

<b>THE SCHOLASTIC ASSESSMENT TESTS (SAT)</b>
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The SAT is arranged in two parts. SAT-I: Reasoning Tests include revised mathematical and verbal sections. The SAT-I examination replaced the original Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) and is the test most commonly associated with the college admissions process.

The SAT II is a series of hour-long specific subject tests, which a small number of colleges may require in addition to the SAT I. Most frequently, they seek three of these exams.

**SAT-I**  
**Verbal**  
**Reasoning**  
**Test:** This multiple-choice test of 75 minutes includes 78 items. Much of the content of the SAT-I Verbal Reasoning Test remains the same. Sentence completion and analogies and still part of the test, although antonyms are no longer included. Vocabulary will be assessed in context (i.e., in Reading Comprehension area). An increased emphasis on critical reading entails longer reading passages and reading material that is more accessible and engaging. Also, students will be presented with a pair of reading passages to analyze and compare.

**SAT-I**  
**Math**  
**Reasoning**  
**Test:** Students will have 70-75 minutes to answer the questions in the SAT-I Mathematical Reasoning Test. The content of the test remains fundamentally the same as the old SAT, but with increased emphasis on a student's ability to apply mathematical concepts and interpret data. The multiple-choice and quantitative comparisons continue to appear on the test. However, some questions will require students to produce their own answers and mark them on a special grid on their answer sheet. Also, students are permitted - but not required - to use calculators.

**Scoring:** Scores are reported on a scale ranging from 200 to 800 in each area - Verbal and Math. You receive your results about four to six weeks after the test date. Beginning with the April test date, SAT scores will be recentered. This means that the average verbal and math score will be 500 and all other scores will be recomputed based on that score.

**Guessing:** If you can narrow down your choices to two possible answers, a guess would be in order. If you have no idea, do not guess. A fraction of a point is subtracted for each incorrect answer.

**SAT Prep-** Structured preparation sessions help students become familiar with the test questions, lessen anxiety and improve test techniques. They do not substantially improve one's knowledge in the math and verbal areas. Working with "Barron's How To Prepare for the College Entrance Examination", or a similar publication can accomplish familiarity with the SAT. However tedious, it is less expensive than many test preparation schools. Half Hollow Hills offers preparation classes after school and a course as part of the Adult Education Program in the evening.

### **SAT II**

This group of one-hour long tests is an expanded battery of what used to be called Achievement Tests and will include: writing, literature, foreign language, history, mathematics, sciences, and English as a second language. The tests will help students identify, develop, and demonstrate their academic skills in a wide variety of specific subjects. The tests will provide information that institutions can use to plan for course placement and course work during the student's first year of college. In addition to the previous Achievement Tests and the new Writing Test, the College Board is developing SAT-II Subject Tests in Japanese and Chinese. Tests in other subjects are also being explored. Who Should Take SAT-II? Consult with your counselor and/or inquire at the colleges in which you have an interest.