

SAT[®] Facts

Overview

The SAT[®] was developed as a tool to democratize access to college for students of all backgrounds. Designed to measure what students have learned in high school, the SAT tests students' reading, writing and mathematics skills — the same skills they're learning in high school and that are essential to college success. It also shows how well students can apply their skills, which is critically important to colleges when evaluating undergraduate candidates. Each year, the SAT is administered to over two million students in more than 6,000 test centers that are located in more than 170 countries.

Although the college landscape has changed significantly over the test's 80-year history, the SAT has continued to be a valuable tool used by colleges in the admissions process, providing an important measure of likely success among undergraduate candidates. Additionally, the SAT Program has remained dedicated to offering the necessary support and resources for students to effectively prepare for the test, allowing them a greater opportunity for access to higher learning.

The SAT is ...

- **Fair**
The SAT is carefully designed to be fair for all students across gender, ethnic and socioeconomic groups. After rigorous research and analysis, each question on the SAT goes through an extensive review process by a diverse group of educators to ensure that it's fair and unbiased, and that it appropriately tests classroom material.
- **Relevant**
The SAT is designed to test what students are learning in schools today. The content of the SAT constantly evolves to stay current with today's high school curricula.
- **Curriculum Based**
The SAT measures knowledge of subjects learned in the classroom, including reading, writing and mathematics, and how well students can apply that knowledge. The SAT delivers insight to colleges on how a student thinks, communicates and solves problems.
- **Valid**
Research shows that the SAT, along with high school grades, is the most effective way to determine whether a student is likely to do well in college.

For more information, please visit www.collegeboard.com/sat.



About the College Board

The College Board is a not-for-profit education organization, governed by a membership of high school and college education professionals and dedicated to excellence, equity and access in education. Each year, the College Board serves seven million students and their parents, 23,000 high schools, and 3,800 colleges through major programs and services in college readiness, college admissions, guidance, assessment, financial aid, enrollment, and teaching and learning. Among its best-known programs are the SAT, the PSAT/NMSQT® and the Advanced Placement Program® (AP®).