

Welcome to Parent Night

Class of 2019

February 8, 2018

6:00 p.m.

Dow High Cafeteria

CHARGER SPIRIT

STRENGTH•PRIDE•INTEGRITY•RESPECT•INTENSITY•TRADITION

Incoming Senior Parent Night

6:00 p.m.

- Welcome
 - Dr. Steve Poole, Principal
- Graduation
 - Dr. Steve Poole
- Course Selection and Opportunities for Seniors
 - Jill English
 - Co-op - Erin Royalty
- Michigan Merit Exam Testing
 - Jill English
- College Application Process and Funding
 - Lori Hallberg
- Not Ready for a 4-year Traditional College?
 - Lori Hallberg
- Other senior information
 - Jennifer Coppens

Michigan Merit Exam (MME):
SAT, WorkKeys & M-STEP for all Juniors

MME Testing Dates for all Juniors

- **April 10: SAT (with Essay)**
 - Reading, Writing, Language, and Math
 - Timed test
 - Approximately 5 hours
 - Counts as a college entrance score

- **April 11: WorkKeys**
 - Reading, Applied Math, and Locating Information
 - Timed test
 - Approximately 3 hours - test during 1st - 3rd hours

- **April 17: M-STEP**
 - Science and Social Studies
 - Unlimited time
 - Estimated time is 1 hour per test

MME Make-up Dates

- **April 24: SAT** make-up date
- **April 25: WorkKeys** make-up date
- **April 18-20: M-STEP** make-up dates

What to Bring to all tests

- Photo ID
- Number 2 pencils
- Approved calculator
- **DO NOT** bring a cell phone

SAT Details

Main Components of the SAT

Reading Test (65 minutes)

- All questions are multiple choice and based on passages.
- Informational graphics, such as tables, graphs, and charts, accompany some passages— but no math is required.
- Prior topic-specific knowledge is never tested.

What the Reading Test Is Like

When you take the Reading Test, you'll read passages and interpret informational graphics. Then you'll use what you've read to answer questions.

Some questions ask you to locate a piece of information or an idea stated directly. But you'll also need to understand what the author's words imply. In other words, you have to read between the lines.

What You'll Read

The Reading Test always includes:

- One passage from a classic or contemporary work of U.S. or world literature.
- One passage or a pair of passages from either a U.S. founding document or a text in the great global conversation they inspired. The U.S. Constitution or a speech by Nelson Mandela, for example.
- A selection about economics, psychology, sociology, or some other social science.
- Two science passages (or one passage and one passage pair) that examine foundational concepts and developments in Earth science, biology, chemistry, or physics.

Writing and Language Test (35 minutes)

The SAT Writing and Language Test asks you to be an editor and improve passages that were written especially for the test — and that include deliberate errors.

Quick Facts

- All questions are multiple choice and based on passages.
- Some passages are accompanied by informational graphics, such as tables, graphs, and charts — but no math is required.
- Prior topic knowledge is never tested.

What the Writing and Language Test Is Like

To answer some questions, you'll need to look closely at a single sentence. Others require reading the entire piece and interpreting a graphic. For instance, you might be asked to choose a sentence that corrects a misinterpretation of a scientific chart or that better explains the importance of the data.


The passages you improve will range from arguments to nonfiction narratives and will be about careers, history, social studies, the humanities, and science.

FREE SAT Practice is available!

You can do all three for free!!

- Log into Khan Academy using your school login information through Clever
- Download the free app for Daily SAT Practice



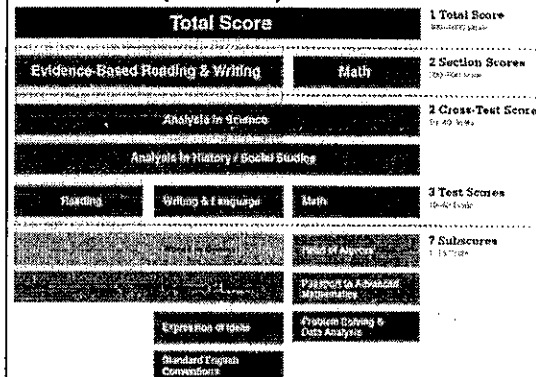
- Follow SAT on Twitter: @OfficialSAT @SATQuestion 

Test taking tips

- Practice, Practice, Practice
- There is no penalty for guessing
- Answer every question
- Build your reading stamina
- Analyze informational graphics
- Practice Editing
- Put away your calculator (some of the time)
- Check your answers if time permits

How the Test is Scored

Total score range is 400-1600
-Reading & Writing (200-800)
-Math (200-800)



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Math Test (80 minutes)

The SAT Math Test covers a range of math practices, with an emphasis on problem solving, modeling, using tools strategically, and using algebraic structure.

Quick Facts

- Most math questions will be multiple choice, but some — called grid-ins — ask you to come up with the answer rather than select the answer.
- The Math Test is divided into two portions: Math Test – Calculator and Math Test – No Calculator.
- Some parts of the test include several questions about a single scenario.

Focus

The Math Test will focus in depth on the three areas of math that play the biggest role in a wide range of college majors and careers:

- Heart of Algebra, which focuses on the mastery of linear equations and systems.
- Problem Solving and Data Analysis, which is about being quantitatively literate.
- Passport to Advanced Math, which features questions that require the manipulation of complex equations.

The Math Test also draws on Additional Topics in Math, including the geometry and trigonometry most relevant to college and career readiness.

SAT Essay (50 minutes)

The redesigned SAT Essay asks you to use your reading, analysis, and writing skills.

What You'll Do

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

The Essay Prompt

The prompt (question) shown below, or a nearly identical one, is used every time the new SAT is given.

Important:

As you read the passage below, consider how [the author] uses

- evidence, such as facts or examples, to support claims.
- reasoning to develop ideas and to connect claims and evidence.
- stylistic or persuasive elements, such as word choice or appeals to emotion, to add power to the ideas expressed.

Write an essay in which you explain how [the author] builds an argument to persuade [his/her] audience that [author's claim]. In your essay, analyze how [the author] uses one or more of the features listed above (or features of your own choice) to strengthen the logic and persuasiveness of [his/her] argument. Be sure that your analysis focuses on the most relevant features of the passage. Your essay should not explain whether you agree with [the author's] claims, but rather explain how the author builds an argument to persuade [his/her] audience.

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You can count on seeing the same prompt no matter when you take the new SAT with Essay, but the passage will be different every time.

All passages have these things in common:

- Written for a broad audience
- Argue a point
- Express subtle views on complex subjects
- Use logical reasoning and evidence to support claims
- Examine ideas, debates, or trends in the arts and sciences, or civic, cultural, or political life
- Always taken from published works

All the information you need to write your essay will be included in the passage or in notes about it.

How to Get the Most out of Khan Academy

- Go to www.midlandps.org and locate **Clever** under the Students tab. Click on



to be automatically linked to your account.

- Take some time to navigate the site under “Test Prep: New SAT”
 - You can take up to 4 free full practice tests, but space them out—don’t take them all at once.
 - You can work on specific modules to give you extra practice in targeted areas
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Another great source for SAT information:



Senior Year Timeline

Summer

- Visit colleges
- If applying through Common Application, begin working on essays – to apply to U of M you must use the Common Application

Senior Year

September/October –

- Retake SAT in August or October, if needed
- Complete college applications, send transcripts through Parchment (unless using Common App) and test scores through SAT (Collegeboard.org) and/or ACT (ACTstudent.org)
- Listen to announcements/check e-mail for college reps that visit, sign up in the Counseling Center if you want to talk with one
- Attend College Night at Northwood
- All applications (including transcripts and test scores) should be submitted by Halloween

November/December/January –

- Take SAT in November, if needed
- Start looking at scholarships on DHS website, check school e-mail - more will become available during 2nd semester
- If interested in the Military – take the ASVAB in November
- December 1 – senior pictures are due to the yearbook
- November – Attend the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) Workshop – needs to be completed by March 1
- Midland Foundation Scholarships become available around December 1 and due the beginning of March
- Class meeting during school to learn about ordering caps and gowns

2nd Semester –

- Send 7th semester transcript through Parchment, if colleges request it
- Continue to check school e-mail for scholarships
- Watch deadlines for college deposits – usually May 1
- Request final transcript through Parchment to college you'll attend

Helpful Websites

College/University Information

www.careercruising.com - explore careers and colleges

– Log in through Midland Public Schools website – select Students – then select Career Cruising

www.petersons.com – search for colleges with specific programs

<https://nces.ed.gov/collegenavigator/> - search for colleges with specific programs

www.macrao.org – see how classes transfer between Michigan colleges

Testing Information

<https://www.collegeboard.org/> - SAT

<http://www.actstudent.org> - ACT

Financial Aid Information

www.michigan.gov/mistudentaid - various Michigan financial aid options

www.studentaid.ed.gov – explore various types of Federal financial aid

www.finaid.org/calculators - gives an approximate of your EFC (expected family contribution) for Federal financial aid

<https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/fafsa/filling-out/fsaid> - the site for parents and students to get a Federal Student Aid ID

<https://fafsa.gov/> – the site to complete the FAFSA – Free Application for Federal Student Aid

What to ask on a Campus Visit

Academics

- How much time do students typically spend on homework?
- What is the average class size?
- How widely used are teaching assistants?
- What do you consider the school's top three programs?
- What is the average GPA/SAT scores of current freshman?
- What makes this college special?

Academic Perks

- What opportunities are there for undergraduate research?
- How many students participate in undergraduate research?
- Is there a culminating senior year experience?
- How easy is it to meet with a professor?

Financial Aid

- What is your average financial aid package?
- What is the average college debt that students leave with?
- What work-study opportunities are there?

Graduation Track Record

- What is your four-year graduation rate?
- What is your five-year graduation rate?
- What does it take to graduate in four years?
- What percentage of freshman return for their sophomore year?

Academic Support

- What type of tutoring program do you have? Is there a writing center?
- How do you provide academic advice to students?
- What kind of learning disability resources do you have?

Outside Opportunities

- How many students get internships?
- What percentage of students study abroad?
- What type of career services do you have?

Student Life

- What kind of dorm choices are there?
- What percentage of students live on campus?
- Do most students go home on the weekend or stay on campus?
- What percentage of students belong to a sorority or fraternity?
- What activities are offered to students?
- Can freshman have a car on campus?
- What intramural sports/clubs do you offer?
- What is the surrounding community like?

Ask Yourself

- How did the staff members interact with students?
- Does the campus seem like a good size for you?
- How easy is it to get to places off campus? Are there places within walking distance?
- Do you feel comfortable and safe?
- If you move out of a dorm, what are the options in apartment complexes?

COLLEGE VISIT PROS & CONS WORKSHEET

Name of College or University: _____

Date of Visit: _____

Things to Think About	Pros	Cons	Level of Importance
Distance from Home <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How long was the travel time? • How much did it cost? • How often will you travel between school and home? 			
School Setting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do you like the geographical location? • Does it have the social, recreational, and employment opportunities you desire? • Can you get around off campus if you need to? • Do you like the climate? 			
Campus and Facilities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do you like the size and setting of the campus? • How is the condition of buildings? • Would you feel comfortable and safe? • Does it have the modern conveniences and necessities you're looking for? • How is the quality of the facilities related to your area of study? 			
Students <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do you like the tour guide and other students you encounter during your visit? • Outside of class, did students flock together in friendly groups or were they more serious and independent? 			

Things to Think About	Pros	Cons	Level of Importance
<p>Faculty and Academics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Does the current course catalog offer what you need and want? • If you observed any classes, how did the class size feel? Did you like the professor? 			
<p>Dormitories</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Did you like the size and condition? • How was the bathroom access? • Are you able to choose where you live and your roommates? 			
<p>Dining Hall and Food Options</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Did you like the look and feel of the dining hall? • Did the food and menu appeal to you? • Are there other convenient meal options available? 			
<p>Sports/Extracurricular Facilities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If you play a sport or have a certain club or extracurricular activity in mind, such as rowing or theater, did the school have the facilities you were hoping for? 			
<p>Student Life, Social Scene, and Greek Life</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What do students do for fun? • Are there fraternities and sororities, and do you think you would like to be a part of Greek life? 			
<p>Other Pros and Cons</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are some other things you loved or hated? • Did you learn anything new about the school or were you surprised by anything you liked or didn't like? 			

Name _____ Possible Major(s) _____

Counselor _____ Career Pathway _____

JUNIOR WORKSHEET FOR COMPARING COLLEGES

COLLEGE NAME:		
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Size ✓ Enrollment ✓ Physical size of campus ✓ Student to faculty ratio		
Admissions ✓ Application deadline ✓ Tests required ✓ High School courses ✓ Avg. test scores, GPA ✓ Notification process		
College Costs ✓ Application fees ✓ Tuition, room & board ✓ Total Estimated Budget ✓ % receiving financial aid		
Academics ✓ Is my major offered ✓ Special requirements ✓ Student to faculty ratio ✓ Average class size		
Room & Board ✓ What types of rooms are available ✓ Are rooms wired for computers ✓ Can students bring cars ✓ Food plans offered		
Activities ✓ Clubs, organizations ✓ Greek life ✓ Athletics, intramurals ✓ Concerts ✓ Sporting events ✓ Recreation/Sports Centers		
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The Best Scholarship Search Platforms of 2018

We created this guide to review the best scholarship search platforms and instruct students on how to use them effectively to find as many opportunities as possible.










To determine the best scholarship search platforms, we spent over 200 hours researching 17 of the most popular sites across five core metrics including search functionality, scholarship availability, ease of use, application tools, and additional helpful resources.

The best scholarship search platform was Fastweb. They scored the highest out of all 17 platforms because they were the easiest to use, had the most tools, and had among the most available scholarships with the highest dollar amounts. This search engine is best for most students including high school, undergraduate, and graduate.

We also recommend Cappex. This platform scored consistently high in the most important categories of scholarship availability, ease of use, and tools. It is the best and best for students who want to be able to apply for and track the status of a large number of scholarships.

The best scholarship search platforms of 2018

- #1** 
- #2**  Cappex
- #3**  UNIGO
- #4**  StudentScholarshipSearch
- #4**  SCHOLARSHIPS.COM® (tie)

- #6  SCHOLLY
- #7  SallieMae
- #8  **bigfuture**
by The College Board
- #8  **GoodCall** (tie)
- #10 COLLEGEdata
- #11 **Chegg** Scholarships
- #12 **startclass**
- #13  **PETERSON'S**
A @inet COMPANY
- #14  BrokeScholar
- #15 **NICHE** 
- #16  careeronestop
- #17  ScholarshipPortal