

# excel test prep

## SAT/PSAT Prep Course

for college admissions

"The teachers and the Excel Test textbook were superb... The course provided me with guidelines and tools to solve almost every type of problem that could be present on the test...I followed the [essay] scheme presented in the book and I got a perfect score."

Samy C., Perfect SAT score

The SAT is a 4-hour exam that colleges require for admissions. Most people agree that the SAT is the single most important test you take in high school. There are two sections (Math and Evidence-Based Reading/Writing), and a 1600 is a perfect score.

**An Excel Test Prep course is the best way to prepare for the SAT/PSAT.**

**We offer a variety of formats, so there is a course to suit the needs and schedule of every student.**

The Excel Test Prep SAT Course will prepare you for both the SAT and PSAT. All of the test strategies, course materials, and practice activities will help you achieve your goals for both tests.

### Course Options

Step 1: Choose From 1 of 4 Course Formats

Step 2: Determine a Schedule That Works For You

	1 Core Classroom Course	2 Core+ Summer Intensive (CSI)	3 Online Course	4 1-on-1 Course
Format	11 classes of 3-4 hours each = 36 hours total Generally 3 classes/week for 4 weeks.	24 classes of 4 hours each = 96 hours total 4 classes per week for 6 weeks.	11 classes that mirror the Core Classroom Course Take the classes at your own pace over 120 days.	14 classes of 2.5-4 hours each = 36 hours total You pick the schedule and location.
How Will I Get Instruction?	Learn in a classroom setting with an instructor.	Learn in a classroom setting with an instructor.	Learn whenever and wherever through unlimited access to high definition online video lessons.	Learn with a private tutor at our office or at your house.
Pricing	\$849: early registration \$749: with 10 person group discount	\$2,499: early registration \$2,299: with 10 person group discount	\$699 \$499 if as supplement	\$3,499: Excel Main Office \$4,499: Student's home in San Francisco Bay Area
Discounts	Eligible for Group Discounts: 3-4 people: \$25 off each 5-9 people: \$50 off each 10+ people: \$100 off each	Eligible for Group Discounts: 3-4 people: \$50 off each 5-9 people: \$100 off each 10+ people: \$200 off each	Save \$200 if you sign up for both the classroom/ 1-on-1 and online course at the same time	Can be done in small groups. 50% off for each student after the first student.
Additional Recommended Practice	<b>Platinum Exam Club*</b> <i>*Only available to students local to San Francisco Bay Area</i>			

#### Included in course fees for all San Francisco Bay Area based students:

- Coverage of all the topics that appear on the SAT, including a complete Writing Strategy
- **FREE** 6-month subscription to Exam Club
- 6 **FREE** Group Tutorial sessions (12 instructional hours) in Math and Reading/Writing

#### All course fees include:

- Excel Test Course Manual and books (with FREE 2-day shipping for online students)
- 1,200 pages of course materials and 3 SAT Practice Exams (9 for CSI students)
- 200 point Score Increase Guarantee (300 point guarantee for CSI students)

#### 1-on-1 Tutoring:

- 1-on-1 Tutoring is available for all subjects and can be scheduled by the hour. Highly qualified tutors can work with you from 9 am - 9 pm, seven days a week. Tutoring is \$129 per hour if done at the Fremont Main Office or \$199 per hour if done at the student's home. Purchase 10 hours of tutoring and receive a 10% discount. Platinum Exam Club members who have completed an SAT course also receive a discount on all SAT tutoring done at the office.

### Sample SAT Core Course Schedule

Class 1: **SAT Exam #1**  
 Class 2: Geometry  
 Class 3: Word Problems  
 Class 4: Writing Test  
 Class 5: **SAT Exam #2**  
 Class 6: Reading Test  
 Class 7: Essay Writing  
 Class 8: **SAT Exam #3**  
 Class 9: Advanced Math  
 Class 10: Math Workshop  
 Class 11: Reading Workshop

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**Core  
Classroom Course**

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**SAT Course**  
11 Classes

+

**Free Extra Services**

- 6 Group Tutorials
- Unlimited Exam Club Sessions

**(4 weeks)**

**(6 months)**

**Core+  
Summer Intensive (CSI)**

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**SAT Course**  
24 Classes

+

**Free Extra Services**

- 6 Group Tutorials
- Unlimited Exam Club Sessions

**(6 weeks)**

**(6 months)**

### Top 10 Reasons To Choose Excel Test Prep

1. We have produced a record number of perfect SAT scorers.
2. Highly qualified, dynamic teachers keep you engaged while teaching unique strategies.
3. Our score improvement guarantee is the best around!
4. Our materials are based off real exams, not simulated questions.
5. The free subscription to Exam Club gives you the practice you need to really boost your scores.
6. You can learn your way - live, online, or with a 1-on-1 instructor.
7. Our teachers frequently take the SAT to stay current on any changes.
8. You can take the class with your friends and receive a group discount.
9. It's plain and simple - our classes are fun and we give out prizes to keep students excited.
10. We have served California for years and are one of the fastest growing test preparation companies in the nation.

Visit [www.exceltest.com](http://www.exceltest.com) for course schedules and details.

\*Go to our website for complete details, eligibility requirements, and conditions.

## Course Benefits

**200 POINT SCORE INCREASE GUARANTEE!\*** We guarantee that if you come to every class and do all of the homework, you will have *at least a 200 point increase* from your SAT Score. If not, you will be eligible for a special review course before the next exam or allowed to retake the next available course (depending on your location). CSI Students are guaranteed a score increase of **300 points** (See student agreement for details.)

**EXAM CLUB!** Excel Test has additional SAT and PSAT exams for extra practice. Students can return for FREE additional practice sessions on the SAT or PSAT for up to 6 MONTHS after the course is over through the Excel Test Exam Club.)

The **PLATINUM EXAM CLUB (PEC)** gives students longer and greater access to the Excel Test library of SAT, PSAT, ACT, AP and Subject Tests. With PEC, students can access the library until they graduate from high school. Not only that, PEC offers students discounted tutoring after their course ends as well as an additional 6 Group Tutorial sessions (12 sessions in all). Enrollment is only \$399 when you register before your SAT course ends. After this, the fee is \$599.

**FREE ADDITIONAL HELP!** Six free Group Tutorial sessions are available for up to 6 months after the course for students who desire additional help.

**\$1000 PERFECT SCORE SCHOLARSHIP** If you join an Excel Test PSAT/SAT course and achieve a perfect score on the SAT, we will give you a **\$1000 Scholarship Guaranteed!** Over 150 students have achieved perfect scores on the SAT.

### GROUP DISCOUNTS!\*

	Core Classroom Course	Core+ Summer Intensive (CSI)
3-4 people	\$25 discount each person	\$50 discount each person
5-9 people	\$50 discount each person	\$100 discount each person
+10 people	\$100 discount each person	\$200 discount each person

**MAKE-UPS** Scheduling make-up classes for the Excel Test Core Classroom Course is easy. If you have to miss a class or two, you can attend the class with another section running during same period or watch the online version at home. (There is a limit of 4 make-ups per student.)

**ACT & SAT BUNDLES** Excel Test Prep offers the following special package deals for students who may be preparing for more than one exam, want to start an exam early, or want to review through our online courses.

- Sign up for both an SAT/PSAT and ACT classroom course at the same time and receive \$300 off the course starting later.
- Sign up for both the online SAT/PSAT and online ACT courses and receive 50% off the second course.
- Sign up for both the classroom/1-on-1 and online version of the SAT course at the same time and receive \$200 off the online course.

# SAT test facts

**About:** The SAT Reasoning Test is used for college admissions. It is the single most important test students take in high school.

**Governing Body:** The SAT is created by Educational Testing Service (ETS). ETS is paid by the College Board to create the exam.

**Official Website:** [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org)

**Test Length:** 3 hours (plus 50 minutes for optional essay)

**Test Subjects & Format:** The SAT has 2 sections: Math and Evidence-Based Reading/Writing.

Subject	Format	What It Includes
Writing and Language	Multiple Choice	Identifying errors in passages and improving grammar, usage and syntax
Critical Reading	Multiple Choice	Reading passages and associated graphs, tables, etc. from literature, history/social studies and science
Math	Multiple Choice + Free Answer	Questions on arithmetic operations, algebra, geometry, statistics and probability, trigonometry, complex equations
Essay (Optional)	1 Essay	An essay based on your understanding of the accompanying passage and how the author builds his argument

**Grading:** Each section is graded on a scale of 200-800. The subtotals from each of the sections are added to form the combined score, with 1600 being the highest possible score. The SAT Essay score is reported separately — one for each dimension: reading, analysis, and writing — ranging from 2–8 points.

**Test Dates:** The test is offered 7 times a year in: March, May, June, August, October, November, December. The specific test dates vary by year.

**Registration:** Register for the official SAT at [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org). It is wise to sign up 6-8 weeks ahead of time to get your preferred test center and avoid late fees.

**Test Locations:** Students select a test center (usually a local high school) during registration.

**Test Fees:** The exam fees are \$60 (SAT with Essay) or \$46 (SAT without Essay). There is an additional \$29 fee for late registration. (Pricing may vary from year to year. Check the College Board website for the most up-to-date test fee.)

## FAQs

**Should I take the SAT with or without Essay?** We recommend students take the SAT with the Essay; however, to see if your college requires the Writing Test, visit <https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat/register/college-essay-policies>.

**When should I start to prepare?** It's always important to begin preparing as early as possible so that you have more preparation time to achieve your goals. For students who have the goal of becoming National Merit Semifinalists, it is best to start preparing by June before 10th grade. Otherwise, we recommend starting the summer before 11th grade. Students should begin preparing no later than the summer before 12th grade.

**How much high school math do I need before I can start preparing for the SAT?** Once you have completed high school algebra and geometry, you are ready to take the SAT. Although the SAT does include Algebra II, it is only a small fraction of the math section.

**What is a good score?** A good score on the SAT is one that will get you into the college of your choice, so score goals should be based on which college you want to attend.

**How many times can I take the SAT?** If the colleges you are planning to apply to only require you to send your highest test scores, you can take the SAT and SAT Subject Tests as many times as you want. If you use Score Choice, colleges will only see the scores you want to send them! If the colleges you are planning to apply to require you to send all of your test scores, we recommend you take the SAT a maximum of three times.

School	SAT
Harvard	1550+
Princeton	1550+
Carnegie Mellon	1500+
MIT	1540+
Stanford	1540+
Rice	1510+
Univ. of Southern Cal.	1450+
UC Berkeley	1450+
UC San Diego	1450+
UCLA	1450+
NYU	1430+
Univ. of Virginia	1420+
Santa Clara University	1380+
Univ. of Texas - Austin	1350+
UC Irvine	1320+
UC Davis	1320+
UNC - Chapel Hill	1300+
Cal Poly San Luis Obispo	1280+
San Jose State	1170+

"Excel Test is the best way to go.  
They increased both my SAT and PSAT scores."

Abhijit R., Perfect SAT score

## PSAT test facts

**About:** The PSAT is similar to the SAT, but they are used for different purposes. The SAT is used for college admissions whereas the PSAT determines who can get National Merit Scholarships.

**Official Website:** [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org)

**Test Length:** 2 hours, 45 minutes

**Test Subjects & Format:** The PSAT has two sections – Math and Evidence-Based Reading/Writing. The Math and the Evidence-Based Reading/Writing sections of the PSAT are identical to that found on the SAT.

**Grading:** Each section is scored out of 760 points, making the highest PSAT score a 1520.

**Test Dates:** The test is offered once a year during October, and students take the test at school during regular school hours. Registration for the PSAT is done through your high school counselor's office in September.

## FAQs

**Who takes the PSAT?** Most students take the PSAT in October of 10th and 11th grades. The 10th grade PSAT doesn't count for anything and is taken just for practice. If you score high on the PSAT during your junior year, you become eligible for the National Merit Scholarships.

**How is the PSAT different from the SAT?** Both the SAT and PSAT have similar sections. Therefore, if you prepare well for the PSAT, you will be ready for the SAT. While the tests are similar, the purpose of each test is different: the SAT is used for college admissions whereas the PSAT determines who can get National Merit Scholarships.

**Why is the PSAT so important?** If you score very high on the PSAT you become what is called a "National Merit Semifinalist." Becoming a National Merit Semifinalist is one of the most prestigious achievements a student can have in high school. Achieving this guarantees you a full scholarship at many universities and will help you in gaining admission into the most prestigious colleges. Your 11th grade PSAT is the only chance you have to become a National Merit Semifinalist and receive National Merit Scholarships.

**What score on the PSAT is needed to become a National Merit Semifinalist?** It varies from year to year and from state to state. To become a National Merit Semifinalist, you must score in the top 0.5% in your state on the PSAT. The National Merit cutoff for any given PSAT is announced the following September after that PSAT is taken.

**What is a Commended Scholar?** A Commended Scholar means the student did not qualify to become a National Merit Scholar but was top 5% depending on the state.

**Do colleges care about my PSAT?** Although colleges do not consider your PSAT scores for college admissions, they are interested in seeing whether or not you were recognized as a National Merit Scholar or Commended Scholar.

**How much high school math do I need before I can start preparing for the PSAT?** The PSAT math section will cover Algebra, Geometry and some Algebra II topics. However, students should start preparing when they have completed Geometry.

**When should I start to prepare?** It's always important to begin preparing as early as possible so that you have more time to achieve your goals. For students who have the goal of becoming National Merit Semifinalists, it is best to start preparing by June before 10th grade. Otherwise, we recommend starting the summer before 11th grade.

**What other factors besides SAT/PSAT scores affect college admissions?** Entrance exams are a large part of admissions decisions, but other factors contribute to your appeal. Class rank, extracurricular activities, major, recommendations, essays, and the interview may all influence admissions departments.

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