

# Spring 2024 Invest In Kids Act (IIKA) Digital SAT with Essay, PSAT 10, and PSAT 8/9 (for grade 9)

## Digital Testing Overview

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The SAT with Essay, PSAT 10, and PSAT 8/9 (for grade 9) required for Invest in Kids Act (IIKA) scholars and optional for other students will be administered in a digital format beginning in spring 2024. This document serves to communicate major considerations regarding this shift. More details will be posted on the [ISBE Illinois Invest in Kids webpage](#) as they become available. **If testing non-IIKA scholars, those students must take the SAT w/ Essay.**

### Testing Window

**March 18, 2024-April 26, 2024**

Schools may test on any day(s) during the six-week testing window. Any student who is absent on the primary test date selected by the school shall be afforded at least one opportunity to test on a subsequent day(s) during the testing window as feasible with scheduling and staffing. **There are no make-up test dates beyond April 26.**

### Testing Sections and Timing

Reading and Writing (SAT with Essay, PSAT 10, and PSAT 8/9)	Math (SAT with Essay, PSAT 10, and PSAT 8/9)	Essay (SAT only)
54 Questions (1 section, 2 modules)	44 Questions (1 section, 2 modules)	1 prompt (based on a passage of 650-700 words)
64 Minutes (32 minutes per module)	70 Minutes (35 minutes per module)	50 minutes
Discrete Questions	Discrete Questions Multiple Choice with 4 options (~75%) Student-Produced Response (~25%)	Keyboard required; tablet users will also be permitted to use a keyboard for the entire test.

Essay (SAT only) scoring details: <https://satsuite.collegeboard.org/sat/scores/understanding-scores/essay>

### Student Registrations in College Board's System (Pre-ID)

Student registration details for SAT with Essay will be collected from participating IIKA schools beginning in October and be loaded directly to College Board by ISBE on **Friday, February 2, 2024**. After this, student registrations in College Board's system must be managed by participating IIKA schools directly in College Board's system.

*\*All student registration details for PSAT 10, and PSAT 8/9 must be managed by participating IIKA schools directly in College Board's system. ISBE does not place orders for PSAT 8/9 or PSAT 10. Please use College Board's ordering system.*

### Digital Readiness

1. College Board will provide paper materials only when required for certain accommodations.
2. Testing staff use Test Day Toolkit, a web-based application, to administer the test. It can be used on any personal or school-provided device that connects to the internet — no installation required.
3. Students use [Bluebook™](#), the College Board testing app, to take the test on Mac and Windows devices, iPads, and school-managed Chromebooks. School-managed devices can be assigned to students 1-to-1 or shared (from a laptop cart or in a computer lab, for example).
4. Assessments have two sections—Reading and Writing, and Math—with a break in between. Each section has two modules that are timed separately. Students can't move to the next test module or submit their answers until their time is up.
5. Bluebook has a built-in [Desmos calculator](#) that can be used during both Math modules.
6. Students need an internet connection to begin testing and at the end of the test to submit responses. Students who lose network connectivity momentarily during testing can continue without losing time.
7. Bluebook times each student individually, so they'll start the test, take breaks, and complete testing at slightly different times.
8. The digital test is more secure. Students test in a secure lockdown mode, and each student receives unique test content.
9. Test coordinators work with school or district technology staff to make sure the network and testing devices are ready for test day. If technical issues arise, testing staff will direct students to the technology monitor in a designated help room.

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### Accommodations

1. College Board will provide paper materials only when required for certain accommodations.
2. The test is shorter, so students approved for double time for PSAT 10 and PSAT 8/9 will be able to test in one day.
3. Students approved for double time for Reading for SAT with Essay (the entire test) must test over two days.
4. Some accommodations are administered differently than they are with paper testing. For example, students approved for large print will use the zoom functionality on their devices to enlarge font size.
5. College Board-approved accommodations for SAT with Essay, PSAT 10, and PSAT 8/9 must be requested and/or updated in Services for Students with Disabilities (SSD) Online.
6. State-allowed accommodations and English Learner (EL) Time and One-half (+50%) Extended time for SAT with Essay, PSAT 10, and PSAT 8/9 must be requested in Services for Students with Disabilities (SSD) Online.

### Student Readiness

1. Digital SAT<sup>®</sup> Sample Questions and Answer Explanations: <https://satsuite.collegeboard.org/media/pdf/digital-sat-sample-questions.pdf>
2. Students use [Bluebook™](#), the College Board testing app, to take the test on Mac and Windows devices, iPads, and school-managed Chromebooks.
3. Students can sign in using their student College Board account if they have one. After they are registered in College Board's system by ISBE (SAT with Essay) or by your school (PSAT 10 and PSAT 8/9), they will also be able to use a sign-in ticket from their school.

### Upcoming Webinars and In-Person Trainings

- October 25, 2023: Spring 2024 Digital Overview Webinar (for Superintendents and Principals)
- November 1, 2, 7, 2023: Spring 2024 Digital Overview Webinar (for Test Coordinators)
- November 28, 29, 30, 2023: Spring 2024 Accommodations Overview Webinar (for Accommodations Coordinators)
- November 28, 29, 30, 2023: Spring 2024 Technology Overview Webinar (for Technology Coordinators)
- Mid-January 2024: In-person training sessions throughout the state; IIKA Specific Sessions will be available; locations TBD

*Registration details, slide decks, and recordings will be posted under [Presentations & Webinars](#).*

### Links for further reference (College Board website)

- [Download Bluebook App](#) (student testing platform)
- [Approved Testing Devices](#)
- [The Digital SAT<sup>®</sup> Suite of Assessments Specification Overview](#) (Summer 2022)
- [Assessment Framework for the Digital SAT<sup>®</sup> Suite](#)
- [Digital SAT<sup>®</sup> Sample Questions and Answer Explanations](#)

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