

# MILL CREEK ACADEMY

**Purpose:** The College Board affirms the importance of ensuring that all students have an opportunity to succeed in college and into their future careers by fostering equity and excellence. In redesigning the SAT test, The College Board affirms the test will validate the following principles: (1) Read, analyze, and comprehend challenging texts. (2) Revise and edit texts using grammatical conventions. (3). Use math concepts to solve problems related to science and social studies. (4). Evaluate evidence when reading and writing. (5) Interpret data through the use of tables, graphs, and charts. The SAT test will better align its content to best practices in classroom instruction.

SECTION	CURRENT SAT TEST	REDESIGNED SAT TEST (Spring 2016)
Testing Time	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3 hours and 45 minutes</li> <li>• Multiple choice questions have 5 possible answer choices</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3 hours with an optional 50 minute essay</li> <li>• Multiple choice questions have 4 possible answer choices</li> </ul>
Test Categories	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Critical Reading</li> <li>• Grammar / Writing</li> <li>• Essay</li> <li>• Mathematics</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Evidence-Based Reading and Writing</li> <li>• Optional Essay</li> <li>• Mathematics</li> </ul>
Significant Details	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Focus on reasoning skills</li> <li>• Focus on a wide range of vocabulary</li> <li>• Scoring specifics where a correct answer receives one point and an incorrect answer receives a ¼ point deduction</li> <li>• One experimental section that is not scored</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continued focus on reasoning skills with an emphasis on skills that are important for success in college and career readiness</li> <li>• Stronger focus on vocabulary that is more commonly used in everyday language</li> <li>• Scoring specifics where a correct answer receives one point and there is no longer a deduction for an incorrect answer.</li> <li>• Science and History are core subjects that will be seen throughout the test.</li> </ul>
Essay	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Always in the first section of the test</li> <li>• 25 minutes to complete the essay</li> <li>• Essay requires students to initiate an opinion and select a stance</li> <li>• Essay theme is broad</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Optional part and will be administered at the end of the test</li> <li>• College admissions will determine whether the essay component is required for the application process</li> <li>• 50 minutes to complete the essay</li> <li>• Essay requires students to read and analyze text while demonstrating strong critical thinking skills. Literary analysis will be an important component.</li> </ul>
Scoring	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Test score ranges from 600 to 2400</li> <li>• Critical Reading: 200 to 800</li> <li>• Grammar / Writing: 200 to 800</li> <li>• Mathematics: 200 to 800</li> <li>• Essay scores calculated with both multiple choice and essay subscores.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Test score ranges from 400 to 1600</li> <li>• Evidence-Based Reading and Writing: 200 to 800</li> <li>• Mathematics: 200 to 800</li> <li>• Essay score will be reported separately</li> </ul>