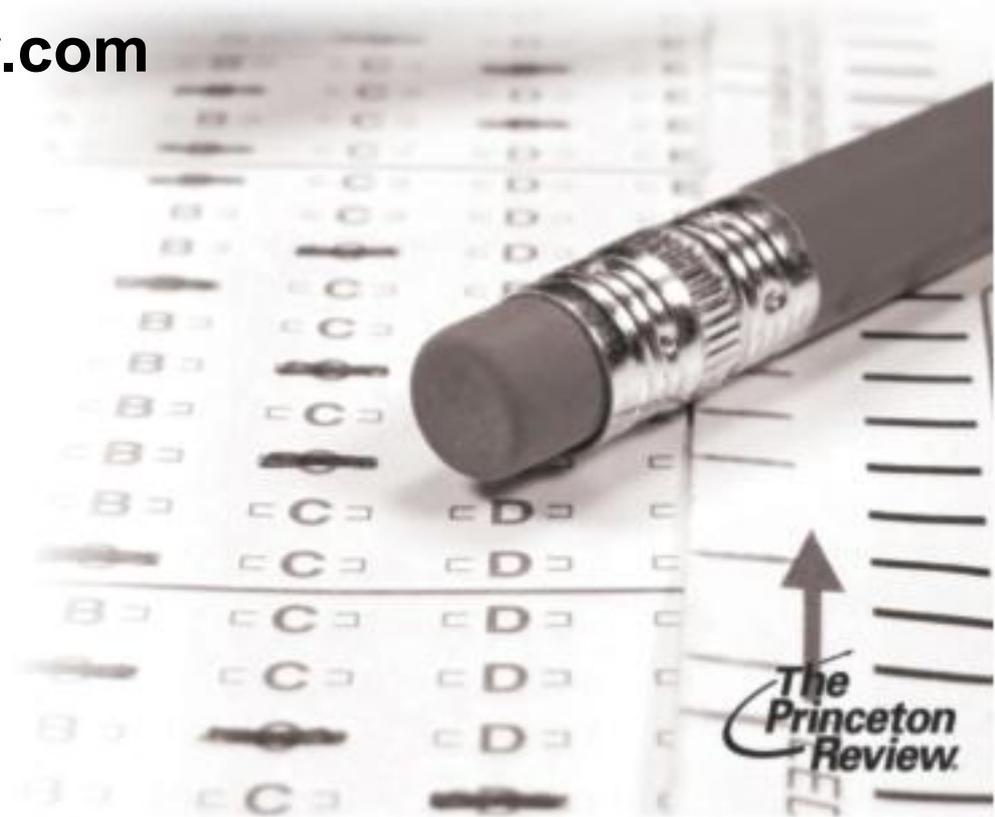


Redesigned SAT

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Agenda

- * Who do the SAT changes affect and what are the timelines?
- * SAT v. ACT: similarities, differences, myths and truths
- * PSAT Changes
- * Review sample questions from the Redesigned SAT
- * Testing Timeline
- * How can The Princeton Review help you?

Topics Tested on Redesigned SAT



Reading

- Determining implicit meanings
- Citing textual evidence
- Interpreting words and phrases in context
- Analyzing point of view
- Analyzing purpose



Writing and Language

- Rhetorical Skills
- Parts of Speech
- Punctuation



Math

- Heart of Algebra
- Problem solving and data analysis
- Passport to advanced math
- Additional topics in math

New SAT

Who do the changes affect?

SAT

The changes **DO NOT** affect students who are in the Class of 2015 or 2016.

The changes only affect students in the Class of **2017 and beyond**. Class of 2017 students will have the option to take the ACT, the current SAT and/or the redesigned SAT. The first administration of the redesigned SAT will be in March 2016.

New SAT

Who do the changes affect?

SAT

Many students in the Class of 2017 are assuming that they must take the redesigned SAT. That is **NOT TRUE**.

Let's take a look at all of the test date options for the Class of 2017.

New SAT

Class of 2017 test date options in junior year (2015-2016)

Current SAT

- October 2015
- November 2015
- December 2015
- January 2016

Revised SAT

- March 2016
- May 2016
- June 2016

ACT

- September 2015
- October 2015
- December 2015
- February 2016
- April 2016
- June 2016

Option 1: Take current SAT only.

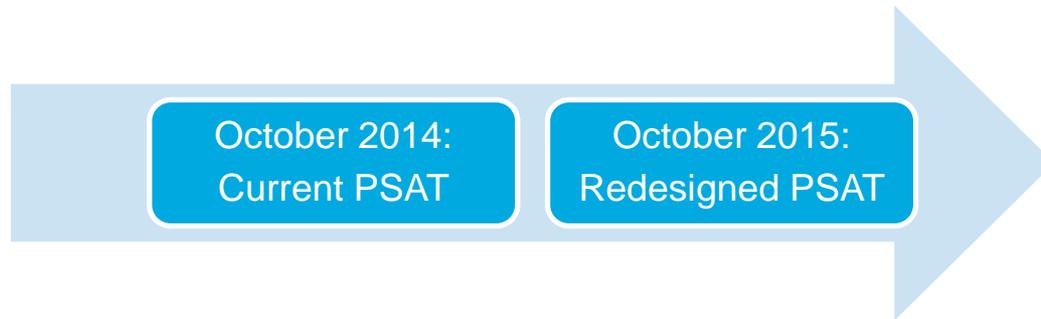
Option 2: Take redesigned SAT only.

Option 3: Take ACT only.

Option 4: Take a combination of the above.

New PSAT

What about the PSAT?

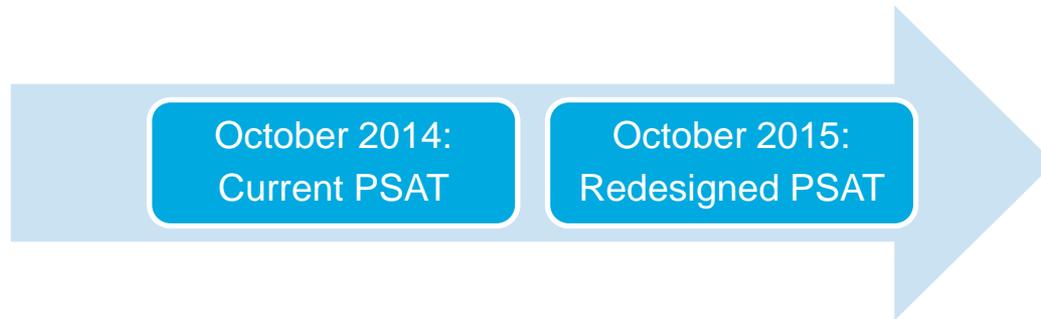


What does this mean for Class of 2017 students?

- If you take the current PSAT in October 2014 when you are in 10th grade, it can be practice for the current SAT, but it will not be practice for the redesigned SAT, nor will it qualify you for National Merit.
- If you take the redesigned PSAT in October 2015 when you are in 11th grade, it can be practice for the redesigned SAT and it will be the qualifying test for National Merit.

New PSAT

What about the PSAT?



For a detailed discussion of all test date options for the Class of 2017, please visit www.PrincetonReview.com/SATChanges and click on the Class of 2017 tab.

New PSAT

PSAT 8/9 debuts this fall at the same time as the new PSAT/NMSQT – this test will replace the Read-Step

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New PSAT

- Test time moving from 2 hours and 10 minutes to 2 hours and 45 minutes
- Number of questions moving from 125 to 138
- There will be a math section that does not allow calculators
- No penalty for incorrect answers
- To compare the RSAT is 3 hours w/o essay (3 hours 50 mins with) with 154 Questions

ACT vs. New SAT

- * **Let's walk through the similarities and differences between the ACT and the redesigned SAT.**

ACT vs. New SAT

How is the ACT scored?

English	1-36
Math	1-36
Reading	1-36
Science Reasoning	1-36
Composite	1-36



The Composite is the average of the English, Math, Reading and Science Reasoning.

The Composite is the score colleges care about.

If you take the optional essay, you will get a separate English with Writing score that is **NOT factored into the Composite score.**

ACT vs. New SAT

How will the new SAT be scored?

Math	200-800
Evidence-Based Reading and Writing	<u>200-800</u>
Composite	400-1600

The Composite on the new SAT will be the total of the Math and Evidence-Based Reading and Writing.

The Evidence-Based Reading and Writing includes:

- Reading Test
- Writing & Language Test

If you take the optional essay, you will get a separate essay score that is **NOT factored into the Composite score.**

ACT vs. New SAT

There will be some additional scoring on the new SAT as well as the ACT, but colleges will likely care mostly about the Composite scores.

ACT vs. New SAT

How are the ACT and the redesigned SAT similar?

- No penalty for wrong answers
- 4 answer choices on multiple-choice questions
- Essay is optional and comes at the end
- Include advanced math topics in Algebra II and Trigonometry
- Grammar questions look almost exactly the same and include punctuation
- Without essays, both are about 3 hours
- Require interpretation of charts and graphs

ACT vs. New SAT

How are the ACT and the redesigned SAT different?

They're not!

Just kidding. They're a little different, but not much.

ACT vs. New SAT

How are the ACT and the redesigned SAT different?



Calculators

You can use a calculator throughout the one math section on the ACT, but the new SAT will have 2 math sections and you'll be able to use a calculator on only one of those sections.

ACT vs. New SAT

How are the ACT and the redesigned SAT different?



Multiple-Choice Math Questions

The ACT math questions are all multiple-choice, while the new SAT will have some questions where you need to come up with your own answer.

ACT vs. New SAT

How are the ACT and the redesigned SAT different?



Vocabulary

Even though there won't be sentence completion questions on the new SAT, you will still need a higher command of vocabulary on the new SAT than you will for the ACT. The new SAT will test multiple-meanings of commonplace words such as *mad*.

ACT vs. New SAT

How are the ACT and the redesigned SAT different?



Charts and Graphs

Both the ACT and the new SAT will have charts and graphs, but on the ACT, they will only appear in the math and science reasoning sections. They may appear throughout the test on the new SAT.

ACT vs. New SAT

How are the ACT and the redesigned SAT different?



Historical Documents and Speeches

Only the new SAT will feature historical documents and speeches throughout the test such as the Declaration of Independence and the Gettysburg Address.

ACT vs. New SAT

How are the ACT and the redesigned SAT different?



Scoring

The ACT Composite Score is an *average* of 4 scores (English, Math, Reading and Science Reasoning).

The new SAT Composite Score is a *total* of 2 scores (Math and Evidence-Based Reading and Writing).

They both score the optional essay separately.

ACT vs. New SAT

How are the ACT and the redesigned SAT different?



Essay

The tasks will be different.

ACT: Write about perspectives on an issue relevant to high school students.

New SAT: Explain how the author builds an argument to persuade an audience.

SAT & ACT True or False

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ACT v. New SAT: FAQ

Q: Will one test be easier than the other?

A: For most students, probably not, but some students may prefer one over the other. We recommend a full length practice test in both to help determine which test plays to an individual's strengths.

Q: Is preparing for one test the same as preparing for the other test?

A: No. Although some of the techniques we teach will apply to both tests, you will need to do some separate preparation if you plan to take both tests.

Recommendations for class of 2017

Determine, now, which of the current exams is your strength and seize that opportunity. Prep for the current SAT or ACT and make sure you have a great score on a test that colleges are more familiar with.

Prep this summer while not juggling the rigors of the start of junior year

Prep with a company that has the following skill sets:

- A history navigating testing changes before
- Develops its own curriculum and strategies
- Has rigorous training procedures and quality controls

Admissions/Testing Timeline

9th and 10th Grades

- Focus on grades in school and participating in activities
- Possible SAT Subject Test
- Try SAT and/or ACT practice test in the spring of 10th grade

Admissions/Testing Timeline

Summer after 10th Grade

- Great time to start preparing for PSAT, SAT and/or ACT
- Continue activities you are passionate about

Admissions/Testing Timeline

11th Grade

- Possibly PSAT in October
- Prep for and take SAT and/or ACT at least once
- Take one or more SAT Subject Tests if needed
- Start researching colleges (PrincetonReview.com)
- Visit college campuses
- Most important year for grades

Testing Timeline

Summer after 11th Grade

- Prep for fall test retakes if necessary
- College visits
- Application essays
- Note application deadlines
- Activities

Testing Timeline

12th Grade

- Take or retake SAT and/or ACT if necessary
- Letters of Recommendation
- Meet application deadlines (early or regular)
- Keep up the grades
- After January 1, file FAFSA

Now What?

 Last year, The Princeton Review helped 3.5 million students on their journey to college.

 The Princeton Review is America's most popular college preparation company.

Now What?

 **How can The Princeton Review
help **you**?**

Now What?

- ✓ **Remember that if you are in the class of 2017, you will have the option to take:**
 - ❖ Current SAT
 - ❖ Redesigned SAT
 - ❖ ACT

- ✓ All colleges accept SAT or ACT without preference. It's worth trying it out both to see whether you might perform better on one over the other.

Now What? – for Juniors

- We can use PSAT scores to help determine if a student is better suited for the SAT or ACT

Math	Reading	Writing	
42	49	51	ACT
51	42	49	SAT
49	51	42	either
45	49	51	either

Now What? For Sophomors/Freshman

- If your combined PSAT score is.....
- **165 or higher** – take the current SAT no later than January 2016
- **150-165** – current SAT no later than January 2016 or the ACT no later than April of your Junior year
- **150 or below** – redesigned SAT March 2016 or ACT no later than April of your Junior year

Top 5 signs you might prefer the current SAT

- You're a quick thinker who loves the challenge of puzzles and logic games
- You can rapidly define a plethora of onerous vocabulary words
- You prefer to write about World War II and the Great Gatsby rather than about school uniforms
- You have a shorter attention span and prefer to complete an exam in smaller, more bite size pieces
- You rocked the PSAT

Top 5 signs you might prefer the ACT

- You pay close attention in math class and understand basic trigonometry, logarithms, and imaginary numbers
- You love the challenge of working swiftly and beating the clock
- You're good at reading graphs and tables and identifying trends
- You're a strong reader and would much rather read a passage than solve a math problem
- You have a strong GPA but that did not reflect in your PSAT score

Now What?

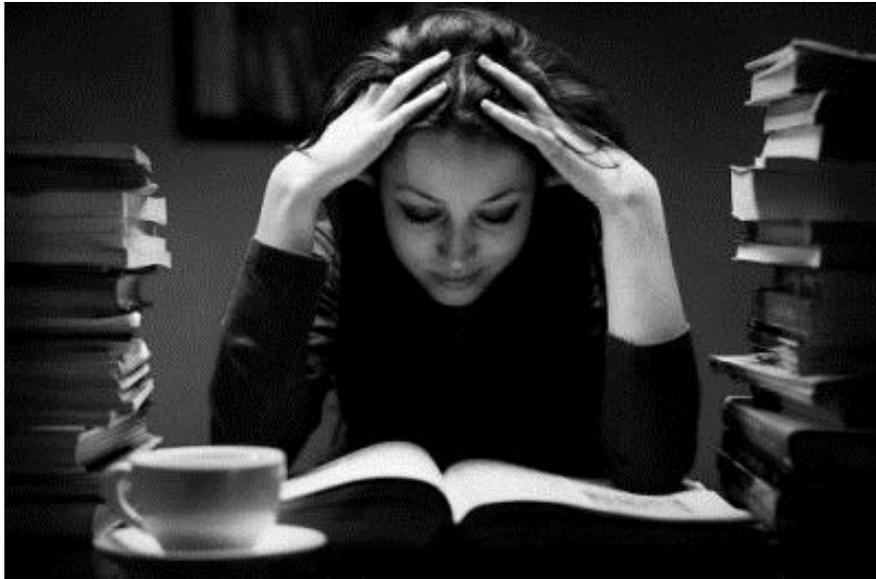
- ✓ If you plan to take the Redesigned SAT, The Princeton Review will have prep options ready for you by Spring 2015. We will have courses and books specifically geared to the new exam. We can also help you prep for the current SAT and/or the ACT.
- ✓ The Princeton Review helps students become prepared and confident test takers. We've never met a test we couldn't help students crack and the Redesigned SAT will be no exception.



Your Goals. Our Expertise.

Now What?

How will you prep?



On your own?



In a class or with a tutor?

Q&A

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