

SAT (Scholastic Aptitude Test)

Assessments provide valuable information for students, parents and educators on whether students have mastered grade level and content standards and are on track to graduate prepared for the 21st century. These assessment results are intended to provide one measure in a body of evidence of your child's academic progress.



WHAT IS THIS ASSESSMENT?

The SAT, or Scholastic Aptitude Test, is an important state summative assessment taken by all Colorado eleventh grade students. Created by College Board, the SAT measures a student's academic progress through 11th grade and assesses his or her level of preparedness for college and career. The SAT is used by most colleges and universities for admission and scholarship opportunities.

Each spring, Colorado eleventh graders take the SAT as well as the CMAS science and social studies assessments. Below is a chart showing the state assessments taken by grade:

Grade 3 – 8	Colorado Measures of Academic Success (CMAS)
Grade 9	PSAT 9
Grade 10	PSAT 10
Grade 11	SAT, CMAS Science, CMAS Social Studies



WHEN IS MY CHILD BEING TESTED?

The SAT is given in April and administered using a pencil/paper format. The test is approximately 3 hours long with an optional 50-minute essay portion. Check with your child's school for the specific testing schedule.

The optional essay is not required by all colleges and universities, though some may choose to require it. Students and families are encouraged to research whether the optional essay portion is required by their preferred universities. Students may benefit from taking the essay portion as:

- It can strengthen student college applications.
- It can help a student understand their writing proficiency.



WHAT SCORE(S) WILL MY CHILD RECEIVE?

Students will receive scores between 400 and 1600. This score represents the combined score of student progress in the math section and the reading and writing section. A student's level of performance on the SAT test will be included in a student's high school transcript.



HOW WILL THESE SCORES BE USED?

These scores are used by many colleges and universities across the country for admission purposes as well as to award scholarships.



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

We encourage you to be involved in your child's education. Please don't hesitate to reach out to your child's teacher for ways you can help your child at home and availability of testing accommodations.

More Information: Standards and Assessments

Visit:

- <http://assessments.dpsk12.org>
- <http://parents.collegeboard.org>

Resources: PSAT and SAT

Daily Practice for the New SAT | College Board

- Receive daily, sample questions and get immediate feedback.
- Allows students to practice on a regular basis.
- Students can complete PSAT or SAT practice tests using printed answer sheets, then take a picture and use the Scan and Score function.

Official SAT Practice | Khan Academy

- Students sign up for an account and receive personalized recommendations for areas of improvement based on their PSAT and SAT scores.
- Full-length practice tests, diagnostic quizzes, daily practice questions and preparation resources targeted to specific areas of the test are also available for free via Khan Academy's website:
<https://www.khanacademy.org/mission/sat>.

PSAT Practice | Boys & Girls Club

- We have partnered with the Boys & Girls Club to connect low-income students with online SAT and PSAT resources.

If you have questions or concerns about assessments, please contact your child's school directly or call Family Constituency Services at (720) 423-3054.