

STATE-MANDATED ASSESSMENTS: SAT, PSAT 10, & PSAT 8/9

2019-20 SY

2019-20 SPRING ASSESSMENTS

- State mandated:
 - PSAT 8/9 – all grade 9 students
 - PSAT 10 – all grade 10 students*
 - SAT – all grade 11 students (graduation requirement)

- Test dates:
 - **April 14, 2020 - SAT for juniors & PSAT 10 for sophomores**
 - No school for freshman & seniors
 - **April 15, 2020 - SAT for juniors w/ext time & PSAT 8/9 for freshman**
 - No school for sophomores, juniors & seniors

- *PSAT 10 is same exam as PSAT/NMSQT, just administered in the spring

STATE TESTING BACKGROUND

- 2001-2014 = PSAE (ACT + WorkKeys + ISBE Science)
- 2015-2016 = PARCC (English 1 and Algebra 1 students only)
 - ETHS administered optional ACT to juniors 2015 & 2016
- 2017 – present = SAT (for grade 11 students only)
 - Graduation requirement
- 2019 - present = PSAT 8/9 for freshman and PSAT 10 for sophomores

MORE TIME OR A TIME CRUNCH?

	ACT	SAT
English (Writing + Language)	75 questions/45 min 36 seconds/question	44 questions/35 min 48 seconds/question
Math	60 questions/60 min 60 seconds/question	58 questions/80 min 83 seconds/question
Reading	40 questions/35 min 52.5 seconds/question	52 questions/65 min 75 seconds/question

SAT TEST FORMAT

Math

- Algebra, geometry, trigonometry, equations, & problem solving
- Calculator & non-calculator portions

Reading

- “Read between the line”/inference
 - Interpret passages
 - Make connections to supplemental materials (e.g., graphs)
 - Essay
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- Students testing with an extended time accommodation are required to take the SAT over 2 days
 - Day 1 = reading test, writing & language test, and math test-no calculator
 - Day 2 = math test-calculator and essay
 - PSAT 8/9 & PSAT 10 will be administered to all students in 1 day

SAT TEST FORMAT - MATH

- SAT, PSAT 10, & PSAT 8/9
 - Heart of Algebra – mastery of linear equations and systems
 - Problem Solving & Data Analysis – being quantitatively literate
 - Passport to Advanced Math – manipulation of complex equations
- SAT & PSAT 10 only
 - Additional Topics in Math – geometry and trigonometry most relevant to college and career readiness
- Video: <https://youtu.be/wnK2pFEE-ys>

SAT TEST FORMAT WRITING AND LANGUAGE

- Read
 - Find mistakes and weaknesses
 - Fix them
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- Command of Evidence
 - Word Choice
 - Analysis of History/Social Studies and Science
 - Expression of Ideas
 - Conventions of Standard English

SAT TEST FORMAT READING

- Command of Evidence
- Words in Context
- Analysis in History/Social Studies and Science

IF A STUDENT HAS ALREADY TAKEN AN ASSESSMENT OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL (I.E. ACT OR A DIFFERENT, NON-SCHOOL FUNDED SAT) CAN THAT ASSESSMENT BE USED TO FULFILL GRADUATION REQUIREMENT?

- No, only the state-required administration in any given year (in this year, school-administered, state-funded SAT) that satisfies the diploma requirement.

RESOURCES FOR STUDENTS

- Student Search Service
- Score Reporting Portal
- Free, specific practice (Khan Academy)
- Personalized study plan
- SAT question-a-day phone app
- Online sample questions and practice tests

- College Board website with practice questions:
- SAT math questions: <https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sample-questions/math>
- PSAT 10 math questions: <https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sample-questions/math>
- PSAT 8/9 math information (no sample questions):
<https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/psat-8-9/inside-the-test/math>