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[Idaho Optional SAT Essay FAQ Resource.pdf](#)

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Dear Test Center Coordinator,

The 2021 Idaho SAT School Day is fast approaching. As you are aware, all 11<sup>th</sup> grade students and first-time 12<sup>th</sup> grade students attending public schools in Idaho are eligible to take the SAT. The SAT without essay is the default registration for all students, however, Idaho students have the option to take the SAT with essay as a state-paid choice.

Adding the optional essay to their SAT registration is an individual student choice.

Students who wish to take the essay must register for it in their own College Board account between **January 22, 2021 and February 5, 2021, by 10 p.m. Mountain**. Bulk registration for the SAT Essay is not available.

Please review the attached *Optional Essay FAQ* resource document for information on frequently asked questions, and the *Optional Essay* flyer to review the step-by-step process for students to register for the optional Essay.

Students may add the essay to their registration through their online College Board account or by calling the College Board at 855-373-6387, Option 2. Please share the attached informational brochure with students and their families to help them in making their decision about the SAT Essay.

In addition, the resources below can help students and families understand more about the essay.

- About the Essay  
<https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat/inside-the-test/essay>
- College Essay Policies  
<https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat/register/college-essay-policies>
- Essay Scoring Guide  
<https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat/scores/understanding-scores/essay>
- Sample prompts and practice materials  
<https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sample-questions/essay>

If you need additional help, please contact us at [IdahoSDSupport@collegeboard.org](mailto:IdahoSDSupport@collegeboard.org), or [smccue@collegeboard.org](mailto:smccue@collegeboard.org).

Thank you.

The College Board Idaho Field Team