

# CURRENT SAT

VS.

# THE NEW SAT<sup>®</sup>

## TIMING

Final Administration  
**JANUARY 2016**

**171**  
Questions



**3** Hrs | **45** Mins

First Administration  
**MARCH 2016**

**154**  
Questions



**3** Hours\*

\*3 hrs 50 mins with Essay

## SECTIONS

**MATHEMATICS**

**CRITICAL  
READING**

**WRITING**

- ▶ Tests general reasoning skills.
- ▶ Tests a wide range of math skills.
- ▶ Questions in the Critical Reading Section ask students to understand texts but won't ask them to cite evidence in their answers. Writing Section questions are based on sentences or short paragraphs.

**MATH**

**EVIDENCE-BASED  
READING AND WRITING**

- ▶ Measures skills and knowledge students need to be ready for college and beyond. Better reflects what students learn in class.
- ▶ Focuses on math that research shows is used most in college and career.
- ▶ Questions in the Evidence-Based Reading and Writing Section are passage-based. Students are asked to support answers with evidence from a passage.

## ESSAY REQUIRED

## ESSAY OPTIONAL

## SCORING

Scores ranging from

**600–2400**

**POINTS SUBTRACTED**

for incorrect answers

Scores ranging from

**400–1600**

**NO PENALTY**

for guessing

SAT fee waivers are available for all eligible students, and most colleges plan to accept scores from both versions of the SAT.

To find out more about the changes to the SAT and how we can help you navigate a path to college and career, visit [sat.org/new](http://sat.org/new). #NewSAT

