

What You Need to Know About the Digital SAT Suite of Assessments

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Why is the SAT still important?

For millions of students, test scores can strengthen their college applications.

- In the class of 2022, nearly 1.3 million U.S. students had SAT scores that confirmed or exceeded their high school GPA.
- Among those students, more than 400,000 were African American or Latino, nearly 350,000 were first-generation college goers, and nearly 250,000 were from small towns or rural communities.

**More than 80% of students and parents
want to be able to share SAT scores**

The SAT is transitioning to digital

- The SAT Suite will measure the same core college readiness knowledge and skills.
- SAT scores will mean the same thing, on the same scale.
- Tests will be proctored in a school or test center.

Key Benefits for Students

- Students live digital lives and we're meeting them where they are.
- The SAT Suite will be shorter – about two hours instead of three, with shorter passages.
- Students and educators will receive scores faster – in days, not weeks.
- The digital SAT Suite will be more secure and flexible to deliver. Each student will get a unique version of the test.

Spring 2023:

First international digital SAT

Fall 2023:

First digital PSAT/NMSQT® & PSAT™ 8/9

Spring 2024:

First domestic digital SAT & digital PSAT™ 10

Some numbers from our studies and pilots to date



40K+

Students have taken a full-length digital test as part of a study or pilot



2M+

Students have seen digital SAT content as part of our studies and pre-testing efforts



>90%

International students and educators say the recent changes are favorable



500+

Test centers and schools have participated in a pilot or study

What did students have to say about it?

The test being online was much less stressful than the paper exams. The reading sections that were just one or two paragraphs instead of the longer essays [were] also less stressful and felt more manageable.

I have no words to describe how amazing the digital SAT was. I felt like I was able to focus better and answer the questions with confidence. It was much better taking it with accommodations than the paper one. I truly feel like the digital SAT is going to change the future, and I wish it would come out before 2024.

Educators who participated in the pilot told us the digital SAT was **easier to give**.

“Monitoring a student's progress during the test was reassuring, and effective in reaching out to a student in case of a technical problem. Checking out students and staff was quick and hassle-free. It is **efficient, easy, and most convenient.**”

- Digital SAT Pilot Coordinator

“As a test coordinator, **my paperwork was dramatically reduced.** The toolkit is a definite welcome addition. It's extremely handy on your tablet or phone and allows one to use it on the go.”

- Digital SAT Pilot Proctor



Digital SAT Test Specifications – at a glance (Reading and Writing)



96 total questions (2 sections)

100 total minutes (1.04 min/question)

Set based questions



54 total questions (1 section)

64 total minutes (1.19 min/question)

Discrete questions

DOMAIN Craft and Structure
SKILL Text Structure and Purpose

The following text is from María Amparo Ruiz de Burton's 1885 novel *The Squatter and the Don*.

"Sounds of laughter, music and dancing came from the parlor; the young people were entertaining friends from town with their usual gay hospitality, and enjoying themselves heartily. Don Mariano, though already in his fiftieth year, was as fond of dancing as his sons and daughters, and not to see him come in and join the quadrille was so singular that his wife thought she must come out and inquire what could detain him. He was so absorbed in his thoughts that he did not hear her voice calling him."

Which choice best states the main purpose of the text?

- A. It conveys that Don Mariano's children are talented dancers and musicians.
- B. It suggests that Don Mariano's home is usually quiet.
- C. It emphasizes Don Mariano's tendency to avoid dancing in front of strangers.
- D. It depicts a contrast between Don Mariano's current state and his usual behavior.*

Digital SAT Test Specifications – at a glance (Math)



58 total questions
2 sections – calculator and no calculator



44 total questions
1 section – with calculator



80 total minutes (1.38 min/question)



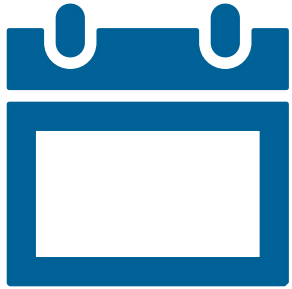
70 total minutes (1.59 min/question)

Discrete and set based questions
Multiple-choice ($\approx 78\%$)
Student-produced response (SPR) ($\approx 22\%$)



Discrete questions
Four-option multiple-choice ($\approx 75\%$)
Student-produced response (SPR) ($\approx 25\%$)

Highlights for digital SAT weekend registration opening



Opened **October 18th** for spring 2023 dates, with more seats for International students than ever



Students who need a device can request one when they register

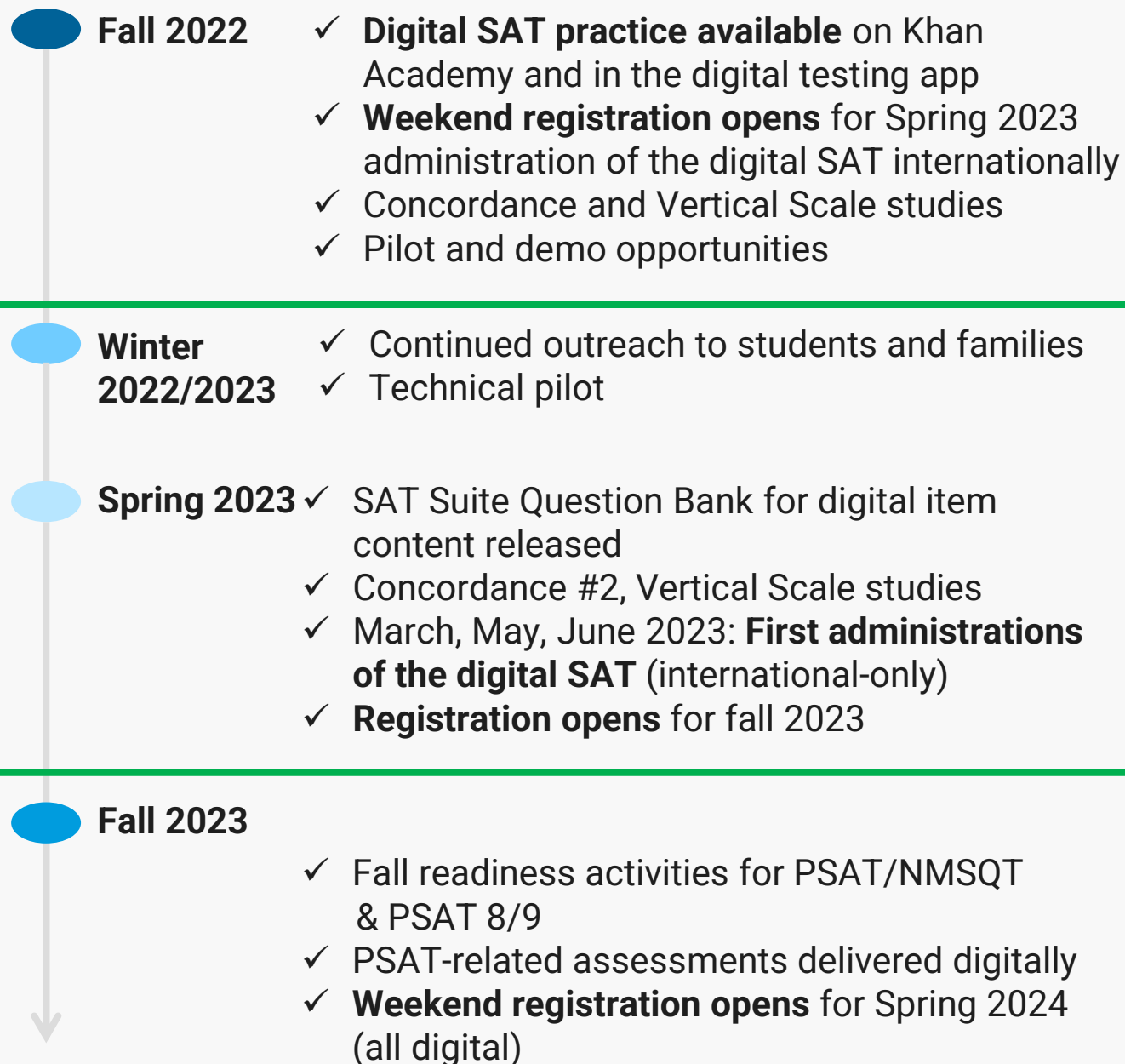


Bluebook application available for all SAT and AP students to download



Practice tests are available, with more resources coming throughout 2023

What to expect next





More for education professionals

Learn more about the digital SAT at
sat.org/digital

Opportunities for engagement coming soon including:

- ✓ Q&A sessions
- ✓ Webinars, conferences, and workshops
- ✓ Focus groups and small group virtual discussions