

SAT Frequently Asked Questions

- **When is the test?**

All juniors in the state of Michigan will take the SAT with Essay on the Tuesday after we return from Spring Break. Testing will begin promptly at 7:40 am.
- **Does it cost anything to take the SAT?**

When you take the SAT as part of the state testing in spring of your junior year, it is free!
- **Do students have class after testing is done?**

Yes, classes begin for all students with a modified schedule (to be determined).
- **What is the test composed of?**

3 sections, Evidence-Based Reading and Writing, Math, and an Essay

Reading--65 minutes
10-minute break
Writing and Language--35 minutes
Math--No Calculator--25 minutes
5-minute break
Math--Calculator--55 minutes
Essay--50 minutes
- **What can students bring into the testing room?**

Students need to bring photo ID, a couple of #2 pencils, a calculator, and that's it!

NO electronic devices, NO mechanical pencils or pens or highlighters, NO backpacks or bags, NO reading material, NO food or drink.
- **Do students have to register in advance for the SAT?**

No, you are automatically registered if you are a student in the 11th grade. However, you will complete some pre-test paperwork several days before testing, and we will call you down from your 11th grade English class to the Community Room.
- **Are we loaning out calculators?**

Yes, we will loan out calculators to our 11th graders, so watch for signs up about how to borrow a calculator for the testing. Please note that we have a limited supply, so if you are able, please plan on using your own calculator. Make sure you check the SAT website to see which type/brand of calculators are allowed.
- **How can students prepare for the SAT?**

All students in Michigan have been given free access to the Khan Academy, an online, free SAT practice website. Students at PCHS can access this with their Google credentials. There are sample questions, full-length practice tests, and more.
www.satpractice.org.
- **Why the SAT?**

The SAT is one part of the Michigan Merit Exam that all juniors in Michigan are required to take. It is a college-readiness assessment that is accepted at **all Michigan universities** and is already a familiar test to many in the state. The recently redesigned test is more focused and more useful than ever before. The new SAT measures the skills and knowledge that colleges are looking for today. And it reflects what Michigan students are already learning in their classrooms.

- **If you don't know an answer on the SAT, should you guess?**

Students, we encourage you to give your best answer for every test question, since there is no penalty for guessing.

- **How do you send your score to colleges?**

When we pre-register students for the test, you have the opportunity to send your scores to up to 4 colleges for free! Our counselors encourage you to take advantage of this opportunity. You can send your scores to colleges after you test as well, just know that there will be a fee, at least \$12 per college.

- **When do the scores come in? How do we view them?**

Scores are ready to be viewed about 4 weeks after the test. You won't get a paper score report, so you will need to be sure and create your online College Board account, as that is where your scores will be stored and available for viewing. You can see a lot of detail in your score report, even which questions you got right and wrong.

- **What about the ACT? Can students still take that exam?**

The ACT is still a very popular college-ready assessment taken by over a million students each year. Visit www.actstudent.org for more information.