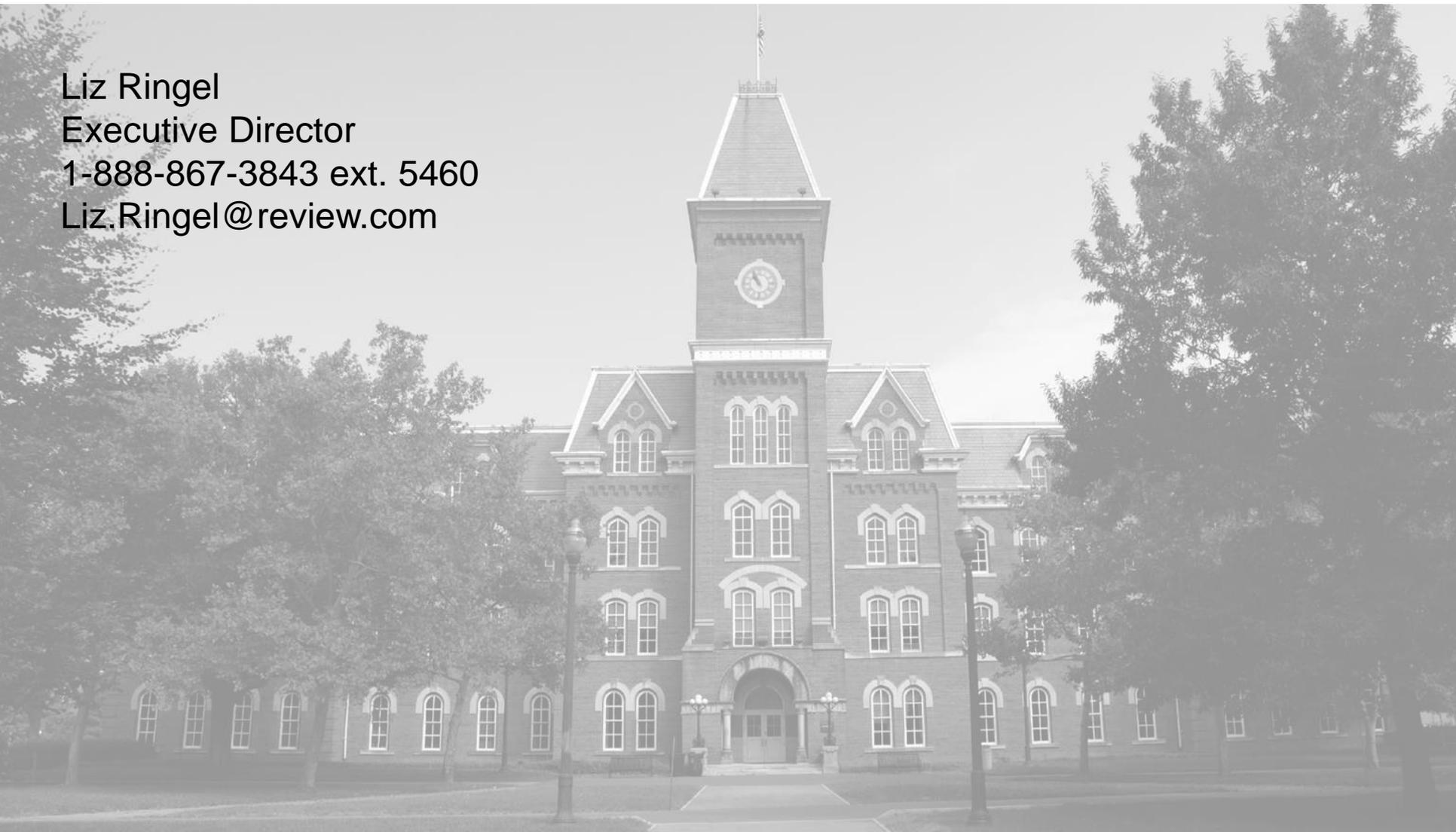


Redesigned SAT – What You Need to Know

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Why the changes?

According to the College Board:



- Pressure from academic community
(go beyond “assessment” and deliver “opportunity”)
- To better integrate with rigorous classroom instruction
- Less than half of students who take SAT are “college ready”

The Princeton Review's take:



- More students are choosing to take the ACT and the SAT wants to regain its dominance.
- Test preparation works...too well!
- The College Board claimed the same reasons for making changes the last time they changed the tests.

A closer look at ACT growth v. SAT growth across the country:

In 29 states, there were fewer SAT test-takers in the high school class of 2013 than there were in the class of 2006. By comparison, usage of the rival ACT admission test fell in just three states.

Over seven years, the declines in SAT test-takers exceeded 20 percent in 19 states.

Overall, the ACT surpassed the SAT in total usage in the high school class of 2012.

Who do the changes affect?

SAT

The changes **do not** affect students who are in the Class of 2015 or 2016.

The changes only affect students in the Class of 2017 and beyond. Class of 2017 students will have the option to take the ACT, the current SAT and/or the redesigned SAT. The first administration of the redesigned SAT will be in March 2016.

PSAT

Students in 10th grade now would take a redesigned PSAT in October 2015. Changes will be made for the **October 2015** PSAT administration.

Who do the changes affect?

SAT

Many students in the Class of 2017 are assuming that they must take the redesigned SAT. That is NOT TRUE.

Let's take a look at all of the test date options for the Class of 2017.

Class of 2017 test date options in junior year (2015-2016)

ACT	Current SAT	Redesigned SAT
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• September 2015• October 2015• December 2015• February 2016• April 2016• June 2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• October 2015• November 2015• December 2015• January 2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• March 2016• May 2016• June 2016

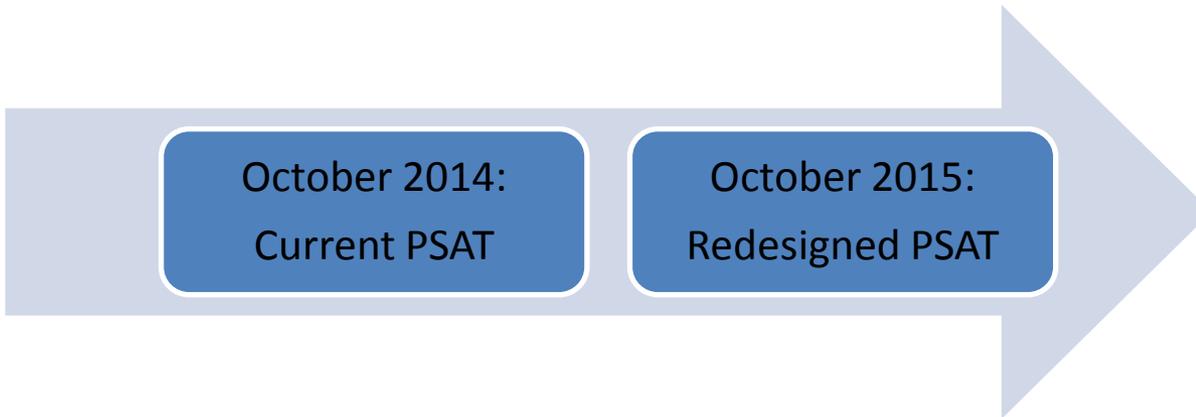
Option 1: Take ACT only.

Option 2: Take current SAT only.

Option 3. Take redesigned SAT only.

Option 4: Take a combination of the above.

What about the PSAT?



What does this mean for Class of 2017 students?

- If a student took the current PSAT in October 2014 when they are in 10th grade, it can be practice for the current SAT, but it will not be practice for the redesigned SAT, nor will it qualify a student for National Merit.
- If a student takes the redesigned PSAT in October 2015 when they are in 11th grade, it can be practice for the redesigned SAT and it will be the qualifying test for National Merit.

What about the PSAT?

Overall Timing: 2 hours, 45 minutes

(35 minutes longer than current PSAT and very close to the 3 hours (without essay) for the new SAT.)

Section Timing:

- Math: 47 questions, 70 minutes (don't know if one or more sections and don't know if calculator allowed on all, but likely will mirror redesigned SAT)
- Reading: 44 questions, 60 minutes (don't know if one or more sections)
- Writing & Language: 44 questions, 35 minutes

Scoring: Some scores reported on same scales as redesigned SAT (400-1600 composite, 200-800 per area), but we don't know exactly what it will look like.

No penalty for wrong answers just like redesigned SAT.

What's changing?



Let's walk through the differences between the current SAT and the Redesigned SAT.

General Format and Scoring

Change	Current SAT	Redesigned SAT
SECTIONS	<u>3 subjects</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Math• Critical Reading• Writing Skills (essay included)	<u>2 Areas</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Math• Evidence-Based Reading and Writing <p>*Optional essay not included in other scores</p>

General Format and Scoring

Change	Current SAT	Redesigned SAT
SECTIONS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Math 2. Critical Reading 3. Writing Skills <p><i>*essay required</i></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Math 2. Evidence-Based Reading and Writing <p><i>*Optional essay not included in other scores</i></p>
SCORING	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Total score out of 2400 • 200 – 800 for each subject <p><i>*essay reflected in Writing score</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Composite score out of 1600 • 200 – 800 for each of the 2 Areas <p>New sub-scoring within each test and across the entire exam.</p> <p><i>*Essay scored separately; not required.</i></p>

What does this mean for you?

Essay on Current SAT counts toward your total score. Essay on Redesigned SAT is optional and doesn't count towards your Composite score.

Timing

Change	Current SAT	Redesigned SAT
TIMING	<p>Math</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 (25 minutes) • 1 (20 minutes) <p>Critical Reading</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 (25 minutes) • 1 (20 minutes) <p>Writing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 essay (25 minutes) • 1 grammar (25 minutes) • 1 grammar (10 minutes) <p>Experimental</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 (25 minute) <p>Total Time: 3 hours, 45 minutes</p>	<p>Math</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 (Calculator allowed – 55 minutes) • 1 (No Calculator – 25 minutes) <p>Reading</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 (65 minutes) <p>Writing & Language</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 (35 minutes) <p>Essay (optional)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 (50 minutes) <p>Total Time: 3 hours Total Time with Essay: 3 hours, 50 minutes</p>

What does this mean for you?

With fewer, but longer, sections, if you like working in long, uninterrupted blocks of time, you'll appreciate the change.

Answers

Change	Current SAT	Redesigned SAT
ANSWER CHOICES	5 answer choices per question	4 answer choices per question
INCORRECT ANSWER PENALTY	1/4 point off for each incorrect answer on multiple choice questions	No penalty for incorrect answers

What does this mean for you?

Two wins for students! It will take less time to consider the answer choices and there's a higher probability of guessing the correct answer. The Princeton Review recommends that students use a "letter of the day" if they are going to guess randomly. Filling in an answer for every question is not the same as recommending that students spend time on every question. The Princeton Review teaches students how to pick their battles.

Other Changes

Change	Current SAT	Redesigned SAT
GRAPHICS	None other than graphs in math problems.	Charts and graphical elements throughout the exam.
HISTORICAL DOCUMENTS AND SPEECHES	Not featured.	Will appear throughout the exam.
CALCULATORS	Permitted throughout the math sections.	Permitted on only one of the two math sections.
FORMAT	Paper and pencil only	Paper and pencil AND a computer-based option

What does this mean for your students?

Students will need to learn how to interpret charts or graphs, get used to doing calculations by hand and become familiar with historical documents.

MATH Details

Change	Current SAT	Redesigned SAT
CONTENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Arithmetic• Algebra I• Algebra II (a little bit)• Geometry• Topics from middle school math that students have forgotten.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Not as much middle school math.• Contains more advanced math including trigonometry.• Focus on algebra (linear Equations, functions, inequalities); problem solving and data analysis (ratios, rates, percentages, graphs, linear growth, frequencies, probability, statistics) and higher level math (quadratic or exponential functions).• Still includes geometry

What does this mean for your students?

If they love the math you're doing in high school, they will appreciate these changes.

READING Details

Change	Current SAT	Redesigned SAT
SENTENCE COMPLETIONS	Appear in the Critical Reading sections to test vocabulary.	No Sentence Completion questions.
PASSAGE QUESTIONS	Questions are unrelated to each other.	Some questions will be dependent on one another.
VOCABULARY	Mostly esoteric, unfamiliar words.	Words will be more familiar. However, students will need to know multiple meanings and not just primary definitions.
LENGTH	Sections are either 25 or 20 minutes.	Reading Test will be a 65 minute block of time.

What does this mean for you?

It will be a challenge to simply stay alert for over an hour – maintaining focus and acuity will require a great deal of practice and determination. Pacing is key.

WRITING & LANGUAGE Details

Change	Current SAT	Redesigned SAT
GRAMMAR	Grammar is tested mostly through sentences and does not include rules of punctuation.	Grammar is tested in longer passages and includes rules of punctuation.
LENGTH	Sections are either 25 minutes or 10 minutes.	35 minute section with 44 questions.

What does this mean for you?

Students will need to read even more and remember (or learn!) the rules of punctuation like commas, parentheses and dashes. The Writing & Language questions look almost exactly like they do on the English Test of the ACT.

However, this is a serious time crunch. Pacing is going to be of utmost importance and that requires a lot of purposeful practice.

ESSAY Details

Change	Current SAT	Redesigned SAT
REQUIREMENT	Mandatory – included in Writing Skills section.	Optional
TIME	25 minutes (first section)	50 minutes (at the end)
PASSAGE LENGTH	About a paragraph	Long – 650-750 words
TASK	Take a position (agree/disagree) and support with examples.	Explain how the author builds an argument to persuade an audience.

What does this mean for you?

Students will be tempted to skip it. However, if they do and then apply to a school that requires it, they will have to retake the entire exam. Stamina will be important. Students will already be tired by the time they get to the essay (3 hours of testing before essay), and they will need to plow through another 50 minutes of work. A larger portion of their time will be spent reading and processing the passage before they even start writing the essay.

The official essay question:

“As you read the passage in front of you, consider how the author uses evidence such as facts or examples, reasoning to develop ideas and to connect claims and evidence, and stylistic or persuasive elements to add power to the ideas expressed. Write an essay in which you explain how the author builds an argument to persuade an audience.”

Topic	Big Picture
Math	More advanced and complex on R-SAT including more Grid-In (not multiple choice) questions
Reading	Less vocabulary on R-SAT, but more charts, graphs and references to historical documents
Writing	More grammar on R-SAT and tested in passages. Optional essay doesn't count toward Composite score.
Answers	Fewer choices on R-SAT is easier
Guessing	No penalty for wrong answers makes it easier to guess

Will the Redesigned SAT be as coachable as the current SAT and ACT?

Yes!

Deciding between ACT and Redesigned SAT?

- Like higher order math? This student might prefer R-SAT.
- Do better with language than math? This students might prefer the ACT.

 **How can The Princeton Review help?**

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The Princeton Review has been teaching students how to crack various standardized tests for over 30 years.

Much of the Redesigned SAT will be like questions that are on the current SAT and/or ACT or other tests.

- ✓ Remember that the class of 2017 will have the option to take:
 - ❖ Current SAT
 - ❖ Redesigned SAT
 - ❖ ACT

- ✓ All colleges accept SAT or ACT without preference. It's worth trying it out both to see whether your student might perform better on one over the other.

How can The Princeton Review help?

- ✓ If your student plans to take the Redesigned SAT, The Princeton Review will have prep options ready by Spring 2015. We will have courses and books specifically geared to the new exam. We can also help prep for the current SAT and/or the ACT.
- ✓ The Princeton Review helps students become prepared and confident test takers. We've never met a test we couldn't help students crack and the Redesigned SAT will be no exception.



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