



# CONNECTICUT SAT SCHOOL DAY

## Frequently Asked Questions for Families and Students



### **What is the Connecticut SAT School Day?**

The SAT is a three-hour examination measuring college and career readiness and is accepted at most four-year colleges and universities in the United States. The test is developed by the College Board and offered through the Connecticut State Department of Education for grade 11 students in public schools.

### **Why did Connecticut choose the SAT in lieu of Smarter Balanced for grade 11 students?**

On October 7, 2015, the Connecticut State Board of Education adopted the SAT as the grade 11 state assessment. The administration of the SAT eliminates the need to take multiple tests and provides opportunities for more students to take the SAT free of charge during the school day.

### **When will the Connecticut SAT School Day be administered to grade 11 students?**

The Connecticut SAT School Day will be administered free of charge during the school day to all grade 11 public school students on April 5, 2017. Make-ups will be administered on April 25 and 26, 2017.

### **Does the Connecticut SAT School Day differ from the SAT?**

The Connecticut SAT School Day does not differ from the SAT. The Connecticut SAT School Day focuses on the skills and knowledge that evidence shows are needed for college and career success. The vocabulary tested on the Connecticut SAT School Day

will focus on words that students use consistently in college and career environments. The Connecticut SAT School Day will be used for school and district accountability like Smarter Balanced and CAPT in the past. For most students, the Connecticut SAT School Day scores may also be used for college admission if desired by the student or parent.

### **How will the Connecticut SAT School Day be scored?**

The Connecticut SAT School Day will be scored on a 400- to 1600-point scale. The evidence-based reading and writing section and the math section will each be scored on a 200- to 800-point scale. For more information, see the College Board's website at <https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat/scores>.

### **What's the best way for students to prepare for the Connecticut SAT School Day?**

Rigorous course work is the best preparation for the Connecticut SAT School Day. As test day approaches, students can use free College Board resources to get to know the exam and to build on their preparation with targeted review and authentic practice. The College Board, in partnership with Khan Academy, is offering free practice for all students. To access the Official SAT Practice website, visit <http://www.SATPractice.org>. The College Board offers a free mobile app, Daily Practice for the SAT, providing a question a day for immediate feedback. Paper and pencil practice forms are also available on the College Board website along with accessible versions.

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### **Can students take both the current SAT and the Connecticut SAT School Day and see which score is higher?**

Some students will take the SAT before the administration of the Connecticut SAT School Day. The Connecticut State Department of Education recommends these students send all scores to colleges, allowing colleges to use those that are most favorable to the student. Keep in mind that some colleges require students to send all scores.

### **Can the Connecticut SAT School Day scores be reported to colleges?**

Students who have an online SAT account can choose which SAT scores to report to colleges, including the Connecticut SAT School Day score. With the SAT Score Choice feature, students have the option to choose which scores, by test date, to send to colleges. If students do not use Score Choice, all scores will be sent.

Reporting scores to colleges is a process agreed on by the student/parent and the College Board. Scores will not be reported without express permission of the student or parent.

All Connecticut colleges use and accept the SAT for college admission decisions.

### **Is there a cost to send SAT scores to colleges?**

Students will receive four free college score reports when they take the Connecticut SAT School Day. These score report requests must be used within nine days of the test administration. After this window, there is a cost for sending SAT scores to colleges.

### **What if my student needs testing accommodations?**

All students are entitled to testing accommodations on annual state assessments.

For college-reportable scores, students with disabilities will be provided with testing accommodations documented in individualized education programs (IEP) and 504 Plans.

College-reportable scores are available for English learners with the following accommodations:

- written directions in Spanish, Arabic, Portuguese, Polish, Mandarin, and Haitian-Creole; and
- a native language (any) reader of test directions.

School counselors, pupil service personnel, special education case managers, and/or English learner coordinators will assist your student in the process to secure the necessary accommodations for the Connecticut SAT School Day.

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For additional information, please visit the College Board's SAT website at <https://sat.collegeboard.org>.