Big changes are coming to the SAT®
Together, we’ll be ready.

The College Board, makers of the SAT, will be launching a revised version of the test in the spring of 2016. There’s no question that the SAT in 2016 will look significantly different from the current version. Our chart below will help you understand these differences.

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<th>Current SAT (Class of 2014–2016)</th>
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| **Scoring**        | 1/4-point penalty for wrong answers  
Score is based out of 2400 - 800 for Math; 800 for Reading Comprehension; and, 800 for Writing | No wrong-answer penalty  
Score is based out of 1600 - 800 for Math; 800 for Evidence-Based Reading and Writing; optional essay will receive a separate score |
| **Timing**         | 3 hours 45 minutes | 3 hours; 3 hours 50 minutes with optional essay |
| **Administration** | Only available in print  
Test focused on broad range of non-essential topics and content | Available digitally and in print  
Fewer questions with a greater focus on in-depth analysis of content |
| **Essay**          | Essay is required  
Students have 25 minutes to write a persuasive essay in response to a prompt  
Accuracy of information not tested | Essay is optional  
Students have 50 minutes to analyze document and draft an essay  
Requires students to analyze source documents and explain how the author builds an argument  
Facts matter |
| **Math**           | Focus on wide array of topics  
More emphasis on computational skills  
Calculators permitted for all sections | Focus on 3 topics - problem-solving and data analysis, “the heart of algebra”, and “passport to advanced math”  
Real-world problem solving including analyzing data, charts, and graphs  
Calculator not permitted for all math sections |
| **Reading and Writing** | Writing score combines writing multiple-choice questions and written essay score  
Reading section has two question types: Sentence Completion and passage-based questions | Reading and Writing combined into “Evidence-Based Reading and Writing”  
No Sentence Completions  
Focus on real-world vocabulary-in-context, as well as revising and editing of passages  
Focus on analyzing Literature, Social Studies, and Science passages  
One passage is a primary source from American and/or World History, such as excerpts from The Constitution or Martin Luther King, Jr.’s “I Have a Dream” speech |