The Digital SAT Test

All SPS Tutor LLC employees have undergone intensive training for the new digital SAT. Here is what we know about the new digital SAT.

Beginning in March of 2024 the SAT will go digital
- PSAT will be digital in Fall of 2023

The Test will be entirely revamped.
- Makers claim the test will be easier to take, score, administer, and it is more relevant.

What is the same?
The score scales will stay exactly the same
- The PSAT administered in 8th and 9th grade will be scored on a scale of 240-1440
- The PSAT 10th and NMSQT will be scored on a scale of 320-1520
- The SAT will be scored on a scale of 400 to 1600

Tests will still be administered at a school or testing center with a human proctor
The best suggested means of independent student practice will still be Khan Academy

What changes?
New test will be taken on a laptop or tablet
It's a shorter test, going from 3 hours to 2 hours and 14 minutes
Math questions will be less wordy
Calculators will be used on the entire math section, and it will be built into the testing platform
Score reports will be available within days of taking the test
Should internet go down, or a device run out of a charge and die, you can log right back in and pick up where you left off

Preparing for the test
SPS Tutor LLC revamps all test prep material each school year. We suggest working one-on-one with our educators to better prepare you for taking the SAT test.
The test will be taken off the Bluebook app
Test preparations should also be done off the Bluebook app, as the style will be most similar to what students see on test day. They can take full-length practice tests on here.
An excellent resource for independent practice is Khan Academy. Talk to our educators to create custom practice on Khan Academy to study on your own time

5 Key features of the Digital SAT
- Digital testing platform- Bluebook
- Multistage, adaptive test design
- Shorter tests
- Inclusive and focused test content
- Enhanced fairness

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Test Breakdown

Reading and Writing Section (60-64 minutes)

- Stage 1 (32 minutes) has ~25 questions with 2-3 pre-test questions
- Stage 2(32 minutes) has ~25 questions with 2-3 pre-test questions. Questions will become adaptive and vary between higher and lower levels of difficulty.
- In total, 54 questions in 64 minutes. Now giving 1.19 minutes per question (the old version was 1.04 minutes per question)

Math Section (70 minutes)

- Stage 1 (35 minutes) has ~20 questions with 2-3 pre-test questions
- Stage 2 (35 minutes) has ~20 questions with 2-3 pre-test questions. Questions will become adaptive and vary between higher and lower levels of difficulty.
- In total, 70 minutes for 44 questions. Now giving 1.59 minutes/ question (the old version was 1.38 minutes/question)
- Students can expect to see multiple choice questions as well as student-produced response questions

Content Breakdown

Section 1

Reading

- Reading passages will be shorter, but more numerous. For every reading based question, there will be only one question for each passage.
- 54% of the test is solely on reading content domain. 12-14 questions (26%) will be focusing on central ideas and details and command of evidence; both textual and qualitative. 13-15 questions (28%) will be on vocabulary, words in context, text structure and purpose and cross-text connections

Writing

- 46% of the test is solely on the writing content domain. 8-12 questions (20%) on rhetorical synthesis and transitions. 11-15 questions (26%) on boundaries, form structure and sense.

Section 2

Math

- 13-15 questions (35%) will be on algebraic content such as linear equations, linear functions, system of equations. 13-15 questions (35%) will be on advanced math concepts such as equivalent expressions and non-linear functions. 5-7 questions (15%) will be on problem solving and data analysis such as ratios, percents, measures of spread and data models. 5-7 questions (15%) will be on geometry and trigonometry concepts such as area, volume, lines, triangles and circles

When time runs out in the first module, students cannot go back to it. They will get a 10 minute break and be moved onto the math section.

Students with accommodations can now receive most of those accommodations in standard testing rooms