



STATE OF CONNECTICUT

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION



TO: Superintendents of Schools

FROM: Dr. Dianna R. Wentzell, Commissioner of Education *DRW*

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SUBJECT: SAT for Grade 11 Students

On October 7, 2015, the Connecticut State Board of Education adopted the SAT as the statewide assessment in lieu of the Smarter Balanced Assessment for Grade 11 public school students. This assessment was endorsed by Governor Malloy and has been approved by the U.S. Department of Education as part of Connecticut's ESEA Flexibility Request.

The administration of the SAT will help reduce the testing burden and potentially expand opportunities for students to use the state assessment results for college admission purposes as well. Additionally, the SAT will reduce testing time required for Grade 11 students and provide for a quicker turnaround of results.

2016 Statewide SAT Administration Date	2016 Statewide SAT Make Up Day
<p>Wednesday, March 2, 2016 All districts administer the SAT</p>	<p>Wednesday, April 27, 2016 All districts administer make up SAT for students who missed the March 2, 2016, administration</p>
Additional SAT Details	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The SAT will be administered during the school day to all Grade 11 students in all public schools in Connecticut. One make up day is provided. Per federal law, SAT participation rates will continue to be a component of Connecticut's accountability system. • Three parts of SAT: Reading, Writing and Language, and Mathematics. • Total testing time = three hours. • The essay portion of the SAT <u>will not</u> be administered as part of the Connecticut school-day SAT state assessment. • 400–1600 score scale. • Four answer choices and no penalty for guessing. • More information on test administration, accommodations for students with special needs and English learners, data privacy, release of student results to colleges, training, district test coordinator responsibilities, etc. will be forthcoming. • While we do not believe excessive test preparation is required to perform well on the SAT, students may want to become familiar with the SAT format and the types of questions they will encounter. The College Board offers a free practice site at https://www.khanacademy.org/sat. 	

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In the 2016 administration, there is only one option for the date of statewide test administration. We have been assured by the College Board that in the future Connecticut will have a high degree of control over the statewide SAT calendar dates, and we will rely heavily on your input. Additional information on the 2017 administration will be forthcoming in the spring.

We will provide you with regular updates, information sessions, and training sessions. As always we strive to provide quality support through telephone and e-mail.

If you have any questions about the contents of this memo regarding the Connecticut administration of the SAT, please contact Abe Krisst at 860-713- 6894/abe.krisst@ct.gov or Mary Anne Butler at 860 713-6775/Maryanne.butler@ct.gov.

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