

# The SAT Subject Tests™

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## Help Students Spotlight Their Skills



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# What You Can Do

## Advise Your Students

### HELP THEM CHOOSE WHICH TESTS TO TAKE

Students should check out the admission requirements of colleges and universities they're looking at, but they should also consider taking tests in subjects they excel in or are interested in. Even if students haven't chosen their schools yet, they may still want to consider taking an SAT Subject Test at the end of a course in a subject they like. They can decide later whether or not to send their scores.

### MAKE SURE THEY REGISTER

The easiest way to register is at [SATSubjectTests.org](https://satsubjecttests.org). If students need to use paper registration, they can use supplies available to schools and agencies. Educators can order these for free at [sat.org/order-materials](https://sat.org/order-materials) from May through October each year.

### TELL THEM ABOUT SCORE CHOICE

Score Choice™ is an optional feature that lets students choose which SAT Subject Test scores to send, in accordance with each institution's stated score-use practice. If any students decide not to use Score Choice, they should be advised that all scores are sent to their selected score recipients.

## Help Them Get Ready

Your students can find the following resources, plus a range of updated practice tools, at [SATSubjectTests.org](https://satsubjecttests.org).

- SAT Subject Tests online practice questions with detailed answer explanations—FREE
- The SAT Subject Tests Student Guide—FREE
- Video lesson playlists from Khan Academy®—FREE
- The Official Study Guide for all SAT Subject Tests™—with answer explanations for all 20 Subject Tests
- Individual, subject based study guides for:
  - ♦ Mathematics 1
  - ♦ Mathematics 2
  - ♦ Biology
  - ♦ Chemistry
  - ♦ Physics
  - ♦ U.S. History
  - ♦ World History

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# Get to Know the SAT Subject Tests

## At a Glance

SAT Subject Tests™ help your students spotlight their academic strengths and get an edge in admission.

### WHAT THEY ARE

- Hour-long admission tests based on high school coursework.
- 20 tests across 5 subject areas: mathematics, languages, sciences, history, and English.
- All tests scored on a 200–800 scale.

## Showcase Achievement

### HOW THEY BENEFIT STUDENTS

By taking SAT Subject Tests, students can:

- Fulfill university requirements—many schools require or recommend SAT Subject Tests to make admission or placement decisions.
- Stand out on university applications and give a more detailed picture of academic achievements and interests.

- Highlight strengths in particular subjects or fields, such as STEM (science, technology, engineering, math), the humanities, or languages.

### HOW THE SAT SUBJECT TESTS AND ADVANCED PLACEMENT® WORK TOGETHER

SAT Subject Tests are high-school-level tests and reflect what's being taught in the high school classroom. Besides offering benefits related to university admission, Subject Tests serve as a barometer of readiness for AP® Exams, which assess student knowledge at a university level.

### HOW COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES USE THEM

- To gain deeper insight into student academic achievement.
- To inform decisions on admission to selective departments or majors.
- To place students in the appropriate course level.

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# What the SAT Subject Tests Cover

SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	COURSEWORK PREPARATION
<b>Mathematics Level 1</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Assesses mathematics knowledge through the first 3 years of university-preparatory mathematics coursework</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3 years of university-preparatory mathematics:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2 years of algebra</li> <li>1 year of geometry</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Mathematics Level 2</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Assesses mathematics knowledge through the first 3 years of university-preparatory mathematics coursework and precalculus</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>More than 3 years of university-preparatory mathematics:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2 years of algebra</li> <li>1 year of geometry</li> <li>Elementary functions (precalculus) and/or trigonometry</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Biology E/M (Ecological/Molecular)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Assesses understanding of general biology</li> <li>Covers knowledge of fundamental concepts, and application and interpretation skills</li> <li>Biology E focuses on biological communities, populations, and energy flow</li> <li>Biology M focuses on biochemistry, cellular structure, and processes, such as respiration and photosynthesis</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 year university-preparatory course in biology</li> <li>1 year course in algebra and familiarity with simple algebraic concepts such as ratios and direct and inverse proportions</li> <li>Laboratory experience is helpful</li> </ul>
<b>Chemistry</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Covers the major concepts of chemistry and the ability to apply these concepts in problem-solving scenarios</li> <li>Requires the ability to organize and interpret results obtained by observation and experimentation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 year university-preparatory course in chemistry</li> <li>Familiarity with simple algebraic relationships and applying these to solving word problems</li> <li>Familiarity with concepts of ratio and direct and inverse proportions, exponents, and scientific notation</li> <li>Laboratory experience is helpful</li> </ul>
<b>Physics</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Assesses understanding of the major concepts of physics and the ability to apply these principles to solve specific problems</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 year university-preparatory physics course</li> <li>Laboratory experience is helpful</li> <li>Familiarity with simple algebraic, trigonometric, and graphical relationships, as well as the concepts of ratio and proportion and the ability to apply these to physics problems</li> </ul>

SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	COURSEWORK PREPARATION
<b>Literature</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Assesses how well the student has learned to read and interpret literature</li> <li>Covers poetry, prose, and drama in English and American literature from the Renaissance to the present</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3 or 4 years of university-preparatory literary study</li> </ul>
<b>U.S. History</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Assesses knowledge of and ability to use material commonly taught in U.S. history and social studies courses in high school</li> <li>Covers political, economic, social, intellectual, and cultural history, as well as foreign policy from pre-Columbian history to the present</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 year university-preparatory U.S. history course</li> </ul>
<b>World History</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Assesses understanding of key developments in global history, the application and weighing of evidence, and the ability to interpret and generalize</li> <li>Covers the development of major world cultures, from ancient times to the present, in all historical fields: political and diplomatic, intellectual and cultural, and social and economic</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 year university-preparatory world history course</li> </ul>
<b>Languages (Reading Only):</b> French, German, Italian, Latin, Modern Hebrew, Spanish	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Assesses the ability to read by testing vocabulary use, language structure, and comprehension of a variety of texts</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2–4 years of study in high school or the equivalent, or 2 years of strong preparation</li> </ul>
<b>Languages with Listening:</b> Chinese, French, German, Japanese, Korean, Spanish	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Assesses listening comprehension</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2–4 years of study in high school or the equivalent, or 2 years of strong preparation</li> </ul>

# The SAT Subject Tests™

# Calendar 2019-20

Deadlines expire at 11:59 p.m. U.S. ET.

	2019			2020	
Test Dates*	OCT 5	NOV 2	DEC 7	MAY 2	JUN 6
International Registration Deadline	Sep 6	Oct 3	Nov 8	Apr 3	May 8
International Early Registration Deadline**	Aug 21	Sep 18	Oct 23	Mar 18	Apr 22

## The SAT Subject Tests

Biology E/M, Chemistry, Physics	●	●	●	●	●
Literature	●	●	●	●	●
Mathematics Levels I and II	●	●	●	●	●
United States (U.S.) History	●	●	●	●	●
World History			●		●
<b>Languages: Reading Only</b>					
French, Spanish	●		●	●	●
German, Italian, and Modern Hebrew					●
Latin			●		●
<b>Languages with Listening</b> <i>You may take only one listening test on this date.</i>					
Chinese, French, German, Japanese, Korean, and Spanish		●			

International Registration: [sat.org/international](https://sat.org/international)

International Fees: [sat.org/intl-fees](https://sat.org/intl-fees)

\* Sunday tests are given the day after the Saturday test.

\*\*If registering through a representative, students need to submit by the early registration deadline.

Advise students to review the test calendar carefully because not all subjects are offered on every test date. The SAT Subject Tests are offered internationally in October, November, December, May, and June.

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