



Spring 2020 SAT, PSAT 10, and PSAT 8/9 Alternate Test Date Options

Overview

- + ISBE and the College Board have heard from districts and as a result, we've worked to provide flexible options for SAT, PSAT 10, and PSAT 8/9 testing for schools with conflicts the week of April 13-17, 2020.
- + The College Board official test dates are below (and available also at www.isbe.net/Documents/SAT-PSAT-Dates-2019-20.pdf):

SAT	PSAT 8/9 and PSAT 10
Initial Test Date: Tuesday, April 14, 2020	Initial Test Date: April 14, 15, or 16, 2020
Makeup Test Date: Tuesday, April 28, 2020	Makeup Test Date: Tuesday, April 28, 2020
Accommodated Test Window: April 14-28, 2020	Accommodated Test Window: April 14-28, 2020

- + Districts should carefully review the criteria and considerations of each option to select the better option for their community. This presentation has been created to assist you in selecting the best option for your community.
- + **Districts are strongly encouraged to conduct testing according to the currently communicated 2020 test dates if schools are in session.**

Overview – Why the Changes

- + To improve test security nationally in 2020*, the College Board is implementing unique initial and make-up test forms for SAT, PSAT 10, and PSAT 8/9.
- + This requires a separate make-up test date with sufficient time to order and ship the requested make-up exams for all tests, not just SAT.
- + Nationally, the month of March is reserved for school administration of PSAT 10 and PSAT 8/9 for schools who are not a part of a state contract. IL cannot move PSAT testing into March. Delaying until May impacts statewide reporting timelines.
- + The processes and procedures for testing are the same across both options, however, deadlines for certain activities may differ and may have impacts on reporting timelines.

**Note: These plans have been in the works for 2+ years. They are not the result of recent events.*

Overview – Final Considerations

- + A district's eligibility and choice regarding testing dates for SAT are separate from their choice for testing dates for PSAT 10 and PSAT 8/9.
 - SAT & PSAT both Option 1
 - SAT & PSAT both Option 2
 - SAT Option 2, PSAT Option 1
 - SAT Option 1, PSAT Option 2 (not recommended)
- + Schools within a district must select the same initial test date by assessment (excluding outplaced students and non-public facilities). PSAT 10 and PSAT 8/9 must be administered within the same selected option. Schools cannot split testing between April 14-16 (Option 1) and April 20-22 (Option 2).
- + Schools can elect to test on non-consecutive days within a window (e.g., SAT and PSAT 10 on April 14, then PSAT 8/9 on April 16) provided heightened security measures are taken on the non-testing day.

SAT Test Date Options

- + Districts will select from one of two SAT test dates options, noted below.
- + All schools will conduct SAT makeup testing on April 28, 2020.

SAT Administration	Option 1: SAT April Initial Admin.	Option 2: SAT March Initial Admin.
SAT Initial Test Date	Tuesday, April 14, 2020	Wednesday, March 25, 2020
SAT Makeup Test Date	Tuesday, April 28, 2020	Tuesday, April 28, 2020
SAT Accommodated Test Window	April 14-28, 2020	March 25-April 7, 2020

- + Considerations:
 - Options allow for both initial testing and makeup opportunities for all schools.
 - Either option allows schools the full two-week accommodated test window.
 - Option 2 is available to schools out of session April 13-17 or for which April 14 is the first day back in session.
 - **The April 14 SAT test is disclosed. Schools that test on April 14 will have access to the test questions and answer details. Schools that test on March 25 will not have access to test questions or answer details.**
 - Schools choosing Option 2 will have a longer window between student and educator score release in College Board's reporting systems.

PSAT 10 and PSAT 8/9 Test Date Options

- + All test dates for PSAT 10 and PSAT 8/9 must remain in April. Schools not in session the week of April 13 will have the option to conduct all initial testing when they return to school.
- + All schools will conduct PSAT 10 and PSAT 8/9 makeup testing on April 28, 2020.

PSAT 10 and PSAT 8/9 Administration	Option 1: Schools in Session April 13-17	Option 2: Schools NOT in Session April 13-17
PSAT 10 and PSAT 8/9 Initial Test Date	April 14, 15, or 16, 2020 (Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday)	April 20, 21, or 22, 2020 (Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday)
PSAT 10 and PSAT 8/9 Makeup Test Date	Tuesday, April 28, 2020	Tuesday, April 28, 2020
PSAT 10 and PSAT 8/9 Accommodated Test Window	April 14-28, 2020	April 14-28, 2020

- + Considerations:
 - Options allow for both initial and makeup opportunities for all schools.
 - **Schools choosing Option 2 will have a shorter accommodated window with only seven school days to complete accommodated testing if they are not in session from April 14-17.**
 - Initial test date choices for schools choosing option 2 are Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday.
 - Due to the extremely tight turnaround to deliver makeup materials for schools testing April 20-22, Option 2 can be offered only to schools who are out of session three or more days the week of April 13.
 - No PSAT 10 or PSAT 8/9 forms are disclosed in 2020, so the question and answer details available with score reporting will be the same, regardless of the chosen option.

Additional Details and Next Steps

- + Schools **will be required to provide test date selections during the fall school setup survey** process. Principals should be prepared to make test date selections as part of their survey response and can anticipate receiving the survey via email in September 2019.
- + **Once the primary test dates are selected** in the fall as part of school establishment, **they cannot be changed**. If a school can no longer test on their selected initial test date, all students not scheduled to test during the accommodated test window will need to be scheduled to test on the makeup date of April 28, 2019.
- + Schools participating as part of the ISBE-provided SAT, PSAT 10, and PSAT 8/9 will be restricted from ordering additional tests for any contracted dates, even if it is not their initial test date. This includes the full April window for PSAT 10 and PSAT 8/9. Schools should plan ahead if they intend to test other grade levels or offer testing for homeschooled students through a separate district contract with the College Board.
- + Differences in scheduling and deadlines will be communicated beginning in the fall.
- + Due to the variety of spring break dates and the small window for delivering secure test materials, home schools should begin working now to encourage serving schools to establish themselves as testing locations (vs. approved off-sites) for the spring 2020 administration.

Questions?

- + Please contact the ISBE Division of Assessment and Accountability if you have questions regarding spring 2020 SAT, PSAT 10, and PSAT 8/9 testing dates.
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