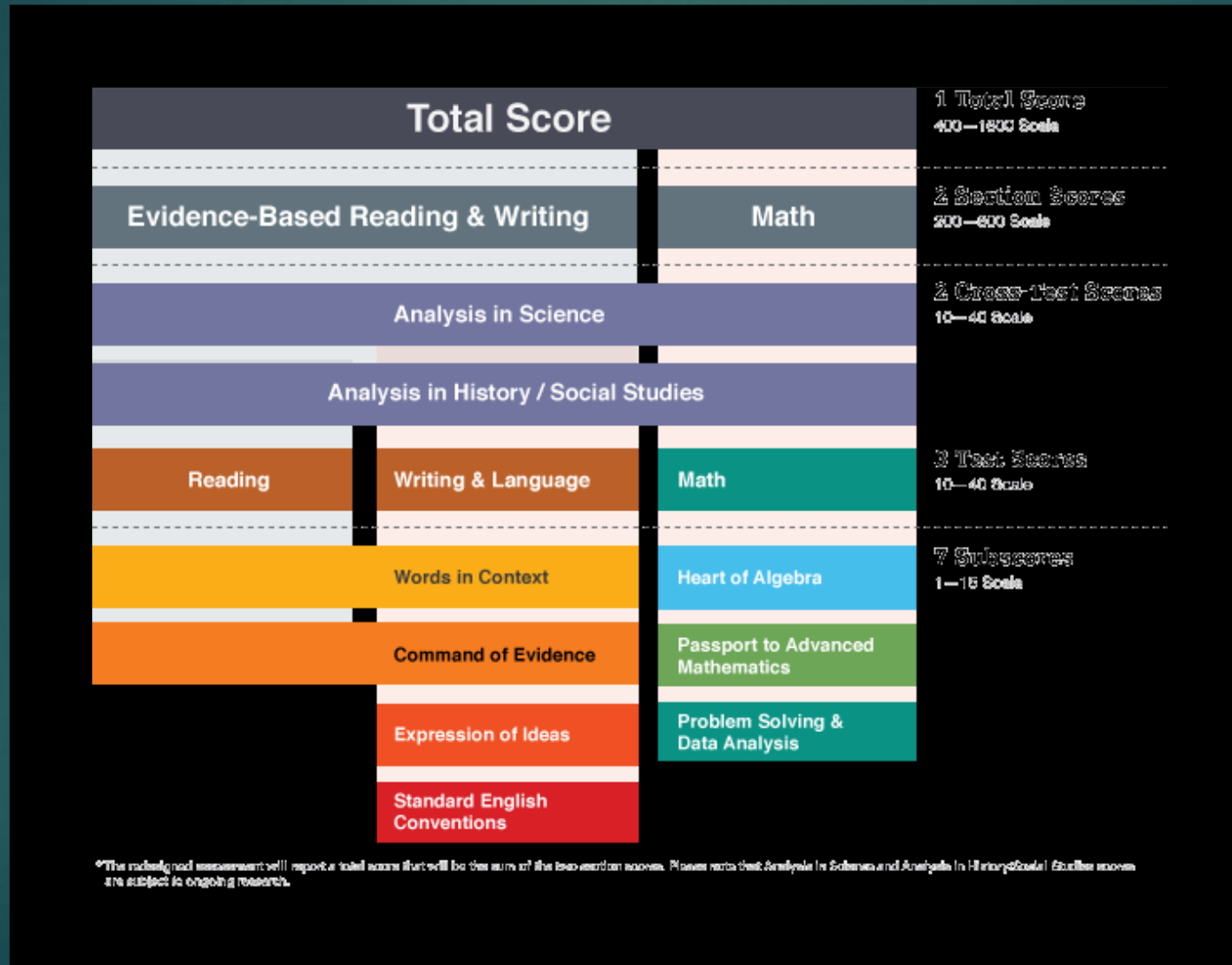
Design Changes:

▶ **Quick Facts**

- ▶ 4 parts: Reading, Writing and Language, Math, and the optional SAT Essay
- ▶ 400–1 600 score scale
- ▶ 3 hours and 50 minutes with the SAT Essay — or 3 hours without it
- ▶ 4 answer choices
- ▶ 4 college application fee waivers for every student who uses an [SAT fee waiver](#)

Check out this Score Summary online:

<https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat/scores>



Reading Test: It's about the everyday.

- ▶ The Reading Test focuses on the skills and knowledge at the heart of education: the stuff you've been learning in high school, the stuff you'll need to succeed in college. It's about how you take in, think about, and use information. And guess what? You've been doing that for years.
- ▶ It's not about how well you memorize facts and definitions, so you won't need to use flashcards or insider tricks or spend all night cramming.
- ▶ [Click here](#) for more details and PRACTICE QUESTIONS.

Writing and Language Test: It's about the everyday.

- ▶ When you take the Writing and Language Test, you'll do three things that people do all the time when they write and edit:
 1. Read.
 2. Find mistakes and weaknesses.
 3. Fix them.
- ▶ The good news: You do these things every time you proofread your own schoolwork or workshop essays with a friend.
- ▶ It's the practical skills you use to spot and correct problems — the stuff you've been learning in high school and the stuff you'll need to succeed in college — that the test measures.
- ▶ [Click here](#) for more details and PRACTICE QUESTIONS

Math Test:

It's about the everyday.

- ▶ Instead of testing you on every math topic there is, the new SAT asks you to use the math that you'll rely on most in all sorts of situations. Questions on the Math Test are designed to mirror the problem solving and modeling you'll do in:
 - College math, science, and social science courses
 - The jobs that you hold
 - Your personal life
- ▶ For instance, to answer some questions you'll need to use several steps —because in the real world a single calculation is rarely enough to get the job done.
- ▶ [Click here](#) for more details and PRACTICE QUESTIONS

SAT Essay:

It's about the everyday.

- ▶ The SAT Essay is a lot like a typical college writing assignment in which you're asked to analyze a text. Take the SAT with Essay and show colleges that you're ready to come to campus and write.

What You'll Do

- ▶ Read a passage.
- ▶ Explain how the author builds an argument to persuade an audience.
- ▶ Support your explanation with evidence from the passage.
- ▶ [Click here](#) for more details and SAMPLE PROMPTS

Compare SAT Specifications:

- ▶ [Click here](#) to get an overview of how the new SAT differs from the current one.
- ▶ The first table compares the major features of the current SAT and new SAT.
- ▶ The second table compares the number of items and testing times in each part.

SAT Study Guide for Students:

- ▶ [Click here](#) to walk through the changes to the SAT so you'll know what to expect on test day.
- ▶ You'll find practice tips, test-taking strategies, sample questions, and more.

[Click here](#) to register for the ACT.

▶ BONUS! [Click here](#) for more information, test prep , and registration for the ACT test.

The ACT test is a different company from the SAT.

Turn and Talk

- ▶ How will the SAT redesign impact your career goals?
- ▶ What are two ways you can prepare to take the SAT?