



FOR FAMILIES

OVERVIEW

- All Delaware children deserve an education that will allow them to succeed in life. That’s why Delaware has been a leader in raising our academic standards; academic standards are learning goals for what students should know and be able to do at the end of each grade level. Through these higher standards, we are helping all of our students graduate from high school more prepared for college and careers.
- Delaware educators have been implementing these standards , developed in collaboration with teachers, administrators and experts, for the last few years. The SAT, redesigned last year, is designed to measure students’ progress in mastering those standards. The test lets families, students and educators know whether students are on track for success in college and careers and if a student needs extra supports.
- Our teachers have worked hard to ensure that classroom work is aligned to these learning goals, and therefore the test is a true reflection of what teachers are prioritizing and students are learning every day.

MORE ABOUT THE ASSESSMENT

- Last year, Delaware began using the SAT as its state assessment for 11th grade, eliminating the need for students to take a second assessment.
- Delaware pays for every public high school junior to take the test during the school day. This year’s test is April 5; makeup tests are April 25. Students do not need to register for the test.
- The redesigned test, which launched last year, has three components: evidence-based reading and writing, math and an essay. Based on the latest research, the questions in each component focus on the skills that matter most for students to succeed after high school either in college or careers.
- The new SAT no longer penalizes students for guessing. Students simply earn points for the questions they answer correctly.
- As students prepare for the SAT, they also have some extra help thanks to a partnership between the College Board, which administers the SAT, and Khan Academy that offers personalized SAT preparation based on students’ PSAT results. Delaware also provides the PSA free to all public school 10th graders.
- Students with disabilities are entitled to accommodations on the SAT according to their individualized education programs (IEPs) or 504 Plans. No additional documentation is needed.
- English learner students have access to the testing instructions in several native languages and approved word-to-word bilingual glossaries. Beginning next year, the College Board also will allow more testing time and alternate testing environments.
- Students will receive their scores via their online College Board accounts by mid-May. A family report also will be mailed home in July.