

2008-2009 Test Dates and General SAT Information

Test Dates and related deadlines for SAT 2008-2009

2008-09 Test Dates	Test	U.S. Registration Deadlines*	
		Regular	Late (a fee applies)
October 4, 2008	SAT & Subject Tests	September 9, 2008	September 16, 2008
November 1, 2008	SAT & Subject Tests	September 26, 2008	October 10, 2008
December 6, 2008	SAT & Subject Tests	November 5, 2008	November 18, 2008
January 24, 2009	SAT & Subject Tests	December 26, 2008	January 6, 2009
March 14, 2009	SAT only	February 10, 2009	February 24, 2009
May 2, 2009	SAT & Subject Tests	March 31, 2009	April 9, 2009
June 6, 2009	SAT & Subject Tests	May 5, 2009	May 15, 2009

I signed up for three Subject Tests, but I only want to take two. What should I do?
On test day, simply take the test(s) you want to take.

I signed up for one (or two) Subject Test(s), and now I want to add another one (or two). What should I do?

If you want to add one or two Subject Tests other than a listening test, you do not have to contact us. The Subject Test books contain all the Subject Tests given on that date. If you want to take a listening test (offered in November only), you have to contact us by the late registration date (or, for students testing outside the United States, by the regular registration date).

You will be sent a bill for any additional test(s) you take.

Standby Testing

If you miss the late registration deadline, there's still a chance you can sometimes take the SAT as a standby. Test centers accept standbys on a first-come, first-served basis only if they have enough space, testing materials, and staff—so there is no guarantee that you'll be admitted to the test.

2008-09 Fees

Test	Fees
SAT Reasoning Test™	\$45
SAT Subject Tests™ Basic registration fee Language Tests with Listening (add to basic reg. fee) All other Subject Tests (add per test to basic reg. fee)	\$20 add \$20 add \$9
Additional Processing Fees (add to test fees)	
Register by phone (available only if you have registered before)	\$12.50
Change fee (test type, center, or date change)	\$22
Late fee	\$23
Standby fee	\$38
Fees for Receiving Your Scores	
Early scores by Web	Free
Official score report (automatically mailed after you test)	Free
Scores by phone (fee per call)	\$12.50
Fees for Sending Your Scores	
Score report requests at registration*	4 reports included
Each additional score report request*	\$9.50
Rush reporting service	\$27 plus \$9.50 for each report
Order additional reports by phone service	\$10 plus \$9.50 for each report
Retrieval fee for archived scores (additional fees may apply)	\$21
Answer Services Fees	
SAT Question-and-Answer Service (QAS)**	\$18
SAT Student Answer Service (SAS)**	\$12

Additional Services Fees	
Multiple-choice score verification	\$50†
Essay score verification	\$50†
Refund processing fee (for overpayments and duplicate payments)	\$7

*Students can select the four score report requests included in the registration up until 11:59 p.m. on the Monday nine days after the published test date. Score reports selected after that are subject to the regular score report fee.

****Fees are nonrefundable, except those noted with a double asterisk.** You must have missed your test date to receive a refund for these services. Orders cannot be refunded, returned, or canceled after shipment.

†**Reduced to \$25 for fee-waiver users.**

Payment Notes

Payment must be made in U.S. dollars and in the form of a check, money order, or credit card (American Express, Discover, MasterCard, or Visa). Checks and money orders should be made payable to "The College Board." Insufficient payment will cause your scores to be delayed.

Do not send cash for payment. We will return unprocessed all registrations and orders received with cash or checks drawn on non-U.S. banks or other forms of payment not listed as acceptable. We reserve the right to electronically collect payments by check. Checks returned to the College Board for insufficient funds will be re-presented electronically and your account will be debited for the amount of the check, plus the state-allowed penalty fee.

Test Day

What to expect when you arrive on test day

SAT Reasoning Test

- Plan to arrive at the test center between 7:45 a.m. and 8:00 a.m.
- Testing starts at about 8:15 a.m. and ends at about 12:30 p.m.
- You will get a short break at the end of each hour of testing time.
- You must work within each section of the SAT only for the time allotted.
- You are not permitted to go back to a section once that section has ended. Nor are you permitted to start the next section if you finish a section early.
- The testing supervisor will guide you through the testing process and provide all the necessary instructions.

SAT Subject Tests

- Plan to arrive at the test center between 7:45 a.m. and 8:00 a.m.
- Testing starts at about 8:15 a.m. and ends at about 12:30 p.m. if you take the maximum of three subject tests.
- Each Subject Test is about one hour long.
- If you are only taking one or two Subject Tests, you may leave the test center after your final test is finished.
- You may work on only one test during each testing hour. You will get a short break at the end of each hour of testing time.
- You can take up to three Subject Tests on one test date.
- You can change your mind on test day about which Subject Test you want to take. You may substitute a Subject Test (other than a listening test), or add Subject Tests (other than a listening test) on test day.
- The testing supervisor will guide you through the testing process and provide all the necessary instructions.

Standby Testing

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If You're Absent

If you are absent on test day and you wish to test on another date, call Customer Service at 1-609-771-7600 (TTY: 1-609-882-4118). If you do not wish to test on another date, your test and registration fees (including fees for services such as telephone re-registration) are nonrefundable. No reports will be sent.

The fee is \$19 to change your test, test date, or test center.

When you call, be ready to tell the customer service representative your registration number and test date, your social security number, and the credit card number and expiration date. If you do not want to change your test date and would like to request a refund for any additional score reports, Question-and-Answer Service, and Student Answer Service, write a letter and send it within 2 months after the test date to:

College Board
SAT Candidate Refunds
P.O. Box 6200
Princeton, NJ 08541-6200

Indicate the test date for which you registered and include identification information.

View SAT Scores

To view your scores on the Web, click the **View and Send Scores** button above and sign in to visit your [My SAT](#) after 8 a.m. Eastern Time on or after the dates listed above. From there you can see your entire score history and a history of all score recipients to which you have previously sent scores. Please note that a small number of scores take longer to report and may not be available on the dates listed here.

Making Changes to your Score Recipients

You can make changes to your score recipients easily in your My SAT account. When you register, you can send four score reports at no cost. You can change these score recipients until 11:59 PM (EST) on the Monday one week after your scheduled test date.

The SAT Online Score Report

You can also view your SAT online score report. The SAT online score report is available free to every student who takes the SAT—all you need is a collegeboard.com account.

While you'll still receive your SAT score report in the mail, the SAT online score report contains additional features to help you understand your SAT scores.

Benefits of the SAT Online Score Report:

- Your SAT scores online anywhere—at home and at school
- A printable copy of your actual essay response
- Useful information about your scores, such as the number of questions that you answered right, wrong, or omitted, the total number of questions, your raw score, and the percentile for college-bound seniors based on the test you took.

Send SAT Scores

In addition to the score reports you chose to send when you registered for the SAT, you can send scores to additional colleges and scholarship programs for \$9 each by clicking the View and Send Scores button above and visiting SAT Registration and Scores. You must have a user name and password to use this feature.

- Only score reports from completed and scored tests will be sent. You can only send scores that appear next to test dates on your SAT Status page. Scores from future tests for which you have registered, but have not yet completed, will not be included.
- Scores are mailed approximately three weeks after you submit your request.
- All available scores will be sent, including those from previous test administrations. You cannot send only your latest or highest SAT Reasoning Test scores, or separate scores for critical reading or math or writing, or only SAT Reasoning Test or only SAT Subject Tests scores.

- Rush reporting is available for an additional \$26. Rush scores are sent two business days after your request is received.
- Remember, most colleges and universities require official score reports sent from the College Board.

Additional Information

Your official printed score report will be mailed to you, your high school, and to colleges and scholarship programs designated on your Registration Form about three weeks after the test.

Understanding Your Scores

Colleges use more than your SAT scores when making admission decisions. Your high school record is most important, and colleges may also consider essays, recommendations, interviews, and your involvement in extracurricular activities. Because no single score can tell everything about how you performed on the test, the score reports also include percentiles and score ranges. Admission staff use these tools to evaluate the scores.

SAT Reasoning Test

SAT scores are reported on a scale from 200 to 800, with additional subscores reported for the essay (ranging from 2-12) and for multiple-choice writing questions (on a 20-to-80 scale). Your scores tell college admission staff how you did compared with other students who took the test. For example, if you scored close to the mean or average—about 500 on SAT critical reading and 500 on SAT math—admission staff would know that you scored as well as about half of the students who took the test.

SAT Subject Tests

Subject Test scores are reported on a scale from 200 to 800, with the exception of the ELPT™ (English Language Proficiency Test™), which is reported on a scale from 901 to 999 (prior to January 2005). Subject Test subscores are reported on a scale from 20 to 80. ELPT subscores are reported on a scale from 1 to 50. Reading and listening subscores are reported for all Language Tests with Listening, and a usage subscore is also reported for the Chinese, Japanese, and Korean tests. Your scores tell college admission staff how you did compared with other students who took the test.

Average (Mean) Scores

SAT Reasoning Test: The Average Critical Reading, mathematics, and Writing Scores

Average scores are based upon SAT scores of all students of a particular graduating class.

2006 College-Bound Seniors' Average Scores

- Critical reading: 503
- Mathematics: 518
- Writing: 497

Retaking the Test

SAT Reasoning Test™

You may be wondering if you should take the test again, and whether your scores will change if you do so. Here are some guidelines that may help you decide:

- Overall, 55% of juniors taking the test improved their scores as seniors, 35% had their scores decrease, and 10% had no change.
- On average, juniors repeating the SAT as seniors improved their verbal scores by about 12 points and their math scores by about 13 points. About 1 in 25 gained 100 or more points on verbal or math, and about 1 in 90 lost 100 or more points

Your score report shows the percentage of students with the same verbal or math scores who scored higher, lower, and the same when they took the SAT again, as well as the average number of points gained or lost. Use this information when deciding whether or not to test again.