

UNDERSTANDING YOUR SAT SCORES

Your SAT test scores from the April 27th in school test are ready for you to review!

Where To Find Your SAT Scores

To access your SAT scores, sign in to your Collegeboard account at <https://studentscores.collegeboard.org/home>. If you did not create a CollegeBoard account in your Junior Seminar class, you will need to create one now. This video <https://youtu.be/vrcNC95ymFc> will demonstrate how to sign in and see your test scores.

The screenshot shows the CollegeBoard 'Student Score Reports' sign-in page. At the top, it says 'Most multiple choice scores from the May 8th SAT are now available.' Below this is a 'Sign In' section with fields for 'Username' and 'Password', and a yellow 'Sign In' button. To the right of the sign-in fields, there is a message: 'Sign in to view your scores from the SAT, SAT Subject Tests, PSAT/NMSQT, PSAT 10 and PSAT 8/9 tests.' Below this message are three bullet points: 'SAT PRACTICE: Send your scores to Khan Academy for a free, personalized SAT practice plan based on your test results.', 'COLLEGES, MAJORS, AND CAREERS: Use our free tools to discover which colleges and programs are right for you.', and 'SCHOLARSHIPS: Use your PSAT/NMSQT scores to access scholarships from National Merit Scholarship Corporation, College Board Opportunity Scholarships, and others.' At the bottom left, there is a link for 'Forgot username or password' and another for 'Don't have an account? Sign Up'. At the bottom right, there is a small disclaimer: 'The College Board currently does not collect personal information for students under the age of 13 to enable online account creation. PSAT 8/9 test takers under 13 can review their results on the paper score report or can review their scores in school with their teacher or counselor via the integrated score reporting portal. Please see our Privacy Policy for more details.'

Interpreting Your SAT Scores

Information provided by CollegeBoard

Once you have accessed your SAT score report, here is how to read it. SAT score reports provide a lot of feedback, and it might be hard to know where to start. Score ranges and benchmarks—described below—can help you put your scores in perspective. Subscores and cross-test scores can help you identify strengths and weaknesses and see what skills need more practice. But your score report won't tell you if you passed because there's no such thing as a passing score.

Score Structure		College & Career Readiness Benchmarks
Total score	400–1600	1050
Evidence-Based Reading and Writing Section	200–800	480
Math Section	200–800	530

Score Ranges

Tests can't measure exactly what you know, and many factors can affect your score. After all, no two days are the same, and if you were to take the SAT three times in a week or once a week for a month, your scores would vary. That's why it's helpful to think of each score as a range that extends from a few points below to a few points above the score earned. Score ranges show how much your score might change with repeated testing, assuming that your skill level remains the same. Usually, section scores for Evidence-Based Reading and Writing and for Math fall in a range of roughly 30 to 40 points above or below your true ability. Colleges know this, and they receive the score ranges along with your scores to consider that single snapshot in context.

College and Career Readiness Benchmarks

The SAT College and Career Readiness Benchmarks reflect benchmark scores for both Evidence-Based Reading and Writing and Math sections. Students whose scores meet each section's benchmarks are considered college and career ready. In other words, if you score at or above the benchmark, you're on track to be ready for college when you graduate high school.

You can also use the detailed feedback in your online score report or speak with your school counselor about your scores to see which skills need the most improvement. Keep in mind that these benchmarks are intended to help you better prepare for life after high school and shouldn't keep you from pursuing college or enrolling in challenging courses.

Opportunities to Increase Your Scores

As a student at Mastery, you have two more opportunities to retake the SAT for free. Research shows that you are likely to increase your score by 40-100 points by re-taking the exam. If you have taken the SAT more than once many schools will use your best scores for each section to determine admissions. This is called a superscore.

Sample Superscoring

	April 2021 Test Scores	October 2021 Test Scores	Superscore
Math	490	530	1080
Reading and Writing	550	490	
Total Score	1040	1020	

Here are some ways to prepare to take the test again:

- **Test prep** - Khan Academy is a free, online resource. (<https://www.khanacademy.org/signup>) If in person learning is more your speed, reach out to your College Advisor for in person test prep options offered through your school. A list of College Advisors can be found at masterycharter.org/pfph
- **Your senior course work will continue to enhance your reading, english and math skills.** For example, you will take English, Government and Economics as well as Pre-Calculus or Calculus classes that will develop your knowledge and prepare you to retake the SAT.
- **There are only four more dates available to take the test this year.** These tests will not take place in your school, but at other sites across Philadelphia and Camden. You can choose the site that is easiest for you to access, and register for on the CollegeBoard website. Registration for the dates listed below typically close one month prior to the test, so be sure to register early!

August 28, 2021 • October 2, 2021 • November 6, 2021 • December 4, 2021



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