

Differences Between Fall 2020 and Spring 2021 Testing - Idaho

In the 2020-2021 school year, both fall and spring testing are sponsored by the Idaho State Department of Education (SDE). The fall and spring testing follow different policies and procedures. Use this guide to understand the differences and similarities between both assessment seasons.

	Fall 2020 Testing	Spring 2021 Testing
Test Materials and Eligibility		
State-sponsored Assessments	SAT for the seniors, PSAT/NMSQT for the sophomores	SAT for the juniors
SAT with Essay	SAT: SAT with Essay is optional and is student choice. Schools order the SAT with Essay in the College Board Test Ordering Site (TOS) for students who wish to participate in the optional testing. PSAT/NMSQT has no Essay option.	SAT with Essay is optional and is student choice. Students order the Essay in their own College Board account during a designated Essay registration window.
Identifying Test Staff and Addresses	For both PSAT/NMSQT and SAT, schools verify coordinators and school addresses in TOS.	Schools identify coordinators and school addresses via the SDE-generated intake form.
Ordering Materials for the Primary Test Date	For both PSAT/NMSQT and SAT, schools order standard and accommodated materials with or without the Essay in TOS by a published ordering deadline found here .	College Board calculates and ships standard material orders based on the number of students bulk-registered by districts/schools. College Board calculates and ships accommodated material orders based on the number of students in the pending and approved status in SSD Online as of the accommodation request deadline. College Board calculates and ships the Essay orders based on the number of students self-registered in their own College Board account.
Ordering Makeup Materials	SAT: Schools order applicable makeup materials in TOS upon completion of the primary testing. PSAT/NMSQT has no makeup date.	Schools submit a makeup survey to obtain makeup materials for SAT upon completion of the primary testing.
Tracking Materials	For both PSAT/NMSQT and SAT, tracking numbers for shipments are available only in TOS.	College Board sends tracking numbers for shipments to SAT Coordinators in email.
School Eligibility	For SAT, only those public schools that were set up for the spring 2020 testing are eligible for fall 2020 testing. For PSAT/NMSQT, all schools that complete the SDE intake form are eligible to participate.	All public schools that complete the SDE intake survey are eligible to participate.

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Student Eligibility

For SAT, all seniors with a nine-digit state EDUID, who are enrolled in a local public school as of the test date and have not participated in a state-sponsored college entrance exam are eligible to participate.

All juniors with a nine-digit state EDUID enrolled in a local public school as of the test date are eligible to participate.

For PSAT/NMSQT, all sophomores with an EDUID enrolled in a local public school as of the test date are eligible to participate.

Pre-ID Labels

For both PSAT/NMSQT and SAT, schools/districts submit bulk registration files to College Board. This completes the two-step process of ordering in TOS and submitting bulk registration to obtain pre-ID labels for students.

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Accommodations and Supports

Accommodation Requests

For both PSAT/NMSQT and SAT, schools must submit a request for accommodations in [SSD Online](#) prior to the accommodations deadline.

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Schools must have accommodations approved by the College Board in SSD Online prior to the ordering deadline in order to place orders for accommodated materials in TOS.

Accommodations requests do not need to be resubmitted for the seniors, if already approved in the past.

English Learner (EL) Supports

EL supports are offered for SAT **only**. Schools must submit a request for extended time support in SSD Online prior to the accommodations deadline.

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Schools must resubmit EL supports requests for those seniors whose EL supports requests were entered in SSD Online for spring 2020 testing.

EL supports are not available for PSAT/NMSQT.

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Test Administration

Training	Test Coordinators must complete the standard SAT School Day Training. If Test Coordinators take the SAT School Day Training, they do not need to take PSAT/NMSQT training.	Test Coordinators must complete the spring state testing training every year.
Off-site Testing	<p>For SAT and PSAT/NMSQT, schools can host the testing at offsite locations that are outside of their building. For Fall 2020 testing, schools do not need to notify College Board in advance to use an offsite location.</p> <p>After testing is complete, all offsite locations return materials to their primary school/AI for a consolidated return to College Board for scoring. If offsite locations are unable to return materials to their primary school/AI, the school may request additional return materials from College Board.</p>	<p>Schools can host the testing at offsite locations that are outside of their building.</p> <p>Schools must submit off-site testing plans to College Board in order to test students at a location other than their school.</p>
Communications	For both PSAT/NMSQT and SAT, schools receive emails from the SDE or customized emails about state testing from College Board.	Schools receive emails from the SDE or customized emails about state testing from College Board.

After Testing

Grade-Level Adjustments	For both PSAT/NMSQT and SAT, schools can complete an invoicing process in TOS after testing is complete to correct student grades for invoicing and reporting purposes.	Schools do not complete an invoicing process.
Fee Waivers/Fee Reduction Benefits For more information about fee waiver or fee reduction benefits, contact IdahoSDSupport@collegeboard.org	<p>For 12th grade students participating in the SDE-sponsored SAT, the state contract covers the registration fee. For additional benefits, schools may provide the fee waiver codes to eligible students, which are available in the K-12 reporting portal.</p> <p>For eligible students in any other grade level participating in the PSAT/NMSQT or SAT School Day, schools may request fee reduction benefits in TOS and apply those for eligible students in TOS after testing is complete.</p>	<p>For students participating in the SDE-sponsored SAT to meet the state graduation requirement, the state contract covers the registration fee.</p> <p>Schools may provide the fee waiver codes to eligible students, which are available in the K-12 reporting portal. Fee waivers can be used for future SAT national tests, score sends, admissions application waivers, etc.</p>
Online Score Reporting for Students	College Board releases scores to students on standard score release timelines in student College Board accounts.	College Board typically releases scores to students in May.
Online Score Reporting for Educators	College Board releases scores to educators on standard score release timelines in the K-12 reporting portal.	College Board releases scores only to educators in the K-12 reporting portal after are completed, typically in June.
Released Forms	<p>College Board releases the PSAT/NMSQT forms for October 14 and October 28. Educators can see the disclosed questions and answer choices in the K-12 reporting portal.</p> <p>College Board does not release the SAT form.</p>	College Board only releases the April 13, 2021 SAT with Essay test. Educators can see the disclosed questions and answer choices in the K-12 reporting portal.
Invoicing	College Board sends an invoice to schools for assessments or grades ordered that are outside of the state-provided assessments or grades.	College Board sends an invoice to schools for assessments or grades ordered that are outside of the state-provided assessments or grades.