

# Why is Indiana switching to the SAT?



State law (IC § 20-32-5.1-7(e)) requires high school students to participate in "a nationally recognized college entrance exam" to assess Mathematics and English/Language Arts for high school accountability beginning school year 2021-2022. IDOE collaborated with IDOA to fulfill the requirements in statute. As a result of the procurement process, IDOA identified College Board's SAT to fulfill this requirement, as announced in April 2020.

## Frequently Asked Questions

### Q: Will the SAT include an Essay portion?

A: No. The SAT discontinued their optional Essay portion, so it will not be included on the Indiana accountability assessment. Colleges do not utilize the Essay results when considering SAT scores in admission decisions.

### Q: When will training for SAT administration take place?

A: IDOE and College Board will provide information and training over Summer and Fall 2021.

### Q: Will accommodations for SAT be transferred from Indiana IEP or other systems?

A: No. Accommodations will need to be entered for each individual student in the College Board SSD Online system. Students who already have College Board accommodations will retain those accommodation designations in the system. More information is forthcoming.

## Resources

- [The SAT as Indiana's Accountability Assessment](#)
- [Indiana's Transition to the SAT](#)
- [College Board's SAT site](#)



**Established Assessment:** Proficiency for Indiana students will be evaluated using a nationally-recognized assessment, with a long track record of excellence.



**Shorter Testing Time:** Each student completes testing in one day\*, resulting in less disruption to high school class schedules.



**College-Reportable Scores:** SAT scores may be used by students to fulfill some college entrance requirements. The cost of nationally-recognized college entrance exams can be an obstacle for low-income students and families. Indiana students will have a one-time paid opportunity to take the SAT, and may send their score to up to four colleges and universities. Find out more about how College Board can help students search for an appropriate post-secondary opportunity.



**Free Personalized Practice:** Khan Academy offers free practice with skills assessed on the SAT, along with personalized practice recommendations for areas of additional support.



**Scholarship Opportunities:** Student SAT participation connects to scholarship opportunities. Learn more about how preparing for college can earn students scholarships through College Board's Opportunity Scholarship program.

*\*except for students with extended time accommodation*

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