

# Before Test Day

## Create a College Board Account

Once you create a free, optional College Board account, you can:

- access your SAT scores when they become available
- order additional score sends
- sign up for free, personalized practice through Official SAT Practice and Khan Academy®

Just visit [collegeboard.org](https://collegeboard.org) and click “Sign Up” to get started.

## If You Need Testing Accommodations

If you have a disability that requires accommodations such as braille, extra breaks, or permission to test blood sugar, be sure to have your school submit a request in SSD Online to have your accommodations approved well in advance of the test date you need the accommodations for. Requests for accommodations are handled by the Services for Students with Disabilities (SSD) office.

**IMPORTANT:** *Supports such as glossaries, translated test directions, and extended time are available for English learners. The process for English learner (EL) supports differs from requesting accommodations for disabilities. If you need EL support, work with your school to ensure it will be there on test day.*

## Applying for Accommodations

- Work with your school’s SSD coordinator or counselor to apply for accommodations. Your SSD coordinator can help determine what accommodations are best for you and submit a request online.
- If you move to a new school after you’ve been approved for accommodations, your new school needs to confirm your continued eligibility. Print your SSD eligibility letter from your student account to give to your new school.
- If you are approved for extended time for specific subject areas only (math, for example), you will only get those accommodations in the relevant sections or tests.
- Talk to your SSD coordinator before test day to confirm what accommodations you are approved for and any additional information you need for testing.

## Student Information Completed on the Answer Sheet

The answer sheet will be used to collect required and optional information about you. **Only students who complete a signed consent form may complete the optional questions.** The items asked on the answer sheet include:

- **First and Last Name:** This field is required to score your test.
- **Testing Location:** This field is required as part of scoring.
- **School and School Code:** This is required and will be provided by your teacher or counselor. It is a College Board identifier representing your school.
- **Student Identification:** This field is your state student ID number—do not provide your Social Security number. This field is required and used to assist in reporting your scores to your school, district, and state.
- **Grade Level:** This field is required to validate your answer sheet as part of scoring.
- **Date of Birth:** This field is required to validate your answer sheet as part of scoring.
- **Sex:** This field is required to validate your answer sheet for scoring.
- **Home/Mailing Address:** These fields are optional but recommended. Your home or mailing address is used to assist the College Board in matching your answer sheet to your College Board record. The College Board may contact you regarding this test, and your address will be added to your record. If you also opt in to Student Search Service®, your address will be shared with eligible colleges.
- **Score Sends:** This field is optional. As part of your participation in the Colorado SAT School Day, you may send your scores, for free, to up to four colleges and/or scholarship programs. If you voluntarily send your scores to an institution, they may see it as a sign of your interest in what they have to offer. Colleges and universities are always eager to get scores from students, even if you’re not ready to apply. You may take advantage of sending scores any time after testing; however, you will be charged a fee for these score sends other than the four free score sends mentioned.

- **Student Search:** Participation in Student Search Service® is optional and voluntary and can be canceled at any time. If you opt in, your contact information will be sent to eligible colleges, universities, and scholarship and other educational programs so they can send you information regarding financial aid, scholarships, and about campus life. See the Student Search Service section for more information.
- **Email Address:** Email address is optional. If provided, it will be used to deliver updates on SAT programs, test-preparation strategies, and score availability. If you supply a parent's or guardian's email, it will only be used by the College Board to provide updates on test programs.
- **Mobile Number:** This field is optional. If provided, you agree to receive text messages from the College Board about a test program that you registered for, about participating in research surveys, and/or about receiving free college planning services.
- **Language Background:** This field is optional. If provided, this information is used to improve our tests and services. Additionally, your responses to these questions will be included as part of your score reports to colleges that you select to send your scores to, and to your school, school district, and state.
- **Racial/Ethnic Group:** This field is optional. You will be asked to choose Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin and to specify your race. The College Board wants its tests and services to be fair and useful to all candidates, regardless of their culture or background. Answering these optional questions helps the College Board to evaluate individual test questions for fairness and improve enrollment services. Ethnicity will be shared with eligible scholarship programs, colleges, and universities if you have opted in to Student Search Service. Additionally, your responses to these questions will be included as part of your score reports to colleges that you select to send your scores to, and to your school, school district, and state.
- **High School Activities and Coursework:** These fields are optional. You will be asked to provide information about your class ranking, GPA, and coursework during school. If you provide this information and also opt in to Student Search Service, it will be used to better match you to eligible colleges and scholarships.
- **Expected High School Graduation Date:** This field is optional.

- **College Plans and Interest:** These fields are optional. You will be asked about the types of colleges that interest you as well as questions about the types of majors and activities you might pursue in college. If you provide this information and also opt in to Student Search Service, it will be used to better match you to eligible colleges and scholarships.

On test day, you'll be required to complete a certification statement on the answer sheet. Your statement and signature demonstrate that you are the person providing the information and agree to the conditions provided in this Student Guide and other instructions provided by your school on test day. See the Test Security and Fairness Policies and SAT Terms and Conditions later in this guide for more information.

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## Sending Scores

You'll also have the opportunity to choose up to four colleges, universities, or scholarship programs to receive your scores for free on your answer sheet. (Sending scores to additional colleges, universities, or scholarship programs can be requested for a fee online.)

The report you receive and the reports received by colleges and your school contain total and section scores that have been converted to the College Board's 400–1600-point scale for all SAT Program tests. (See How the SAT Is Scored on page 4 for more information.)

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## Connect to Opportunities in Higher Education

Each year millions of students take the SAT, and thousands of school counselors and postsecondary admission officers worldwide use their scores to guide decisions in the college application process. The test that you'll take on test day is a challenging yet appropriate and fair assessment of what you know and can do. The questions you'll tackle focus on the knowledge and skills that the best available evidence indicates are essential for college and career readiness and success. We're committed to providing opportunities to help you reach your goals for college, career, and beyond.

Students who are the first in their families to consider attending college, who come from low-income families, or whose ethnicities are underrepresented in colleges may feel that college isn't for them. The College Board's Access to Opportunity™ (A2O™) efforts are designed to identify and break down barriers that prevent students from applying to and enrolling in colleges that are their best academic, social, and financial fit. Our mission is