2019 FAQ SAT

Q: When is the state required School-Day SAT administration in 2019? Can students take the SAT on Saturdays?

A: The 2019 Maine required School-Day (SD) SAT administration is Tuesday April 9th with makeup on Tuesday April 23rd. Students who are on the Non-Standard Administration Roster (NAR) and/or who have State Allowed Accommodations (SAA) have a 6-day window for testing (4/9-4/12 and 4/22-4/23). These are the only SAT administration dates used for Maine’s participation and accountability requirements, and paid for by the Department of Education (DOE). Students are certainly allowed to take SATs on other College Board offered dates (e.g. Saturday’s), however this is at the student’s expense and these administrations do NOT count for Maine’s participation and accountability requirements.

Q: Are 4th year high school students able to take school day SATs? Can all students in the “11th grade” take the school-day SAT on April 9th?

A: Only students who are in their “3rd year of high school” are eligible for the school-day SAT. This is based on cohort and graduation year of 2020 in the state’s enrollment system. For example, if a student has repeated their second/sophomore 10th grade year, they are eligible and must take the SAT during their second/sophomore year as that is now their “3rd year” of high school, and would not be eligible the following year. Students can register/take the SAT on other national/state College Board testing dates (Saturdays) at their own expense.

Q: Are students who are homeschooled eligible to take the SAT?

A: Assessment of home-schooled students is a joint parent and local SAU decision. If a home-schooled student is to participate in MEA and is already in the school’s enrollment, due to the student partaking of some public school instruction, leave the enrollment as it is. If an assessed home-schooled student is not already in the school’s Synergy State Edition enrollment, he/she must be temporarily entered. Select the “Homeschool” checkbox AND select “1-25% of educational time spent at school” in the FTE field. Once the student completes testing, exit the student using the exit code “01918 – Transferred to Homeschooling.” Home-schooled students will receive an Individual Student Report (ISR), but will not be included in the testing school’s results. The student will count neither for nor against participation. Reports for home-schooled students must be distributed by the local school.

Q: Is there a central list of **Special Purpose Private Schools (SPPSs)** that are approved SAT test sites? How can we easily find out which 3rd year students will test at their secondary site and who we will need to test in our primary school site?

A: The following Special Purpose Private Schools (SPPSs) are registered SAT testing sites:

* Aucocisco School
* Future Builders School
* Glenn Stratton learning Center
* Kids Peace Graham Lake School
* Kids Peace East Millinocket
* ME Sp. Ed./M.H. Collaborative
* Sweetser Belfast
* Sweetser Saco

All students with secondary enrollment in SPPSs other than the above need to send their students back to the sending/responsible district (high school) for the SAT assessment. If this is not viable, the SPPS needs to make alternate arrangements directly with the sending district. We suggest SPPSs and sending districts communicate directly with each other to ensure testing availability.

Q: Can you explain how and where students attending **Private Schools** take the SAT?

A: There are 2 primary categories of private schools in Maine: The “60/40” schools (60% of students are publicly funded) and “private non-sectarian” schools.

Students attending the 60/40 schools take the SAT at those 60/40 locations. The following are the 60/40 schools:

* Blue Hill Harbor School
* Erskine Academy
* Foxcroft Academy
* Fryeburg Academy
* George Stevens Academy
* John Bapst Memorial High School
* Lee Academy
* Lincoln Academy
* Maine Central Institute
* Thornton Academy
* Washington Academy

Students attending most private non-sectarian schools take the SAT at their individual student’s responsible/sending district to take the SAT. These schools include:

* Gould Academy
* Hebron Academy
* Kents Hill School
* North Yarmouth Academy
* Berwick Academy
* Carlton Projects
* Maine Coast Semester at Chewonki
* Maine Coast Waldorf School
* The New School
* Watershed School
* Wayfinder Schools
* Waynflete School

The one exception to this category is beginning spring 2019, students attending private non-sectarian school Carrabassett Valley Academy (CVA) will take the SAT at CVA.

Q: A student from a private non-sectarian, having the requirement to return to their responsible/sending district to take the SAT, is not geographically convenient. Can this student take the SAT at a convenient, local public school on April 9th?

A: Yes however, this agreement must be determined and communicated between the private non-sectarian school, the responsible/sending district, and the requested public school to have this student paper-register as a “walk-in”. The student must have the necessary codes: the individual SSID number and the 6-digit AI code associated with the responsible/sending district where the student is supposed to be testing and where the SAT results are reported to.