

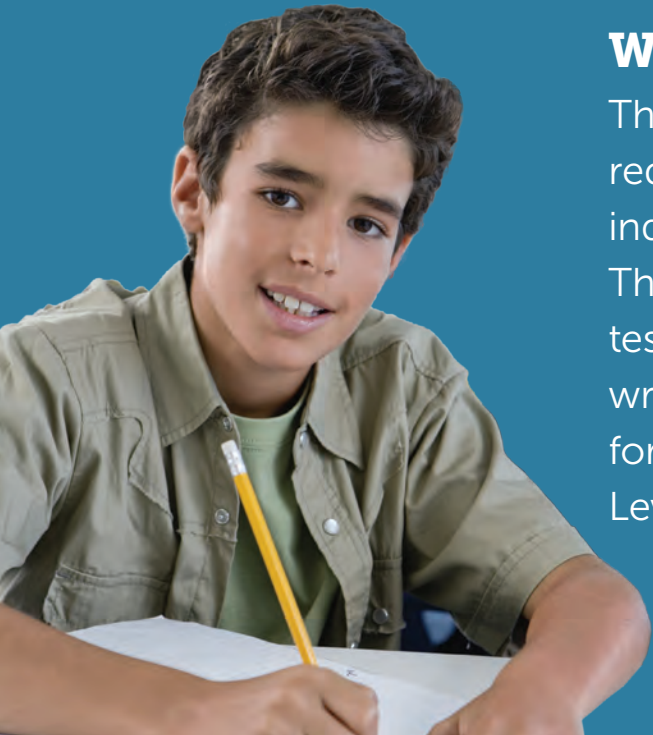
The
SSAT

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The Middle & Upper Level SSATs

At a Glance





What is the SSAT?

The SSAT is the admission exam required by many of the finest independent schools in the world. The SSAT is a timed, multiple-choice test which includes a brief unscored writing sample. The Middle Level is for students in grades 5-7. The Upper Level is for students in grades 8-11.



What's on the SSAT?

| Test Section | Timing |
|----------------------------|---------------------------|
| Writing Sample | 25 minutes |
| <i>Break</i> | <i>5 minutes</i> |
| Quantitative (Section 1) | 30 minutes |
| Reading (Section 2) | 40 minutes |
| <i>Break</i> | <i>10 minutes</i> |
| Verbal (Section 3) | 30 minutes |
| Quantitative (Section 4) | 30 minutes |
| Experimental (Section 5) | 15 minutes |
| Total Testing Time: | 3 hours, 5 minutes |



Start at SSAT.org

Visit ssat.org and create an account. Then:

- + **Register for a Test:** Select a test day and test center.
- + **Prepare and Practice:** The best way to prepare to take the SSAT is to become familiar with its format and practice using questions and sample tests developed by the same team that writes the SSAT. Learn more about the format of the test, its scoring, and more online, purchase our *Official Guide to the SSAT*, and explore SSAT Practice Online! (see p. 8)
- + **Find a School:** Learn about our member schools and submit online inquiries.
- + **Prepare for Test Day:** Print out your admission ticket and review test day policies.





- + **Apply to Schools:** Using our Standard Application Online (SAO) you can apply for admission to nearly 500 participating schools. Submit a single set of biographic information, essays, and online recommendation forms that can be used to apply to multiple private schools. The SAO also accepts multimedia uploads!
- + **Review and Send Out Your Scores:** Review your score report and select the schools you want to receive your scores.
- + **Learn About Testing Accommodations:** Students with a disability or those who need to test on Sunday for religious reasons can apply through their student account. Note: Testing accommodations **must** be approved prior to test registration.
- + **Designate an Advisor:** Give your placement counselor or educational consultant the ability to manage your score recipients and monitor your applications.



What is the Cost to Register for the Test?

\$132 for a domestic Standard test.

This includes all test locations in the U.S., Canada, Am. Samoa, Puerto Rico, Saipan, and USVI.

\$257 for an international Standard test.

This includes all test locations outside the areas listed above.

Register early to avoid late and rush registration fees!



SSAT Test Fee Waivers

If you cannot pay the full amount or part of the test fee due to economic hardship, you may be eligible to receive a fee waiver. Simply request a fee waiver from the admission office at the school to which you are applying before you register for the SSAT, and follow the directions on ssat.org when you register. A fee waiver applies to the test fee only—it does not cover late fees, publications, or service fees. Students receiving a test fee waiver also receive complimentary access to SSAT Practice Online.

ssat.org/registration

What if I Require Testing Accommodations?

A student with a disability may apply for testing accommodations for the SSAT.

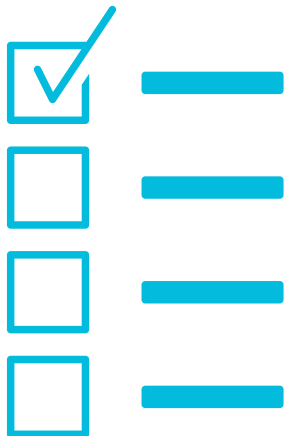
You must be approved for testing accommodations BEFORE you can register for a test.

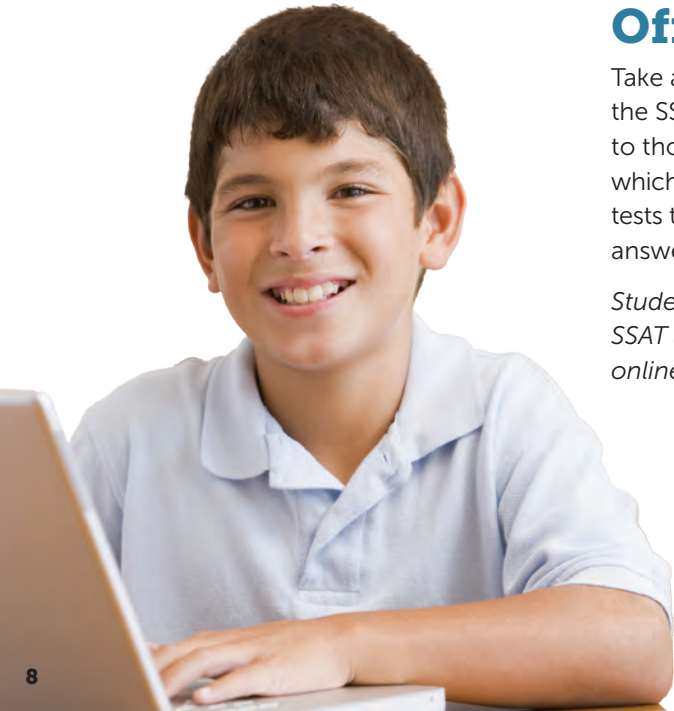
These accommodations may include:

- + Permission to mark answers directly in test booklet
- + Large print test booklet and materials
- + Use of laptop computer with spelling aid (for writing sample only)
- + Extra time (1.5x standard time per section)
- + Other accommodations required by the student

Visit ssat.org/TA for more complete information, testing accommodation application requirements, and deadlines.

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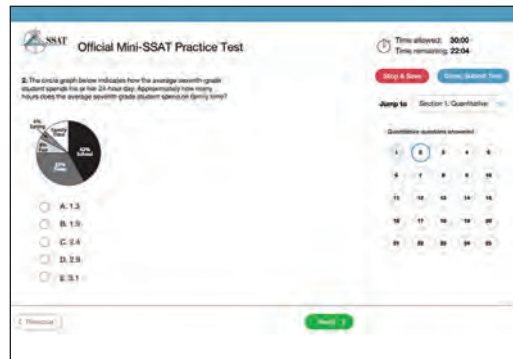


Official SSAT Practice Online

Take advantage of the official online source for SSAT practice, developed by the creators of the SSAT. This program helps you prepare for test day by providing practice questions similar to those appearing on the SSAT, delivering full-length sample tests, and identifying exactly which topics need the most attention prior to testing. Other key features include SSAT section tests to target quantitative, reading, or verbal practice, SSAT topic quizzes with tips on how to answer each question, and study tools. Learn from the source and get ready for test day!

Students who receive fee waivers for the SSAT are also provided free access to the online practice program.

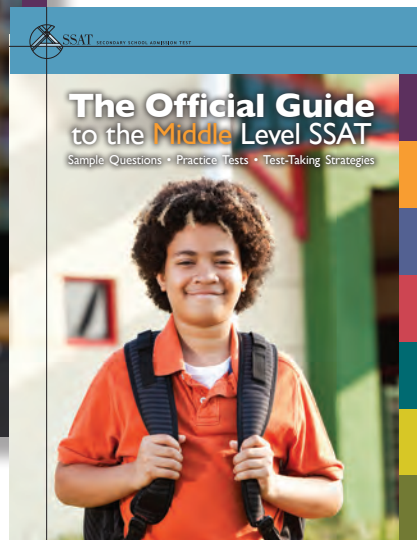
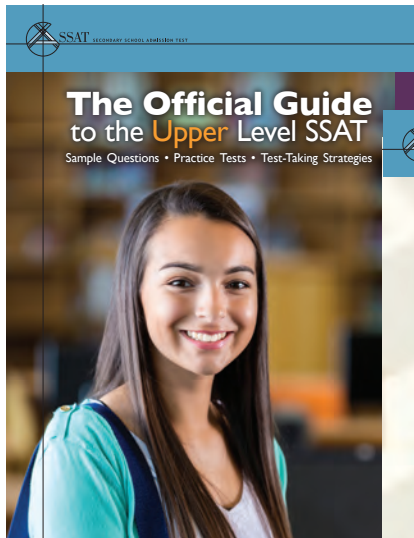
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Order the Only Study Guide Written by SSAT's Test Development Team!

The Official Guide to the SSAT includes sample questions and two full-length practice tests, as well as helpful information about the structure and timing of the test, how it is scored, and test-taking and guessing strategies. *Official Guides* are available for both the Middle Level and Upper Level SSATs and are ordered online via your SSAT account.

ssat.org/officialguide





How Many Times Can I Take The SSAT?

A Standard test is a group administration of the SSAT held at sites worldwide on eight Saturdays each year. There is no limit to the number of Standard tests you can take in a testing year (August 1–July 31). Any test not given on a Standard date is considered a Flex test, including tests administered to individuals or small groups by member schools and consultants. You may take the Flex test only once per testing year, in addition to the Standard test administrations.

What if I Can't Test on a Standard Date?

If none of the Standard test dates work for you, you can contact an educational consultant or a school to which you are applying and ask to take a Flex test. Some regional groups of schools also administer the SSAT on dates they determine. Visit ssat.org/flex for more information on Flex testing. Additional fees apply when taking a Flex test with an educational consultant.

Sunday/Sabbath Testing

SSAT provides a limited number of test sites for Sunday testing. Sunday testing is available for students who obtain proper clergy approval. Read more at ssat.org/TA.

How will I Know my Scores are Available?

Scores are released within two weeks after receipt of test materials. Accessing your online score report and adding and canceling score reports is free. (Cancellations must be done prior to school score release.)

We also offer options for quick access to your scores if you prefer to be notified as soon as they are ready or wish to receive hard copies:

- + Score alert via text or email: \$15
- + Score reports mailed to your home: \$25
(Scores cannot be mailed to schools to which you are applying)
- + Score reports sent via FedEx to your home
(U.S./Canada: \$35 and International: \$65)

All fees are non-refundable.



ssat.org/scores



Who Gets My Scores?

Sending your score reports online to as many member schools of The Enrollment Management Association as you choose is free. You designate which member schools will receive your scores—*either before or after you take the SSAT*. You may choose to wait until you have seen your scores before sending them to schools. Be sure to test early enough in the year for schools to receive your scores by their application deadlines.

Additionally, if you want your current school or advisor to receive a copy of your score report, you can designate them as an advisor using your SSAT account.

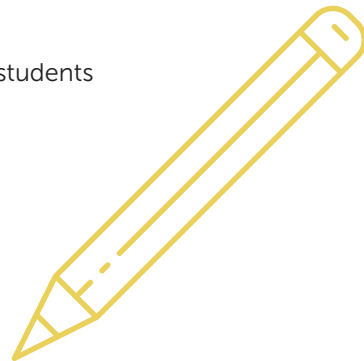
Can I See my Writing Sample?

Families can purchase their student's SSAT writing sample for just \$20. Writing samples are not released to students and families with test scores unless ordered separately.

How Do I Interpret my SSAT Scores?

Your SSAT score report will provide detailed explanations to help you understand each of your scores. Visit ssat.org/scores for detailed score interpretation information.

The Enrollment Management Association also offers free webinars on how to read your score report. Check out the schedule on page 15.



Because Character Matters

Schools want to get to know you, and the character traits you exhibit are just as important as your math and verbal skills. Now, there is a way for you to show them those traits—The Character Skills Snapshot!

A school may ask you to take The Character Skills Snapshot to add to your application portfolio. The Snapshot:

- + provides a snapshot in time of your character traits
- + gives admission directors a more complete picture of who you are
- + is an online assessment that takes about 30 minutes to complete
- + is free with your SSAT registration*
- + is NOT a high-stakes test—there are no wrong answers!
- + results can be sent to member schools just like your SSAT scores

**Non-SSAT test takers pay a nominal \$25 fee for The Snapshot*

ssat.org/snapshot

The Character Skills Snapshot





Applying Made Easy: The Standard Application Online (SAO)

- + Use a single application to apply to multiple schools
- + Pay for your applications online
- + Easily monitor each application's progress
- + Submit student and family information, essays, multimedia submissions, and recommendation forms online only once
- + Available for grades PK – 12

Visit ssat.org/sao to register for or view an SAO webinar

Nearly 500 Schools Accept the SAO



ssat.org/sao

Free Webinars

These free webinars discuss the test, score interpretation, and the admission process using the SAO. Each webinar includes a live Q&A session. Visit ssat.org/webinars to register for upcoming webinars or view past recordings. **All webinars are recorded and posted for on-demand viewing.**

2017-2018 Family Webinar Schedule

| All About the Middle and Upper Level SSATs |
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| Wednesday, September 6, 2017 |
| Wednesday, October 18, 2017 |
| Wednesday, November 15, 2017 |

| All About Accommodations |
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| Wednesday, September 13, 2017 |

| Applying Made Easy with the SAO |
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| Tuesday, October 24, 2017 |
| Tuesday, December 5, 2017 |

| All About The Character Skills Snapshot |
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| Wednesday, August 16, 2017 |
| Thursday, September 28, 2017 |
| Monday, November 6, 2017 |

| Reading Your Upper or Middle Level Score Report |
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| Thursday, October 26, 2017 |
| Wednesday, December 20, 2017 |
| Tuesday, January 16, 2018 |

All webinars are scheduled for 9:00 PM EST/6:00 PM PST.

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| 2017-18 Test Registration Calendar | | | | |
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| Test Date | Regular Registration | Late Registration Begins (\$45 additional) Begins 12:00 am EST on: | Rush Registration Begins (\$85 additional) Begins 12:00 am EST on: | Last Day for Test Registration Ends 11:59 pm EST on: |
| Saturday, October 14, 2017 | August 1, 2016 - September 23, 2017 | September 24, 2017 | October 1, 2017 | October 11, 2017 |
| Saturday, November 11, 2017 | August 1, 2016 - October 21, 2017 | October 22, 2017 | October 29, 2017 | November 8, 2017 |
| Saturday, December 9, 2017 | August 1, 2016 - November 18, 2017 | November 19, 2017 | November 26, 2017 | December 6, 2017 |
| Saturday, January 6, 2018 | August 1, 2016 - December 16, 2017 | December 17, 2017 | December 24, 2017 | January 3, 2018 |
| Saturday, February 3, 2018 | August 1, 2016 - January 13, 2018 | January 14, 2018 | January 21, 2018 | January 31, 2018 |
| Saturday, March 3, 2018 | August 1, 2016 - February 10, 2018 | February 11, 2018 | February 18, 2018 | February 28, 2018 |
| Saturday, April 21, 2018 | August 1, 2016 - March 31, 2018 | April 1, 2018 | April 8, 2018 | April 18, 2018 |
| Saturday, June 9, 2018 | August 1, 2016 - May 19, 2018 | May 20, 2018 | May 27, 2018 | June 6, 2018 |

Note: If testing accommodations are needed, extra time is required for processing—visit ssat.org/TA for more information

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