



State SAT Test — April 2019



When: April 9, 2019

Who: All 11th graders at CCHS

What: Free testing for the state SAT

Details: The essay test on state SAT is optional. (See below for additional details.)

The state SAT

Subject	Test Duration	Information*
Reading Test	65 minutes	Multiple choice test based on reading passages: classic/contemporary work or literature; a U.S. founding document; social science; 2 science passages (Earth science, biology, chemistry, or physics)
Writing and Language Test	35 minutes	Multiple choice test based on passages: read, find mistakes and weakness, and fix or improve information or ideas.
Math Test:	25 minutes — no calculator 55 minutes — calculator	Most questions will be multiple choice with some grid-in answers — 2 portions: math test with calculator and math test without calculator: heart of algebra, problem solving and data analysis, and passport to advanced math
Essay Test (optional)	50 minutes	After reading a passage, write an explanation using evidence from the passage about how the author builds an argument to persuade an audience. Students will need to show how well they understand the passage and how effectively they can use textual evidence to build an argument.

Points of Clarification

- The essay test is optional.
- The default for all CCHS 11th grade students will be no essay test. Thus, students will automatically be enrolled to take the reading test, writing and language test, and math test.
- Students who **want** to take the essay portion on the state SAT must indicate their preference by going to their College Board Account, signing in, and indicating their preference. (Visit the CCHS Website: Test Dates and Information to register for the Optional Essay on the State SAT). **Students must complete this task between 1/15/2019 — 2/12/2018 at 10:00 p.m. if they want to take the essay portion.**

Deciding whether to take the (free) essay portion of the SAT

- Not all students will need to take the essay portion of the SAT.
- If you take the essay test, you will want to be comfortable with the essay’s requirements. This test is an indicator of how well a student can explain how an author builds an argument to persuade an audience. Students will be required to support their explanation with evidence from the passage. In other words, it’s a style analysis: read a passage, consider how the author uses evidence, reasoning, or stylistic elements, and demonstrate your understanding of how the author builds an argument. Being a good writer and doing a good job of writing in this style of essay may not necessarily be harmonious skills. If this style seems new or unfamiliar, practicing this style of writing is recommended.
- Taking the essay portion may allow you to keep your options open — the college you’re applying to might require the SAT with the essay. Visit the following website for more information: <https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat/register/college-essay-policies>
- Have you prepared adequately for the essay portion of the test? The SAT website has sample prompts and more information.
- Remember, for all tests such as the SAT, you are not obligated to share the results with a college. Rather, only send the results from this SAT test if you feel that it represents you the best.

Questions?

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