

SAT Standard Setting Process & Meaning

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Two Purposes – Two Meanings

The SAT administered in 2017 serves two purposes: (1) providing a free college entrance exam to all grade 11 students and (2) accountability for schools & districts.

Because this exam served multiple purposes, student scores have different meanings

ISBE – Accountability

- Scores and levels that Illinois teachers have determined represent levels of **mastery of the Illinois Learning Standards**
- **Four levels:** Exceeds Standards, Meets Standards, Approaching Standards, Partially Meets Standards

SAT – College Entrance Exam

- Represent a **75% likelihood of getting a C or better** in first semester, credit bearing college courses.
- Three levels: Green, yellow, red



Why Set Standards?

- Performance levels are a requirement of ESSA
- Performance levels must be aligned to state learning standards
- Why higher than the national benchmarks?
 - Performance levels were set by educators based on their knowledge of the learning standards

IL Alignment to National Benchmarks

IL SAT performance levels and cuts are aligned to, but not identical to College Board national benchmarks

ELA	IL SAT Performance Levels	College Board Benchmarks
Level 4	640	--
Level 3	540	480
Level 2	430	460

Math	IL SAT Performance Levels	College Board Benchmarks
Level 4	670	--
Level 3	540	530
Level 2	450	510



Educator-led Process for all Performance Levels

- Same process used for all performance level setting agency-wide, led by those who work most closely with students
- Educators currently or recently teaching tested students
- Representative of geographic and demographic diversity of our teaching population
 - Included special education teachers, EL teachers, curriculum specialists, and college and career specialists
 - ELA (3 EL, 3 SPED, 2 College & Career/Counseling, 2 Higher Education)
 - Math (4 EL, 2 SPED, 2 College & Career/Counseling, 1 Science)
- 3 Rounds of rating item difficulty followed by impact data and discussion.



Convening – Process & Agenda

- Day 1
 - Training of table leaders
 - Whole group introduction
 - Break out to subject area rooms
 - Experience the test
 - Review of PDLs & task
 - Training and practice on Angoff
 - Round 1 ratings
- Day 2
 - Round 1 Impact data & discussion by table
 - Round 2 ratings
 - Round 2 impact data & discussion by table and whole group
 - Round 3 ratings
 - Material check in
 - Final impact data & discussion



Process Summary

ELA Round	Level 2					Level 3					Level 4				
	Mean	Median	Min	Max	SD	Mean	Median	Min	Max	SD	Mean	Median	Min	Max	SD
1	448.75	440	400	540	39.49	553.75	555	480	620	39.32	652.92	655	560	710	36.05
2	432.08	430	400	480	22.65	536.25	540	500	570	21.23	641.25	640	590	700	32.34
3	430.00	430	390	480	23.93	534.35	540	500	570	20.41	639.13	640	580	700	31.75

MATH Round	Level 2					Level 3					Level 4				
	Mean	Median	Min	Max	SD	Mean	Median	Min	Max	SD	Mean	Median	Min	Max	SD
1	502.00	500	460	540	26.30	609.60	610	550	650	26.22	713.60	720	650	770	28.27
2	466.40	480	400	530	32.64	568.00	580	490	630	35.24	691.20	700	590	740	40.34
3	444.80	450	350	520	36.53	542.40	540	480	600	31.13	676.40	690	590	730	39.57



Final Modifications

- Adopt ELA cuts as recommended by panelists based on median cuts at all levels
- Adopt Math cuts as recommended by panelists based on median cuts at all levels except Exceeds
- Exceeds represents a modest modification supported by panelist data

Mean Median Difference Analysis

	STAT	Approaching	Meets	Exceeds
ELA	MEAN	430.00	534.35	639.13
	MEDIAN	430	540	640
	DIF	0.00	5.65	0.87
MATH	MEAN	444.80	542.40	676.40
	MEDIAN	450	540	690
	DIF	5.20	-2.40	13.60



Final Recommended Cuts

ELA				MATH					
Performance Level		Cut	% At	Meets/Not	Performance Level		Cut	% At	Meets/Not
4	Exceeds	640	13.0%	39.7%	4	Exceeds	670	7.8%	36.3%
3	Meets	540	26.7%		3	Meets	540	29.0%	
2	Approaching	430	37.4%	60.3%	2	Approaching	450	32.6%	63.7%
1	Partially Meets	--	22.9%		1	Partially Meets	--	31.1%	

*Note: All data considered preliminary until released officially via the Illinois Report Card.

Consistent with other Standards Aligned Assessments

ELA

Test Year Grade	SAT 2017 11	PARCC 2017 8		SAT 2017 11	PARCC 2017 8
Level 4	13.00%	6.2%	Meets	39.70%	37.40%
Level 3	26.70%	31.2%			
Level 2	37.40%	26.1%	Does Not Meet	60.30%	62.60%
Level 1	22.90%	19.9%			
Level 0		16.6%			

Math

Test Year Grade	SAT 2017 11	PARCC 2017 8		SAT 2017 11	PARCC 2017 8
Level 4	7.80%	4.6%	Meets	36.30%	32.30%
Level 3	28.50%	27.7%			
Level 2	32.60%	23.6%	Does Not Meet	63.70%	67.70%
Level 1	31.10%	20.6%			
Level 0		23.6%			

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Compared to Other State SAT Cuts

ELA	IL Round 3	Multi-State Round 3	National CCR
Level 4	640	700	--
Level 3	540	580	480
Level 2	430	450	460

Math	IL Round 3	Multi-State Round 3	National CCR
Level 4	690	680	--
Level 3	540	560	530
Level 2	450	420	510



Reporting

ISBE - Accountability

- Report Card
- ED 360

Composite
 ELA
 Mathematics



SAT – College Entrance Exam

- College Board Score Report
- College Board Educator Portal

Essay Scores

4 | 2-8
 Reading
4 | 2-8
 Analysis
4 | 2-8
 Writing

representative percentile

You've met the benchmark!

representative percentile

You've scored below the benchmark.

Benchmark scores:

Evidence-Based Reading and Writing: 470

Math: 530

How Do My Scores Compare?

A percentile shows how you scored, compared to other students. It's a number between 1 and 99 and represents the percentage of students whose scores are equal to or below yours.

For example, if your Math percentile is 57, that means 57% of test takers have Math scores equal to or below yours. The Nationally Representative Sample Percentile compares your score to the scores of typical U.S. students.

SAT® User Percentile compares your score to the scores of students who typically take the test.

How Can I Improve?

To see which skills are your strongest and what you can do to boost your college readiness, go to your full report online and look for Skills Insight™.

What Are Score Ranges?

Test scores are single snapshots in time—if you took the SAT once a week for a month, your scores would vary. That's why score ranges are better representations of your true ability. They show how much your score can change with repeated testing, even if your skill level remains the same.



Questions?

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