



# Dover High School

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## 2015-16 CHANGES TO THE SAT & PSAT

The CollegeBoard has redesigned the PSAT and SAT in a reported effort to “better align the tests with high school curricula and the skills necessary for college and career readiness.” Dover High School students took the revised PSAT/NMSQT exam on October 15<sup>th</sup>.

The revised SAT will first be offered on March 5, 2016 (Registration Deadline February 5<sup>th</sup>). Current Juniors have a decision to make regarding taking the current version of the SAT for December 2015 and January 2016 tests. Most colleges/universities and scholarships have indicated they will not combine a “super score” between the new and current versions of the SAT. Nationally, many students are opting to take the ACT ([ACTstudent.org](http://ACTstudent.org)) as an alternative.

### Scoring Changes:

- No wrong answer penalty
- Four answer choices for multiple choice questions
- Score is based out of 1600 (800 math, 800 for “evidence-based” reading and writing) with an optional essay with a separate score

### Format Changes:

- Total Timing: 3 hours (3 hours 50 minutes with optional essay)
- 1 “Evidence-Based” reading and writing test combined
  - 65 minute Reading section
    - Does not contain sentence completions
    - Tests understanding of passages from, History/Social Studies, Sciences
  - 35 minute Writing and Language section
    - Tests “Expression of Ideas” and “Standard English Conventions” through passages relating to Careers, History/Social Studies, Humanities, and Science
    - Questions pull from extended prose (400-450 words)
- 1 Math Test
  - 55 minute section with calculator (37 questions)
  - 25 minute section without calculator (20 questions)
  - “Concentrated on problem-solving and data analysis”; “real world problems by informational graphics”
    - *The Heart of Algebra*
    - *Passport to Advanced Math*
- Optional Essay Test – 50 minutes
  - Analyze a 650-750 “source” document and draft an essay that explains how the author “builds an argument”
- “Fewer questions with a greater focus on in-depth analysis of content and evidence”

### Further Review:

<https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat>