

New SAT® Score-Reporting Policy- Score Choice™

Designed to reduce student stress and improve the test-day experience, the College Board has approved Score Choice™, an important change to the current SAT® score-reporting policy. This new policy will give students the option to choose to send SAT scores by sitting (test date) and SAT Subject Test scores by individual test, at no additional cost. Score Choice is optional, and if students choose not to use it, all scores will be sent automatically. The new score-reporting feature will launch in spring 2009, and will be first available to students participating in the March 2009 test administration.

Score Choice will only affect scores submitted to colleges and universities; *all* scores will still appear on score reports given to students and counselors. Also, colleges and universities will continue to set their own test requirements policies, which may vary from college to college.

FAST FACTS

Flexibility

- Score Choice will be available to all students via the Web or by calling Customer Service (toll free within the United States)

Students will be able to select which scores they send to colleges by sitting (test date) for the SAT and by individual test for the SAT Subject Tests™

Scores from an entire SAT test (critical reading, writing, and mathematics sections) will be sent—scores of individual sections from different sittings cannot be selected independently for sending.

After implementation, students who send scores will have the ability to choose scores from tests taken prior to the launch.

No additional cost

Students can send any or all scores to a college on a single report—it will not cost more to send one, multiple, or all test scores

Other features

Score Choice will not affect score reports sent to students or to their high schools—both will continue to receive all scores.

Score Choice will be an optional feature. Students should still feel comfortable sending all scores, since most colleges consider a student's best score.

Colleges will continue to set their own test requirement policies. These policies may vary from college to college. The College Board will work with colleges to provide them with guidance on formulating and/or clarifying their score-submitting policy. Students will be encouraged to follow the different score-reporting requirements of each college to which they apply.

The College Board will provide e-mail reminders to students who have not sent their SAT scores to any colleges.

FAQS

Q: Will Score Choice be available to students who have already registered for test dates that occur after the launch?

A Yes. Once the launch takes place, students who have registered for the March 2009 administration or for later test dates can revisit their registration information and take advantage of the new score-reporting feature.

Q: Does Score Choice affect other aspects of SAT registration and score-report timing, or other College Board policies or processes?

A No. The new score-reporting feature gives students the option to choose which scores are sent to institutions. It does not affect score-report timing or other College Board policies and procedures that are not directly related to sending score reports.

Q: Is Score Choice available for both SAT and SAT Subject Tests score reports?

A Yes. Students will have the option to choose which scores they send to colleges by sitting (test date) for the SAT and by individual test for the SAT Subject Tests.

Q: Can standby students use Score Choice?

A Due to the time constraints of processing paper registrations, standby testers cannot use this service when they register. However, if these students choose to send score reports at a later date, they can use this service when they order additional score reports.

Q: How will counselors know which scores to release or include on a transcript?

A The College Board recommends that high schools do not include SAT scores when sending student transcripts to colleges or universities. We strongly suggest that counselors obtain the consent of students prior to releasing their scores, even if these scores are needed by a third-party program (for example, a scholarship or recognition service)

Q: Will Score Choice be a disadvantage for students from underserved populations?

A In a survey of over 3,600 respondents, students in all income and ethnic segments indicated their strong interest in having more control over their scores. Score Choice works alongside our extensive fee-waiver program for low-income students, enabling them to take the test and send their scores at no charge. In the 2007-08 academic year, the College Board provided fee waivers to one out of every seven students, which represented approximately \$20 million in fees waived. In addition, we will continue to send all scores by default, thus protecting students who do not use the new feature out of uncertainty or because they are unaware of it

Q: Will Score Choice encourage students to take the SAT multiple times?

A: The College Board does not recommend that students take the SAT more than twice since research shows that there is no significant advantage in doing so. We do recommend that students take the test twice, particularly if they feel they could improve upon their score. Research shows that students' scores improve on average about 30 to 40 points upon retaking the test (or on their second test)

Q: Will Score Choice be easy to use?

A This new feature will be delivered to students in a user-friendly and intuitive manner via the College Board Web site. Since more than 85 percent of students register today via the College Board Web site, this new feature will be highly visible and accessible to students. Paper registrants are offered the option of calling Customer Service's toll-free line. By defaulting to sending all scores, we make it easy for students to bypass the feature if they are unsure about it