The Optional SAT with Essay in Colorado

11th-grade public school students in Colorado can add the SAT® with Essay to their SAT School Day registration for free. The Colorado Department of Education will cover all fees so you can take the SAT with Essay during the school day on April 13, 2021.

About the SAT with Essay

- The SAT with Essay will take approximately one hour longer than the SAT.
- It’s your choice. You decide whether or not to take the SAT with Essay.
- The SAT Essay is scored separately from the SAT and does not impact your Evidence-Based Reading and Writing score.

For more information about the SAT Essay, visit sat.org/COessay

Why Take the SAT with Essay?

The SAT Essay lets you practice your skills and gives you a chance to show colleges that you’re ready for college-level writing assignments. Some colleges may specifically require it as a part of the admission process (we recommend that you confirm admission policies with your school of choice).

To look up the essay policies for different colleges and scholarship providers, visit sat.org/COessaypolicy

It’s About the Real World

The SAT with Essay is a lot like a typical college writing assignment that asks you to analyze a text. It shows colleges you’re ready to get to campus and write.

You’ll have 50 minutes to:

- Read a passage
- Explain how the author builds an argument to persuade an audience
- Support your explanation with evidence from the passage

Go to sat.org/COessayscore to find out what the SAT with Essay measures and how it’s scored.