

SAT Syllabus 2026

Exam Overview

The SAT is conducted by the College Board in a fully digital format. It evaluates students through two main sections: Reading and Writing, and Math. Each section is divided into two adaptive modules. The difficulty of the second module depends on performance in the first module.

- Total Questions: 98
- Total Testing Time: 2 hours 14 minutes (excluding break)
- Score Range: 400–1600 (each section scored 200–800)
- 10-minute break between the Reading and Writing section and the Math section

SAT Exam Pattern 2026

Parameter	Reading & Writing	Math
Modules	2 separately timed modules	2 separately timed modules
Questions per module	27 (25 operational + 2 pretest)	22 (20 operational + 2 pretest)
Total Questions	54	44
Time per module	32 minutes	35 minutes
Total Time	64 minutes	70 minutes
Question Types	Multiple choice (4 options)	MCQ (~75%) and Student-Produced Response (~25%)

SAT Reading and Writing Syllabus 2026

The Reading and Writing section assesses reading comprehension, language, and writing skills through short passages and passage pairs from literature, history/social studies, humanities, and science.

Content Domains

Domain	Testing Area	Questions	Weightage
Craft and Structure	Words in Context, Text Structure and Purpose, Cross-Text Connections	13–15	~28%
Information and Ideas	Central Ideas and Details, Command of Evidence, Inferences	12–14	~26%
Standard English Conventions	Boundaries, Form, Structure, and Sense	11–15	~26%
Expression of Ideas	Rhetorical Synthesis, Transitions	8–12	~20%

Key Skills

- Craft and Structure: Understanding words/phrases in context, analysing text structure and purpose, identifying connections between related passages.
- Information and Ideas: Identifying central ideas and details, drawing inferences, using textual and quantitative evidence.
- Standard English Conventions: Editing for grammar, usage, punctuation, and sentence structure (subject-verb agreement, pronouns, parallelism, modifiers, punctuation, linking phrases and clauses).
- Expression of Ideas: Rhetorical synthesis and transitions for clear, effective writing.

SAT Math Syllabus 2026

The Math section assesses the ability to understand, apply, and solve mathematical problems. Calculators (including the built-in Desmos graphing calculator) are permitted throughout the section.

Content Domains

Domain	Testing Area	Questions	Weightage
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Algebra	Linear equations in 1 & 2 variables; Linear functions; Systems of 2 linear equations in 2 variables; Linear inequalities in 1 or 2 variables	13–15	~35%
Advanced Math	Equivalent expressions; Nonlinear functions; Systems of equations in 2 variables; Nonlinear equations in 1 variable (quadratic, exponential, polynomial, rational, radical, absolute value)	13–15	~35%
Problem-Solving and Data Analysis	Ratios, rates, proportions, unit conversions, percentages; 1- and 2-variable data (distributions, scatterplots, models); Probability and conditional probability; Inference, margin of error, statistical claims	5–7	~15%
Geometry and Trigonometry	Area and volume; Lines, angles, triangles (similarity, congruence); Circles (equations and arcs); Right triangles and basic trigonometry (sine, cosine, tangent); Coordinate geometry	5–7	~15%

Main Areas

- Algebra
- Advanced Math (including quadratic and exponential functions)
- Problem-Solving and Data Analysis
- Geometry and Trigonometry