

# THE NEW SAT®

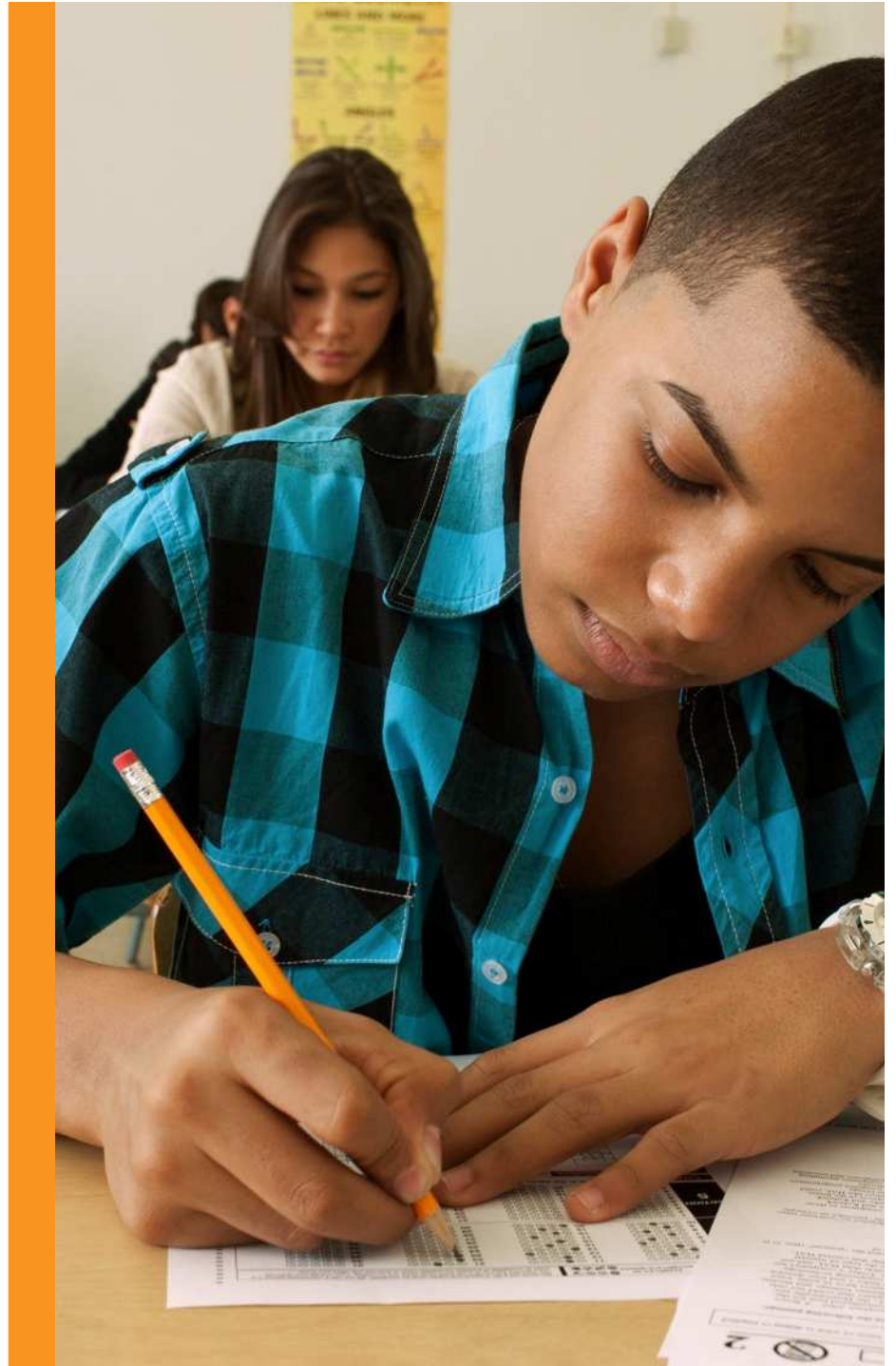


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LEARN **WHY** THE  
SAT® IS AN  
IMPORTANT STEP  
FOR ANY COLLEGE-  
BOUND STUDENT  
TO **TAKE** AND HOW  
**IT** IS FAIR FOR ALL.

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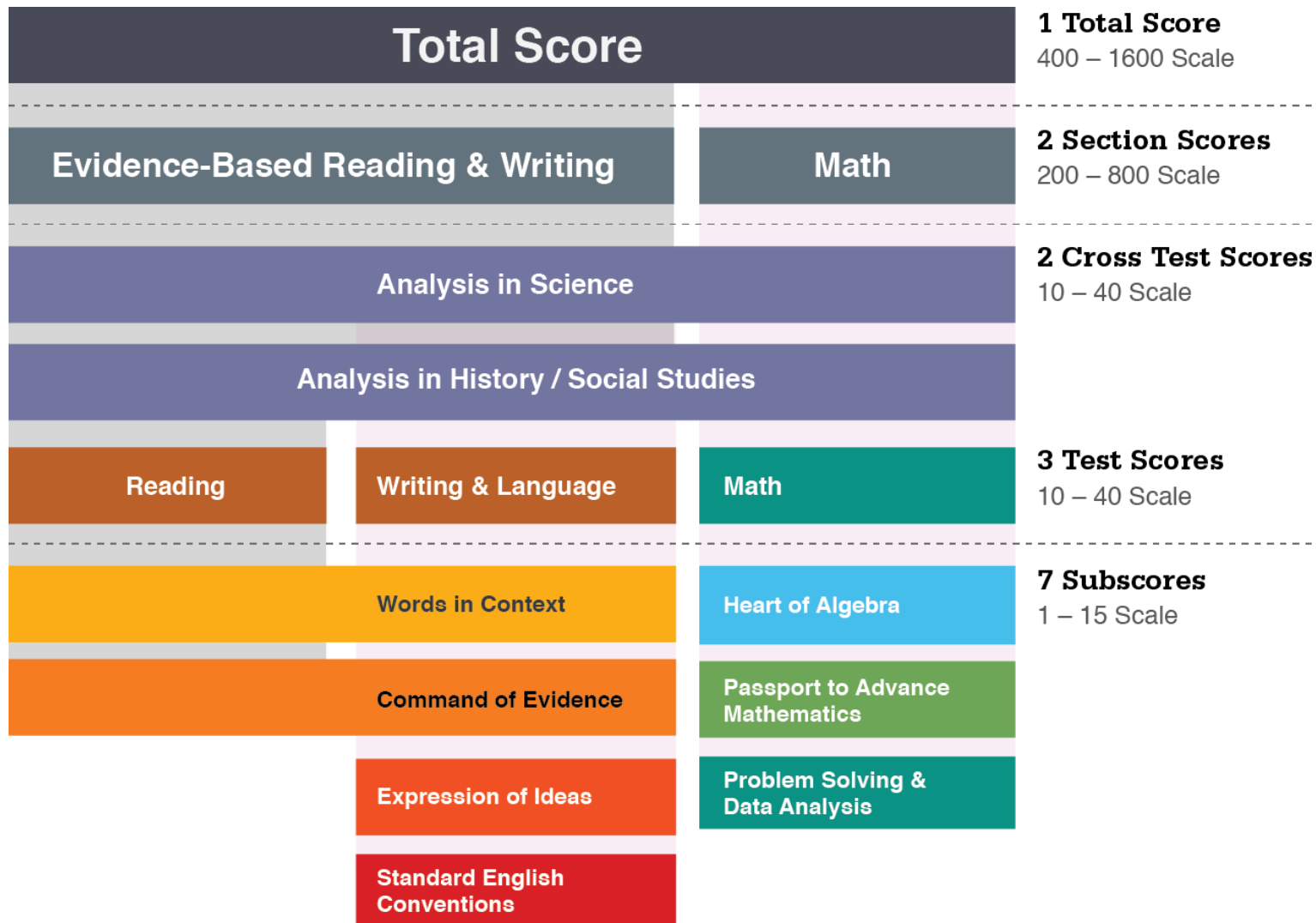
WHY

TAKE

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- It is one of the **most widely used college admission tests** in the U.S.
- Many schools also use it for **placement and academic counseling**, as well as **scholarships and merit aid**.
- It helps students **show colleges what they know** and what they can do.
- **It's fair.** The questions are rigorously researched and tested to make sure students from all backgrounds who have equal levels of preparation have an equal chance to do well.
- In the U.S., a record 1.7 million students from the class of 2015 took the SAT.
- In California, 210,710 class of 2015 graduates took the SAT (57% of class of 2015 graduates).

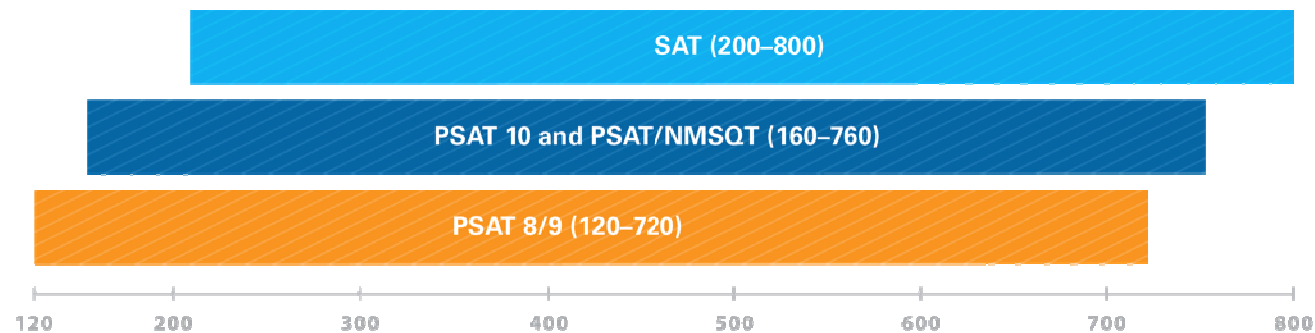
# SAT Scores and Subscores



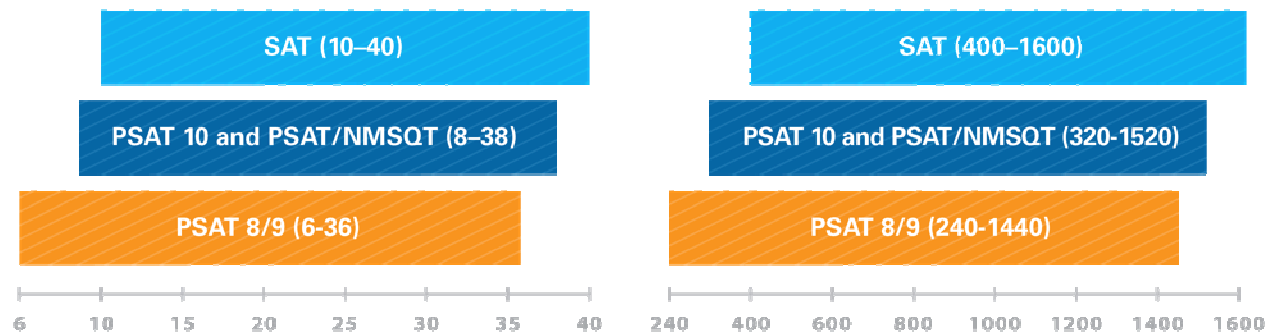
*\*Please note: All subscores are tentative and subject to research.*

# Longitudinal Progress Monitoring

- **Section Scores** will be placed on a vertical scale.



- ▶ This same concept will hold true for the **Test** and **Cross-Test Scores** as well as **Total Score**.



# SAT® Essay Scores

**Essay scoring will consist of three scores:**

**Reading**

2–8 Scale

**Analysis**

2–8 Scale

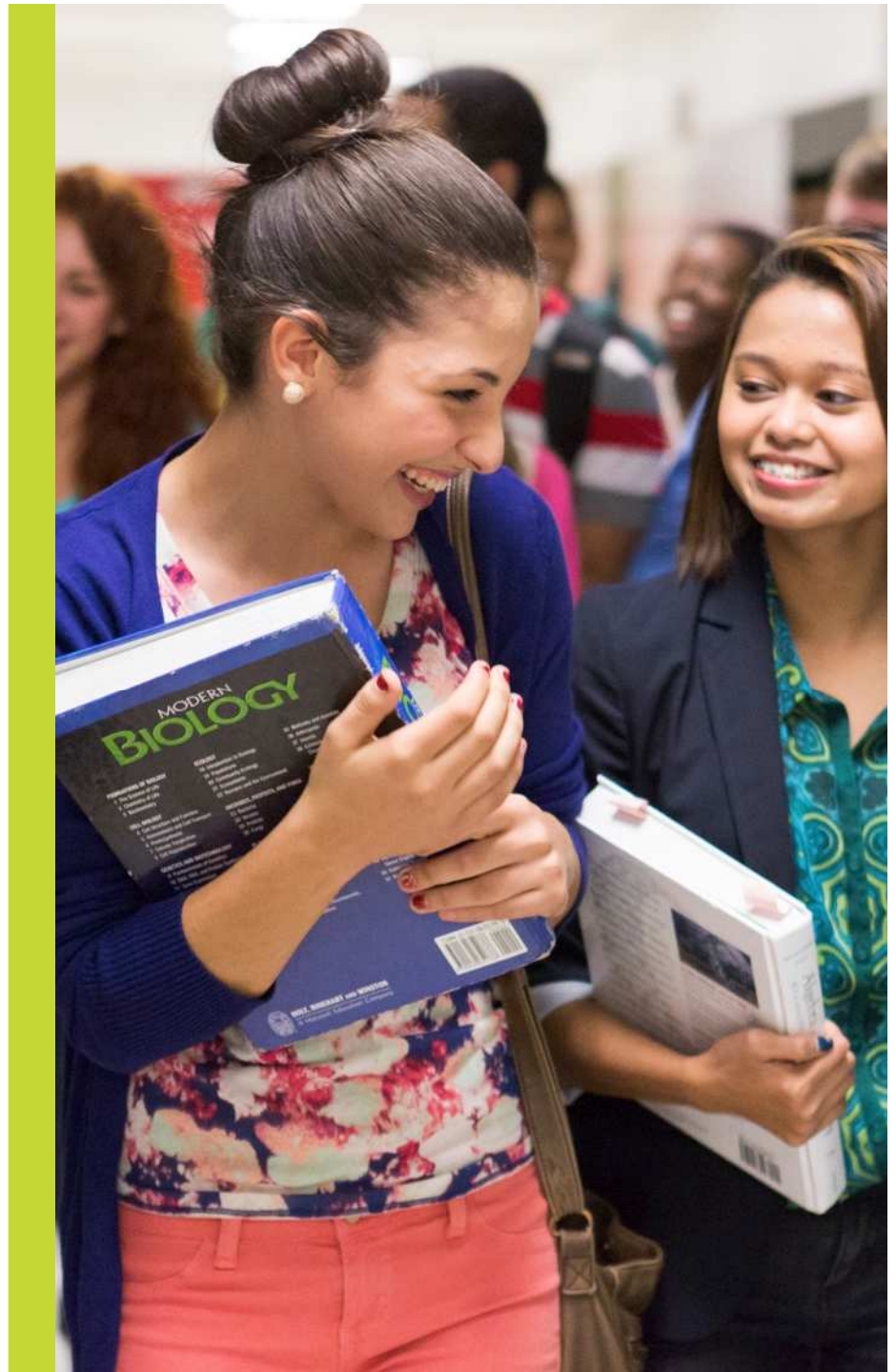
**Writing**

2–8 Scale

<https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat/register/college-essay-policies>

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TO **THE NEW**  
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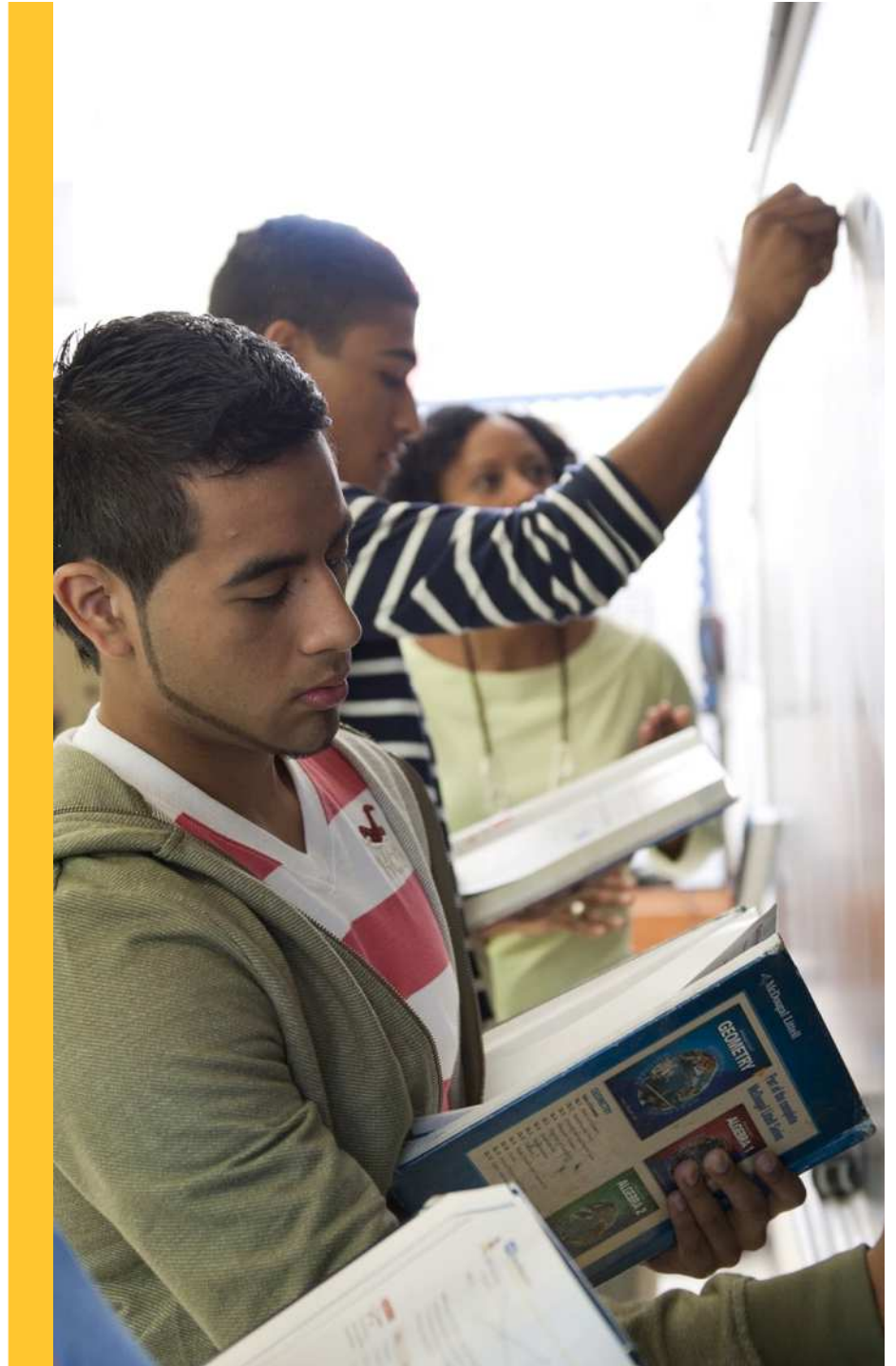
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- ➔ **More focused, clear, and useful.**
- ➔ **Better reflects the work students are doing** in school.
- ➔ **Better measures the skills and knowledge needed** to be ready for college and career.
- ➔ **Connects students with opportunities**, including free practice tools on Khan Academy® and college application fee waivers for income-eligible students.

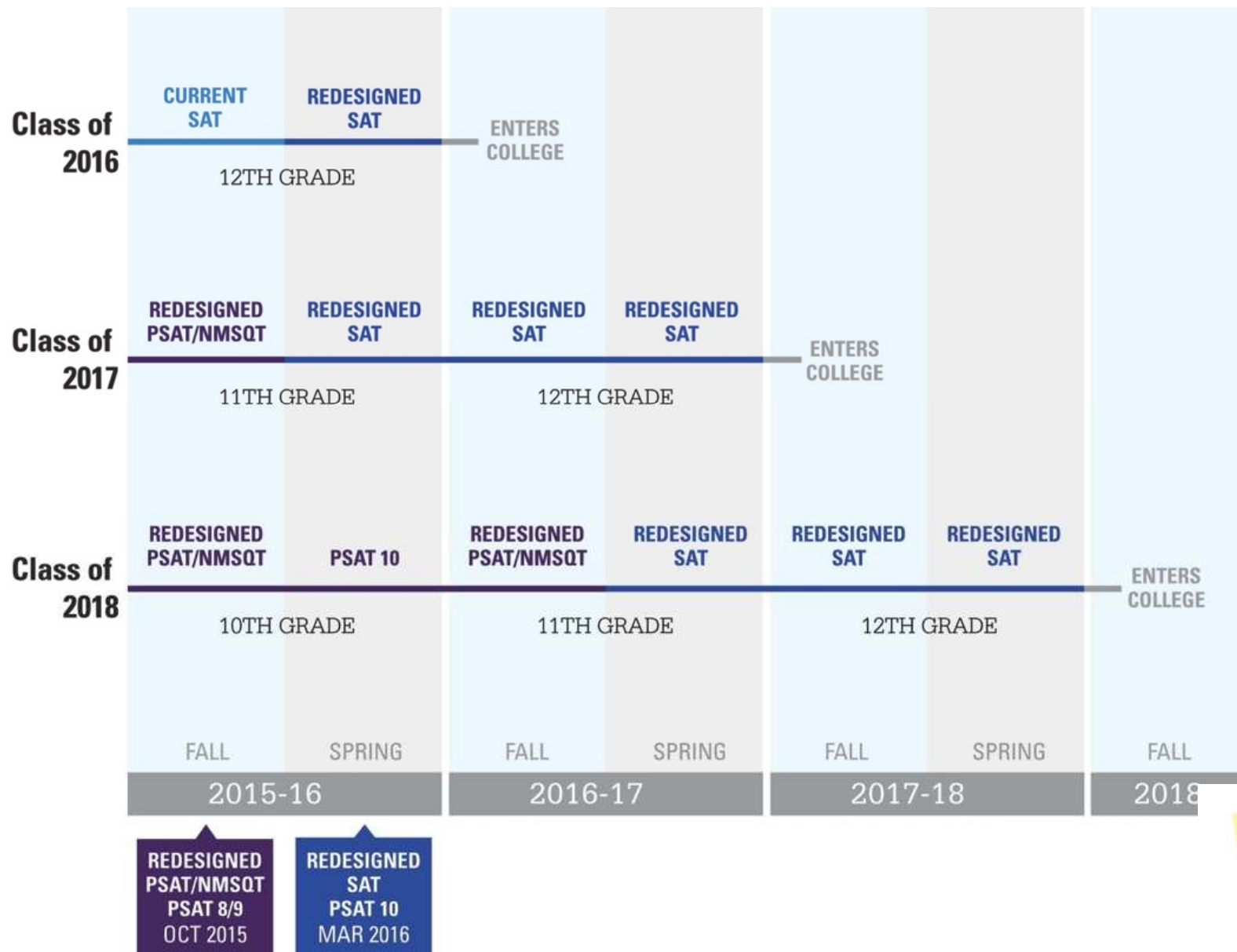


MARCH 2016 WILL  
**MARK** THE FIRST  
ADMINISTRATION  
OF THE NEW SAT®.  
PLAN **YOUR** COLLEGE  
ADMISSION PROCESS  
WITH THESE KEY  
**CALENDAR** DATES.

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# Administration Timelines



# MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- The new SAT® launches March 2016.
- Students can **take the current SAT now through January 2016 and/or the new SAT in or after March 2016.**

MOST U.S. COLLEGES PLAN TO ACCEPT SCORES FROM EITHER VERSION FOR THE NEXT FEW YEARS.

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**FROM** PRACTICING  
TO APPLYING,  
TAKING THE **SAT**<sup>®</sup>  
IS JUST ONE STEP  
IN THE PROCESS OF  
GETTING ADMITTED  
**TO COLLEGE.**

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# Create a Solid Academic Portfolio

Your course schedule may seem like a random selection of classes to you, but college admission officers see it as the blueprint of your high school education. They're looking for a solid foundation of learning that you can build on in college.

Take at least five solid academic classes every semester. The following subjects and classes are standard fare for success in high school and beyond, whether you plan to attend a four-year, two-year or technical school.

## English (Language Arts)

Take English every year. Traditional courses such as American and English literature help you improve your writing skills, reading comprehension and vocabulary.

- Literature
- Writing/composition and/or speech

## Math

In college math classes and in most careers, you need algebra and geometry. Take them early on, and you'll be able to enroll in advanced science and math in high school — and you'll show colleges you're ready for higher-level work.

- Algebra I
- Geometry

## Matemáticas

Para tener éxito en el Examen, en las clases universitarias de matemáticas y en la mayoría de las carreras, necesitas álgebra y geometría. Tómalas pronto y podrás matricularte en ciencias y matemáticas avanzadas en la secundaria; y demostrarás a las universidades que estás listo para trabajar a un nivel superior.

## Social Studies

Understand local and world events that are happening now by studying the culture and history that have shaped them. Social sciences round out your core curriculum.

- Two semesters of U.S. history
- One semester of U.S. government
- One semester of economics
- One semester of world history or geography
- One additional semester of these or other areas

## Foreign Languages

Solid foreign language study shows colleges you're willing to stretch beyond the basics. Many colleges require at least two years of foreign language study, and

- Un semestre de economía
- Un semestre de historia o geografía mundial
- Un semestre adicional de éstas u otras áreas

## Idiomas extranjeros

El estudio sólido de un idioma extranjero demuestra a las universidades que estás dispuesto a ir más allá de lo básico. Muchas universidades exigen al menos

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# FROM SAT<sup>®</sup> TO COLLEGE

## Students thinking about college should:

- ➔ **Talk to their school counselor** about the college search and application process.
- ➔ **Research colleges** and make a list of schools they're interested in.
- ➔ **Register for the SAT** and review college admission requirements.
- ➔ **Keep taking challenging courses** and practice regularly to show they're ready for college-level work.

# Use Big Future to build your College List

## How to Build a College List



The next step in your academic career is deciding where to apply to and attend college. By applying to a range of colleges, you can expand your opportunities and increase your likelihood of success. We can help.

### 1 CREATE A FREE COLLEGE BOARD ACCOUNT

Visit [bigfuture.org](https://bigfuture.org) and sign up for an account. You can register for exams, get test scores, find colleges, and learn about financial aid and more with this account.



### 2 CLICK ON SEARCH COLLEGES

There's no magic formula for choosing a college. Use this tool to find the right colleges for you. Search by type, size, location, majors, cost, and more.



<https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/>



WHAT'S  
DIFFERENT  
ABOUT THE  
NEW **SAT®**?  
TO SHOW YOU,  
WE'VE **COMPARED**  
THE CURRENT SAT  
**TO** THE NEW **SAT.**

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# THE CURRENT SAT<sup>®</sup> COMPARED TO THE NEW SAT

## Current SAT

- **Total testing time:**  
3 hours, 45 min.
- **4 sections:** Critical Reading, Writing, Mathematics, Essay
- **Essay:** Required
- **Penalized for wrong answers**
- **Score scale:** 600 to 2400

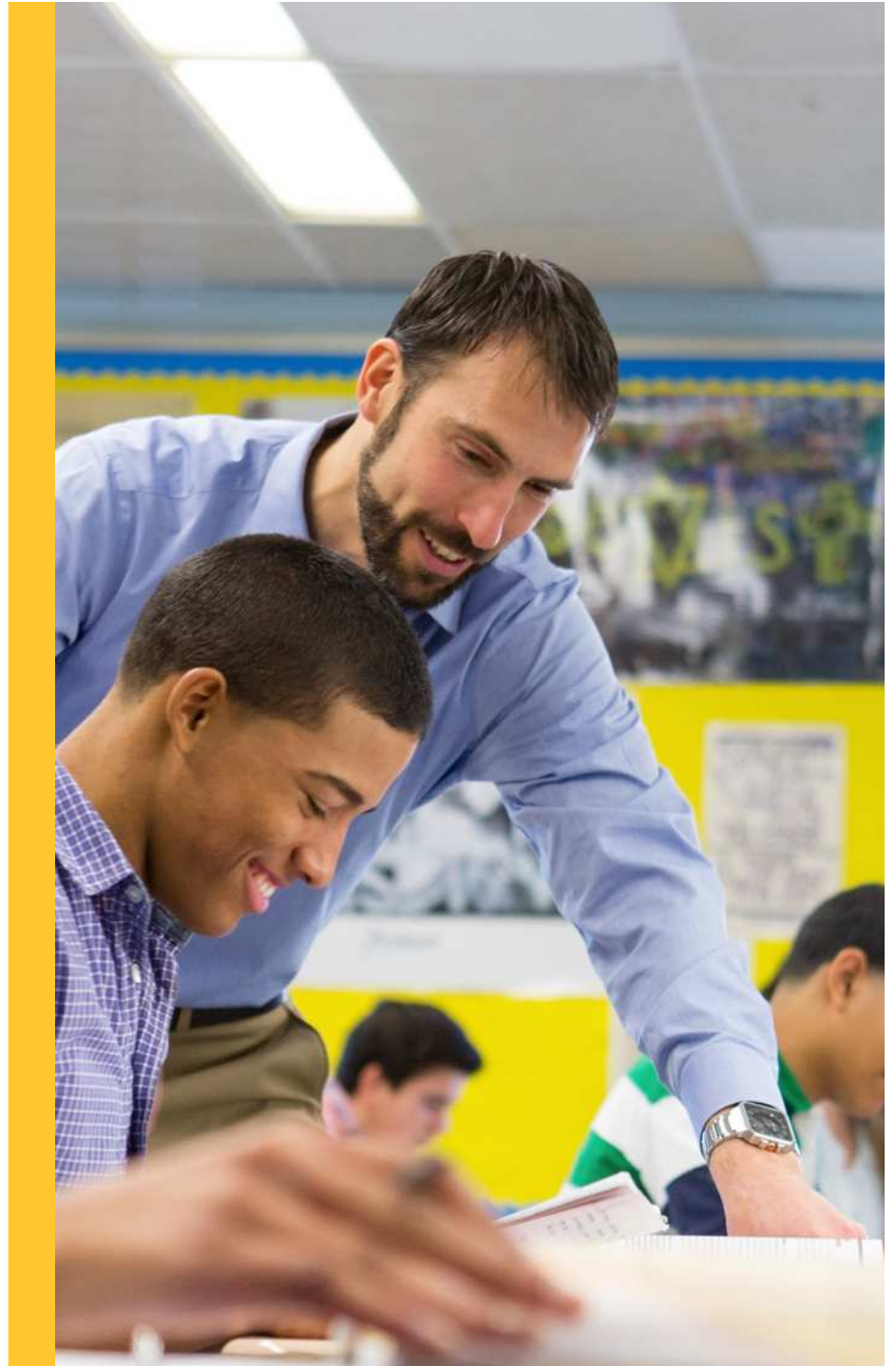
## New SAT

- **Total testing time:**  
3 hours (+50 minutes if taking the SAT with Essay)
- **2 sections (3 with SAT Essay):**  
Evidence-Based Reading and Writing, Math
- **Essay:** Optional
- **No penalty for guessing**
- **Score scale:** 400 to 1600;  
*Essay scored separately*

SAT FEE WAIVERS WILL CONTINUE TO BE AVAILABLE FOR ALL ELIGIBLE STUDENTS TO USE WITH EITHER VERSION OF THE SAT.

FIVE THINGS  
STUDENTS NEED  
TO KNOW **ABOUT**  
**THE NEW SAT®.**

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# ABOUT THE NEW SAT®

## 1. Rights-only scoring.

- Students **earn points for each correct answer.**
- There's **no penalty for guessing.**
- Students are encouraged to **read each question and select the answer they think is best.**

## ABOUT THE NEW SAT®

### 2. No obscure vocabulary.

- The new SAT **focuses on words students are most likely to use again** throughout college and career.
- Students **won't see words like “prevaricate” or “sagacious.”**
- They **will need to understand how words like “synthesis” or “alleviate” are used** in context.

# ABOUT THE NEW SAT®

## 3. More focused math.

- **Focuses on the math skills most widely used** in college and career.
- Most questions are **multiple choice**.
- **Calculators are allowed on only one section.** Some questions are easier to solve without a calculator.

# Redesigned SAT® Sample Item: Relevant Words in Context (Reading Test)

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[ . . . ] The coming decades will likely see more **intense** clustering of jobs, innovation, and productivity in a smaller number of bigger cities and city-regions. Some regions could end up bloated beyond the capacity of their infrastructure, while others struggle, their promise stymied by inadequate human or other resources.

Adapted from Richard Florida, *The Great Reset*.  
©2010 by Richard Florida.

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As used in line 55, “intense” most nearly means

- A) emotional.
- B) concentrated.
- C) brilliant.
- D) determined.

## Redesigned SAT® Sample Item: Relevant Words in Context (Writing and Language Test)

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[. . .] The transportation planner's job might involve conducting a traffic count to determine the daily number of vehicles traveling on the road to the new factory. If analysis of the traffic count indicates that there is more traffic than the **3** current road as it is designed at this time can efficiently accommodate, the transportation planner might recommend widening the road to add another lane. [. . .]

3.   A)   NO CHANGE  
      B)   current design of the road right now  
      C)   road as it is now currently designed  
      D)   current design of the road



# Redesigned SAT® Sample Item: Command of Evidence (Reading Test)

... The North Carolina ratification convention: “No one need be afraid that officers who commit oppression will pass with immunity.” “Prosecutions of impeachments will seldom fail to agitate the passions of the whole community,” said Hamilton in the Federalist Papers, number 65. “We divide into parties more or less friendly or inimical to the accused.”\* I do not mean political parties in that sense.

The drawing of political lines goes to the motivation behind impeachment; but impeachment must proceed within the confines of the constitutional term “high crime[s] and misdemeanors.” Of the impeachment process, it was Woodrow Wilson who said that “Nothing short of the grossest offenses against the plain law of the land will suffice to give them speed and effectiveness. Indignation so great as to overgrow party interest may secure a conviction; but nothing else can.” [ . . . ]

Adapted from a speech delivered by Congresswoman Barbara Jordan of Texas on July 25, 1974, at the Judiciary Committee of the United States House of Representatives.

In lines 48-53 (“Prosecutions . . . sense”), what is the most likely reason Jordan draws a distinction between two types of “parties”?

- A) To counter the suggestion that impeachment is or should be about partisan politics
- B) To disagree with Hamilton’s claim that impeachment proceedings excite passions
- C) To contend that Hamilton was too timid in his support for the concept of impeachment
- D) To argue that impeachment cases are decided more on the basis of politics than on justice



# Redesigned SAT® Sample Item: Command of Evidence (Reading Test) Continued

Which choice provides the best evidence for the answer to the previous question?

A) Lines 13-17 (“It . . . office”)

*It is wrong, I suggest, it is a misreading of the Constitution for any member here to assert that for a member to vote for an article of impeachment means that that member must be convinced that the President should be removed from office.*

B) Lines 20-24 (“The division . . . astute”)

*The division between the two branches of the legislature, the House and the Senate, assigning to the one the right to accuse and to the other the right to judge—the framers of this Constitution were very astute.*

C) Lines 54-57 (“The drawing . . . misdemeanors”)

*The drawing of political lines goes to the motivation behind impeachment; but impeachment must proceed within the confines of the constitutional term “high crime[s] and misdemeanors.”*

D) Lines 64-67 (“Congress . . . transportation”)

*Congress has a lot to do: appropriations, tax reform, health insurance, campaign finance reform, housing, environmental protection, energy sufficiency, mass transportation.*

# ABOUT THE NEW SAT®

## 4. Analysis, not opinion.

The SAT Essay will ask students to read a passage and:

- **Provide a written analysis** of the text.
- **Use critical reasoning skills** to show how the author builds an argument.
- **Use evidence from the text** to support their analysis.

**Students should check individual college websites** to see if schools they're interested in require the SAT Essay.

# Redesigned SAT<sup>®</sup> Essay Prompt

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As you read the passage below, consider how Dana Gioia uses

- evidence, such as facts or examples, to support claims.
  - reasoning to develop ideas and to connect claims and evidence.
  - stylistic or persuasive elements, such as word choice or appeals to emotion, to add power to the ideas expressed.
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[Sample Passage here]

(In this example, passage is adapted from “Why Literature Matters” by Dana Gioia. ©2005 by The New York Times Company. Originally published April 10, 2005.)

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Write an essay in which you explain how Dana Gioia builds an argument to persuade his audience that the decline of reading in America will have a negative effect on society. In your essay, analyze how Gioia uses one or more of the features listed in the box above (or features of your own choice) to strengthen the logic and persuasiveness of his argument. Be sure that your analysis focuses on the most relevant features of the passage.

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Your essay should not explain whether you agree with Gioia’s claims, but rather explain how Gioia builds an argument to persuade his audience.

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## ABOUT THE NEW SAT®

### 5. Free, world-class test practice for all.

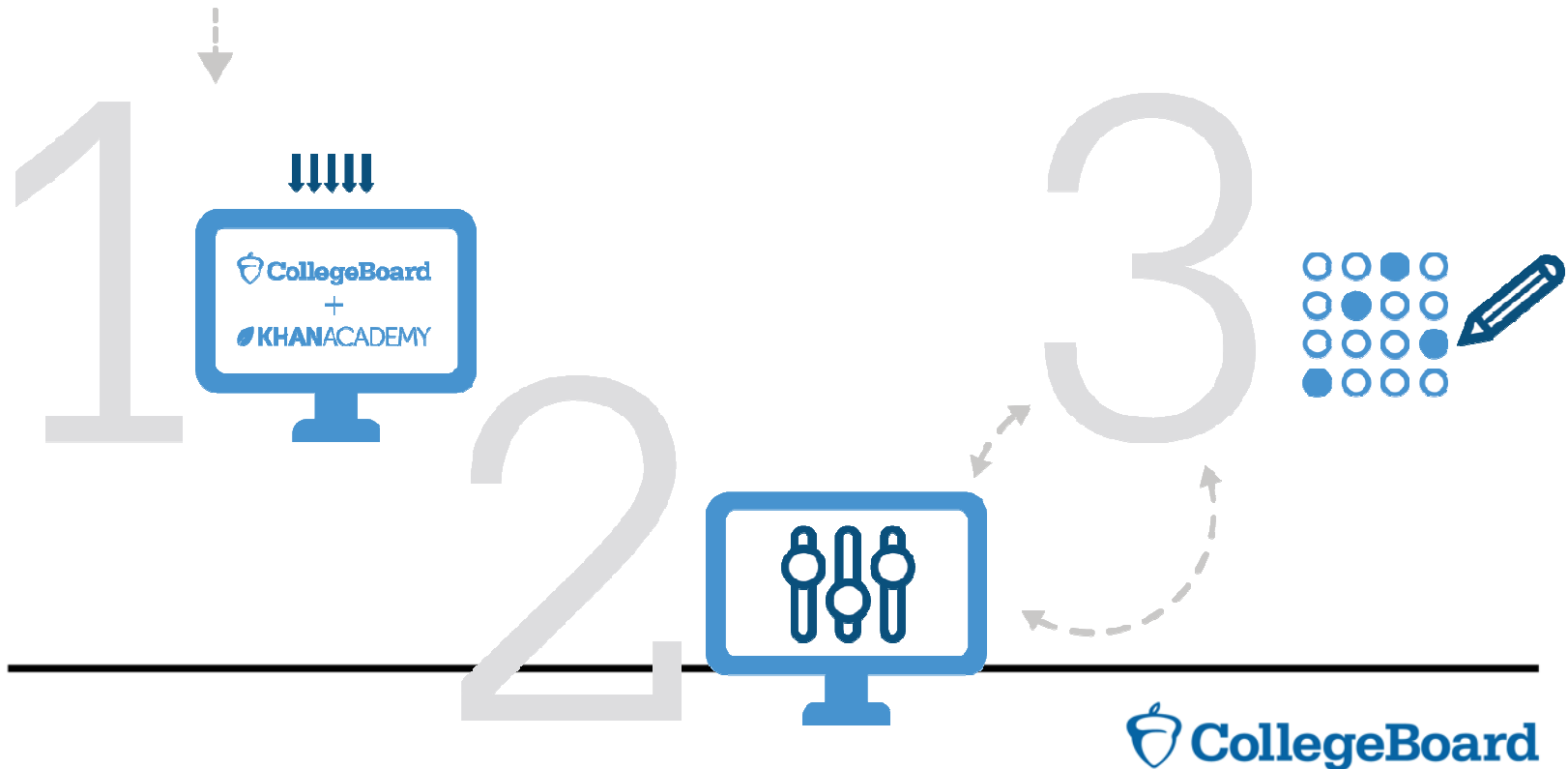
- ➔ **Free** Official SAT Practice on Khan Academy® created in partnership with the College Board.
- ➔ **Personalized practice pathways** provided to each student.
- ➔ **Full-length practice tests** and thousands of sample questions.
- ➔ **Accessible through any computer** with Internet access.
- ➔ Materials also **available to print**.

<https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sample-questions>

# Personalized SAT® Practice through Khan Academy

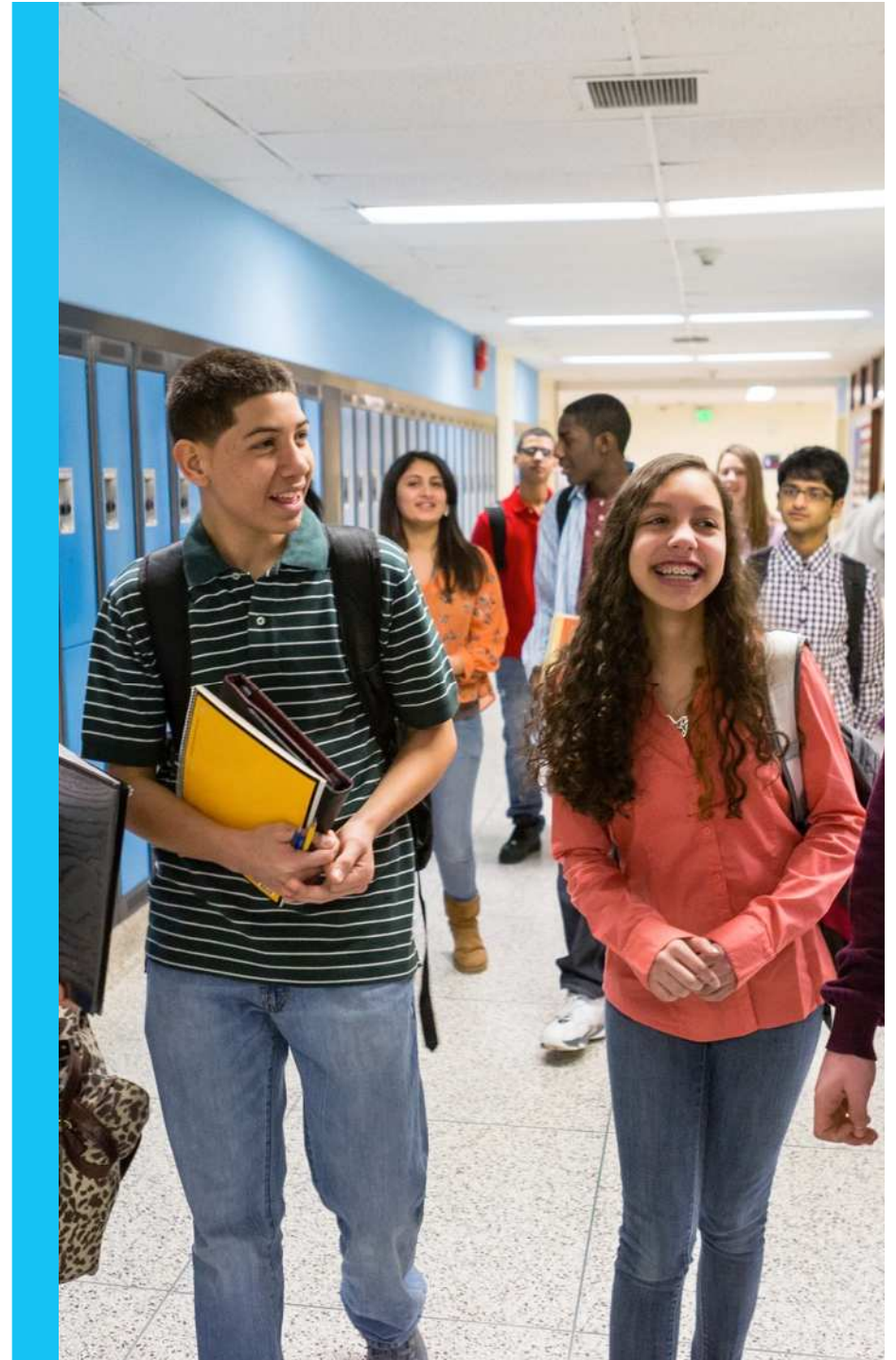


## Jeff's Path to SAT Success



**THE SAT<sup>®</sup>**  
HAS BEEN  
**REDESIGNED,**  
BUT WHAT  
ABOUT THE  
**PSAT/NMSQT<sup>®</sup>**  
AND **PSAT<sup>™</sup> 8/9?**

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# THE REDESIGNED PSAT/NMSQT®

- **Aligned with the new SAT®**; common score scale with the SAT and PSAT™ 8/9.
- **October 2015** is the first administration.
- **More scholarship opportunities, connections to challenging course work, and access to fee waivers.**
- In the U.S., 1,595,486 juniors and 1,812,143 sophomores took the PSAT/NMSQT in Oct. 2014.
- 199,717 California juniors and 233,298 California sophomores took the PSAT/NMSQT in Oct. 2014.

<https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sample-questions>

STUDENTS SHOULD TALK TO THEIR SCHOOL COUNSELOR IF THEY'RE INTERESTED IN TAKING THE PSAT/NMSQT.

# Student Search Service®

**Student Search connects students with over 1,400 opportunities.**

**Student Search is now partnered with five additional major scholarship programs:**

- ✓ **Hispanic Scholarship Fund**
- ✓ **United Negro College Fund**
- ✓ **Jack Kent Cooke Foundation**
- ✓ **Asian & Pacific Islander American Scholarship Fund**
- ✓ **American Indian Graduate Council**

**These scholarship organizations provide nearly \$180 million in scholarships**

## 8 STUDENT SEARCH SERVICE®

Some colleges, scholarship programs, and nonprofit education organizations may request information you supply to us in order to inform you of educational opportunities and financial aid.

Would you like us to supply your information for these purposes?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If you do not answer and previously opted in to participate in this service, we will continue providing your information.



# Race & Ethnicity

Please answer both questions about Hispanic origin and about race. For the following questions about your identity, Hispanic origins are not races.

**Are you of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin? (You may check all that apply)**

- ☐ No, not of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin
- ☐ Yes, Cuban
- ☐ Yes, Mexican
- ☐ Yes, Puerto Rican
- ☐ Yes, another Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin
- ☐ I do not wish to respond

I do not wish to respond shouldn't appear on paper versions, only online.

**What is your race? (You may check all that apply)**

- ☐ American Indian or Alaska Native
- ☐ Asian (including Indian subcontinent and Philippines origin)
- ☐ Black or African American (including Africa and Afro-Caribbean origin)
- ☐ Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander
- ☐ White (including Middle Eastern origin)
- ☐ I do not wish to respond

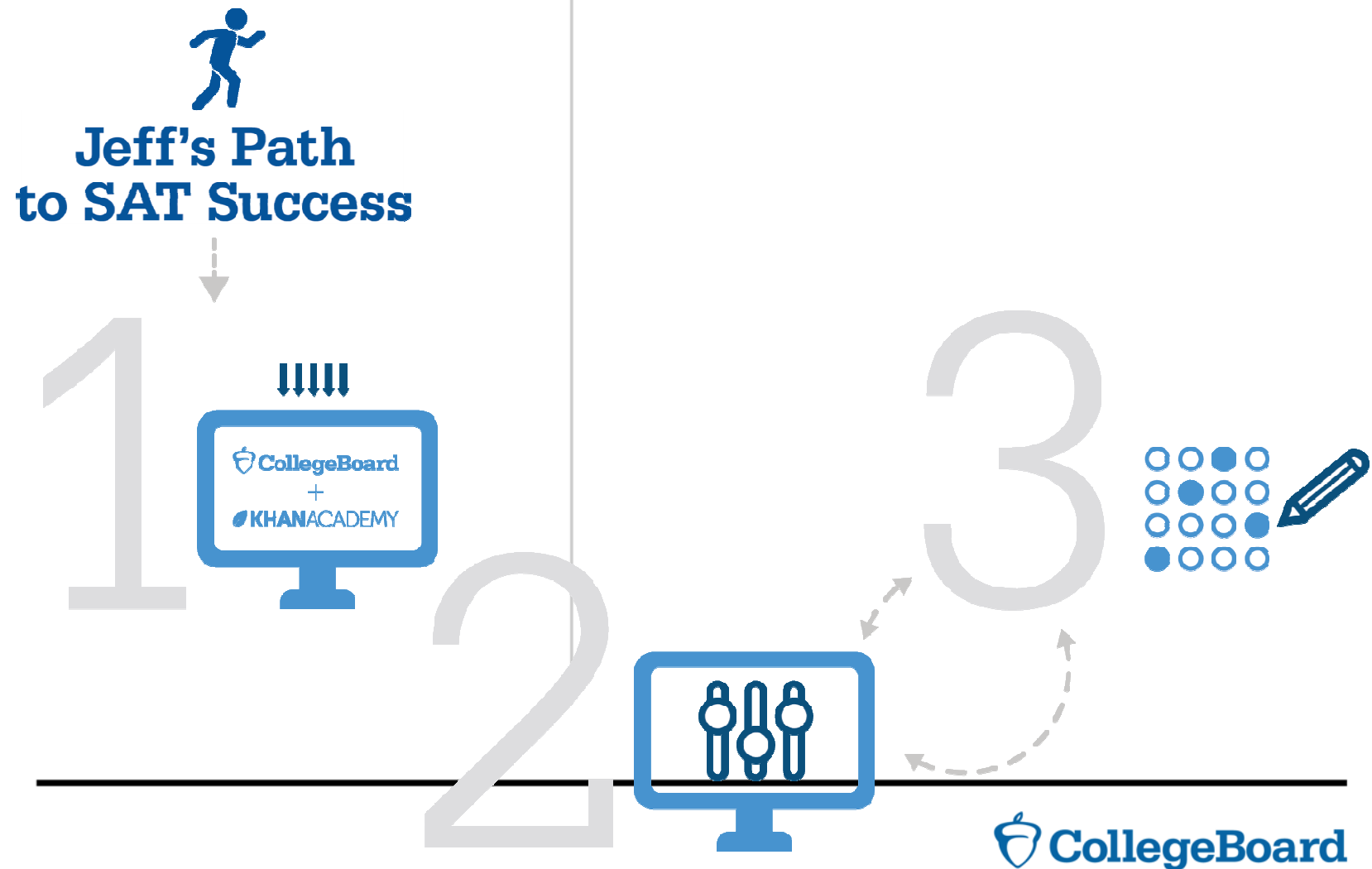
Note on functionality:

Under "Are you of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin?" if you checked any of the four "Yes"s (Yes, Cuban; Yes, Mexican; Yes, Puerto Rican; Yes, another Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin) the system will not require you to answer the race question.

If you checked the "No, not Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin" checkbox, the system will require you to answer the race question.



# Personalized SAT® Practice through Khan Academy based on your PSAT scores



## PSAT™ 8/9

- **Tightly aligned with the SAT® and PSAT/NMSQT®**; common score scale.
- **Establishes a baseline for college and career readiness** as students enter high school.
- Offered in the **fall and spring**.

## FOR MORE INFORMATION

**About the redesigned  
SAT®, PSAT/NMSQT®,  
and PSAT™ 8/9:**

➔ [sat.org/new](https://sat.org/new)

**About SAT practice on Khan  
Academy:**

➔ [satpractice.org](https://satpractice.org)

**For general SAT info:**

➔ [sat.collegeboard.org](https://sat.collegeboard.org)

➔ @OfficialSAT