

SAT with Essay: School Day October 14, 2020 FAQ

- 1. What:** SAT with Essay, paper test administration
- 2. When is the SAT School Day?**
 - *Primary Test Date:* October 14, 2020
 - *Make-up Test Date:* October 28, 2020
- 3. Why is this date being announced?** RI submitted a waiver to cancel state assessments for the 2019-20 school year due to the Coronavirus outbreak. That waiver was approved by the US DOE. This administration is an opportunity for those students who missed the opportunity to take the SAT spring 2020 to take the test and receive SAT scores for college applications.
- 4. Will College Board change the administration in any way to accommodate social distancing and other health and safety issues?** The College Board's first concern is the health and safety of students and educators; therefore, College Board is analyzing the potential impacts of COVID-19 on policies and procedures for fall testing. College Board will make schools aware of any updates as they become available.
- 5. Are students required to take the SAT with Essay in October?** RIDE expects that schools will administer the SAT with Essay to all eligible 12th grade students.
- 6. Who can take the October SAT with Essay?** The following 12th grade students (11th grade students during the 2019-20 school year):
 - Public school students
 - Homeschooled students
 - RI students who attended an out-of-state school
- 7. Can students attending private schools take the October SAT with Essay?** No. Families of students attending private schools should contact their child's school to find out when they will be giving the SAT, or any other College Board test.
- 8. How will families know the October SAT with Essay is being offered?** Schools are responsible for communicating with students and families about all logistical details, including ensuring that all families and students know that the SAT is being offered.
- 9. How will schools get test materials?**

Schools are able to order test materials from the College Board Test Ordering Site beginning June 2.
- 10. Do students have to pay for the SAT with Essay in October?**

No. RIDE will pay for the October 14th administration of the SAT with Essay for eligible 12th grade students.

11. Will scores be used for accountability?

Scores will not be used for the achievement or exceeds expectations measures. Scores will count for the Commissioner's Seal measure for any students who meet the college and career readiness benchmark.

12. Can 11th grade students (juniors in the 2020-21 school year) take the SAT with Essay in October rather than in April 2021?

No. The October 14th test date is not a replacement for the state assessments scheduled in April 2021.

13. Will the accommodations entered into SSD Online for the March 25 or April 14 state assessments still be valid for the October 14th SAT with Essay or do I have to enter the accommodations again?

Accommodations entered into SSD Online are valid for all other tests given by College Board, including the October 14th administration of the SAT with Essay with the following three exceptions:

1. **ASL translation** is not allowed because the October 14th administration is not a state assessment.
2. **Math-only for EL students** is not allowed because the October 14th administration is not a state assessment.
3. **50% Extended Time for EL students** will need to be re-entered into the EL Dashboard in SSD Online. For step-by-step instructions on how to find the EL Dashboard and enter accommodations, visit www.ride.ri.gov/accommodations and click on the PSAT10/SAT tab.