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SAT School Day

2022 Connecticut SAT School Day Moves to Digital Format

Beginning in March 2022, the Connecticut SAT School Day will be given on school owned computers to all grade 11 students in public school. Since in 2016-17, the College Board has offered the current version of the SAT in digital format. The Connecticut State Department of Education considered the move to digital SAT shortly after it was available and began transitioning with schools in 2020-21. Many other states and cities administer the test on computer, including the majority of states that administer the SAT School Day to all their 11th grade students. Some key reasons why the transition is a benefit to students and schools follows.

What are the Benefits of a Digital Format for Students?

- Evidence from other states and surveys from students taking the different formats have shown a preference for the digital format.
- College Board uses the same digital testing platform that students are already used to testing on for Smarter Balanced in grades 3-8 and Next Generation Science Standards Assessment in grades 5, 8 and 11.
- The digital platform has built in tools such as a clock, calculator, zoom, answer eliminator, and highlighter that enhance the test experience. Students also can efficiently flag questions and easily go back to them later.
- The digital test is accessible for students with an Individualized Education Program (IEP) or a Section 504 plan because accommodations can be offered in the same way the students are using them in class.

What are the Benefits of a Digital Format for Schools?

- Schools can manage the test administration responsibilities online such as test settings for students with accommodations, printing rosters and test tickets.
- Schools have more test date options and are not required to test all students on the same day. This simplifies the testing logistics and gives schools more time to focus on instruction and individual attention for students.
- Reports from students and schools in states that have made this change prior to and during the past two school years (like Rhode Island, Delaware, and New Hampshire) have demonstrated similar benefits.

More information about digital testing for students and families is available on the College Board's web site at <https://digitaltesting.collegeboard.org/for-students> including a preview of the digital testing experience. If you have questions, please e-mail ctstudentassessment@ct.gov.