

## SAT Updates by College Board

College Board is providing three updates and will continue to consult with their members on this ongoing work.

### SPOTLIGHT: THREE CHANGES

#### **1. We're discontinuing SAT Subject Tests.**

Because SAT Subject Tests™ are used internationally for a wider variety of purposes, we'll provide two more administrations in May and June of 2021 for students in international locations. International students can call Customer Service to cancel their registration for a full refund if they no longer want to take SAT Subject Tests. Note that SAT Subject Test administrations will be discontinued immediately in the U.S. SAT Subject Tests are used internationally for a wider variety of purposes, hence the additional exam periods.

Why are we doing this? The expanded reach of AP® and its widespread availability for low-income students and students of color mean the SAT Subject Tests are no longer necessary for students to show what they know. AP provides students rich and varied opportunities to showcase their knowledge and skills through university-level coursework. Courses like AP Computer Science Principles provide the type of hands-on learning experiences and practical, real-world work that universities want to see from students.

We've contacted our member universities, and they'll decide whether and how to consider SAT Subject Test scores from students who have them. Students should check universities' websites for the most up-to-date information on their application policies.

#### **2. We're discontinuing the optional SAT Essay.**

This decision recognizes that there are other ways for students to demonstrate their mastery of essay writing. At the same time, writing remains essential to university readiness, and the SAT will continue to measure writing and editing skills. The tasks on the SAT Reading and Writing and Language tests are among the most effective and predictive parts of the SAT.

Students can still take the SAT with Essay through the June 2021 SAT administration. If students are registered for the SAT with Essay in May or June, they can cancel the Essay portion at any time, free of charge.

**3. We're exploring a more flexible SAT – a streamlined, digitally delivered exam that meets the evolving needs of students and higher education.**

The pandemic has highlighted the importance of being innovative and adaptive to what lies ahead. We're committed to making the SAT a more flexible tool, and we're making substantial investments to do so. We are consulting with our members in secondary and higher education and will have more to share about that work later this year.

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