



SAT School Day Fact Sheet

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What is Digital SAT School Day?

All 11th grade students in New Mexico public schools are expected to participate in the spring SAT School Day, except for those students with significant cognitive disabilities who take the alternate assessment based upon an IEP. The College Board has transitioned the SAT School Day into a fully computer adaptive version of the assessment. While New Mexico has already been taking the SAT on computers, the new SAT School Day moves away from being a fixed-form, digital version of the paper and pencil tests and will utilize a multistage adaptive testing (MST) methodology. Being adaptive means that the level of difficulty of the questions adjusts throughout the assessment based on the student's ability level. This change will allow for a more accurate measurement of test content in a shorter and more flexible time frame.

How is the test different from prior years?

- The digital SAT is substantially shorter than its predecessor—lasting 2 hours and 14 minutes instead of 3 hours.
- Test takers should have more time to answer each question, meaning that the SAT School Day is a better measure of students' skills and knowledge, not test-taking speed.
- Students and educators will receive scores in days instead of weeks.
- The test will be more secure. Going digital allows for every student to be given a highly comparable but unique test form, so it will be practically impossible to share answers.

How can students and teachers prepare?

- **SAMPLE TEST QUESTIONS (WITH ANSWER EXPLANATIONS)**
These questions illustrate the range of skills and knowledge on the digital SAT Suite tests as well as the response formats used (multiple-choice and, for select Math questions, student-produced response).
- **FULL-LENGTH ADAPTIVE DIGITAL SAT PRACTICE TEST FORMS**
Students can take full-length digital practice tests directly in the digital testing application, allowing them to get the full digital SAT Suite experience while familiarizing themselves with test content.
- **OFFICIAL SAT PRACTICE ON KHAN ACADEMY**
Students can log on to Khan Academy® to practice with digital SAT test questions and receive feedback and explanations.
- **SAT SUITE QUESTION BANK (SSQB)**
This tool, developed primarily for educators, allows teachers to search for and download sets of practice SAT Suite questions targeted to their lesson plans. Teachers can apply multiple filters to the question bank to find the kind of questions they want. The SSQB will continue to be updated with digital SAT Suite content.

What is Big Future App?

BigFuture School™ is a new, free mobile app for students that delivers scores and planning information directly to their phones. The app can also be used to view customized career possibilities, find key information about financial aid and scholarships, and get guidance to help plan for college. When a student sits down to take the SAT School Day, they will have the option to provide their phone number and then a link to download the app will be sent. A student's personal information will never be shared. If the student is interested in one of the colleges or programs they learn about, they can decide if and when to contact them.

How is the test administered?

The digital SAT is composed of two sections: Reading and Writing and Math. Students have 64 minutes to complete the Reading and Writing section and 70 minutes to complete the Math section. Each section has two modules of test questions. Each Reading and Writing module lasts 32 minutes, while each Math module lasts 35 minutes. When students complete the Reading and Writing section, they are moved to the Math section after a 10-minute break. Total testing time for the digital SAT is 2 hours and 14 minutes.

What is the test score range?

Test scores range from 400-1600 for the mathematics and reading/writing sections combined.

Level 1 (Well Below Expectations)		Level 2 (Below Expectations)		Level 3 (At Expectations)		Level 4 (Above Expectations)	
ERW	Math	ERW	Math	ERW	Math	ERW	Math
200-410	200-410	420-470	420-520	480-620	530-640	630-800	650-800

When is the test given?

The NMPED Assessment Schedule can be found on the [Assessment Bureau website](#).