

SAT School Day

Frequently Asked Questions

Where can my child see their SAT[™] scores?

If your child has a College Board online account, they'll receive an email letting them know their scores are ready. Then they can log in at studentscores.collegeboard.org to see their scores and send them to colleges.

Your child's online score report includes detailed information about their test performance, including areas in which they excel and areas in which they may need to continue to develop as they prepare for college. Score reports give students and teachers valuable information to help make sure students will be ready for college-level work once they graduate from high school.

Will my child take the Essay this spring through the ISBE-provided SAT School Day administration?

Yes. ISBE continues to include the Essay, as the Essay helps to fully measure the depth and breadth of the Illinois Learning Standards for English Language Arts.

What do colleges look for in an SAT score?

Each college has its own approach and policy when it comes to SAT scores, so be sure to inquire with each college directly. Remember, SAT scores are just one part of a student's college application. Admission officers factor in high school grades and courses, extracurricular activities, application essays, and recommendation letters when making their decision.

When should students start using Official SAT Practice on Khan Academy[®]?

There's no hard-and-fast rule, but the more time students spend on Khan Academy, the more likely they'll feel well prepared for the SAT.

We recommend that students create their Khan Academy account in the fall of their junior year. If they've taken the PSAT[™] 10, they can use those scores to receive personalized practice for the SAT. If they haven't taken the PSAT 10, they can take a few short quizzes to find out what skills they need to practice. Then they'll have several months to practice before taking the SAT in the spring of their junior year.

Help your child create a practice schedule on Official SAT Practice on Khan Academy and stick to it. As with sports or music, the key to feeling prepared is committing to practice. Students can sign up at satpractice.org.

When should my child start working on college applications?

Ideally, your child would use part of the summer before their senior year to research colleges, check application deadlines, and create their college list. They can also start working on the personal essay some colleges may require.

For additional information about the SAT and helping your child plan for college, visit sat.org.