

The 2016 SAT® - Understanding the Score

While the redesigned SAT has returned to the 1600-score model, the similarities stop there. The revamped scoring system is more complex than previous administrations and provides greater insight into students' strengths and weaknesses. Our chart below will help you understand how to break it all down.

Type of Score	Score Range	Details
Composite Score	400-1600	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ The sum of the two Area scores—Math score + Evidence-Based Reading & Writing score ▶ The Essay score will be reported separately and is not a part of the Composite Score
Area Score	200-800	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ There are two Area scores – one for Math and one for Evidence-Based Reading & Writing ▶ The Essay score is scored separately and not included in either Area score
Essay	2-8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ The Essay will have three scores – Reading, Writing, and Analysis
Test Score	10-40	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ There are five Test scores – Math, Reading, Writing & Language, History/Social Studies, and Science ▶ Two of the Test scores – History/Social Studies and Science – are “Cross-Test Scores”. These scores will reflect how students perform on specific questions tied to these subjects as seen in both the Math and Evidence-Based Reading & Writing sections.
Subscore	1-15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ There are seven Subscores: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two tied to Reading, Writing & Language • Two tied to Writing & Language only • Three tied to Math ▶ The Reading, Writing & Language Subscores will reflect how students perform on specific questions tied to Command of Evidence and Relevant Words in Context concepts ▶ The Writing & Language Subscores will reflect how students perform on specific questions tied to Expression of Ideas and Standard English Conventions concepts ▶ The Math Subscores will reflect how students perform on specific questions tied to The Heart of Algebra, Passport to Advanced Math, and Problem Solving and Data Analysis concepts

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