



SSAT SECONDARY SCHOOL ADMISSION TEST

# 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	Regular Timing	1.5x Time
Writing Sample	25 minutes	40 minutes
<i>Break</i>	<i>5 minutes</i>	<i>5 minutes</i>
Quantitative (Section 1)	30 minutes	45 minutes
Reading (Section 2)	40 minutes	60 minutes
<i>Break</i>	<i>10 minutes</i>	<i>10 minutes</i>
Verbal (Section 3)	30 minutes	45 minutes
Quantitative (Section 4)	30 minutes	45 minutes
Experimental (Section 5)	15 minutes	Not Provided*
<b>Total Testing Time:</b>	<b>3 hours, 5 minutes</b>	<b>4 hours, 10 minutes</b>

\*Due to time constraints, students with the 1.5x accommodation are not required to complete the experimental section.



## Start with SSAT.org

Visit the SSAT website ([ssat.org](http://ssat.org)) and create an account in the student portal. Through your account you can:

- **Register for a Test:** Select a test day and test center.
- **Prep for the Test:** The best way to prep for the test is to take actual practice tests written by the same test development team that writes the SSAT. You can order *The Official Guides to the SSAT* on [ssat.org](http://ssat.org).
- **Find a School:** Learn about our member schools and submit online inquiries.
- **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 and online recommendation forms that can be used to apply to multiple private schools.
- **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 the ability to manage your score recipients and to monitor your applications.
- **Be Prepared for Test Day:** Print out your admission ticket and review test day policies.



## What is the Cost to Register for the Test?

### **\$127 for a domestic Standard test.**

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

### **\$247 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 and follow the directions on [ssat.org](http://ssat.org) when you register for the test. A fee waiver applies to the test fee only—it does not include late fees, publications, or service fees.



## 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 your student

Visit [ssat.org/TA](http://ssat.org/TA) for more complete information, testing accommodation application requirements, and deadlines.

## Sunday/Sabbath Testing

SSAT provides a limited number of test sites for Sunday testing. Sunday testing is available only for students who obtain proper clergy approval.

## 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 on the number of Standard tests you can take. 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 between August 1—July 31, 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](http://ssat.org/flex) for more information on Flex testing. Additional fees may apply when taking a Flex test with an educational consultant.

## When Will I Receive My Scores?

Scores are released within two weeks after receipt of test materials.

## How will I know my Scores are Available?

While you can check your account on [ssat.org](http://ssat.org), we offer other options for quick access to your scores. Accessing your online score report and adding and canceling score reports is free. You can also order these additional services:

- 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
- Score Reports sent via FedEx to your home: (International): \$65

*All fees are non-refundable.*

## Can I Access 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.

## Who Gets My Scores?

Sending your score reports is free, to as many SSATB member schools as you choose. 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 deciding to send them to schools. Be sure to test early enough in the year that schools will 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.

## How Do I Interpret my SSAT Test Scores?

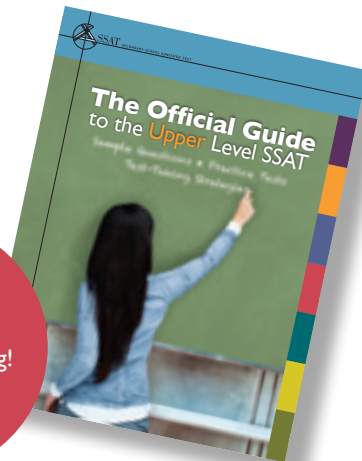
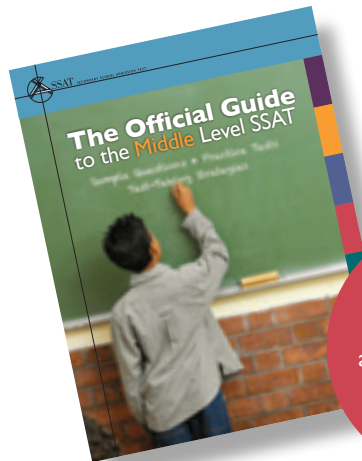
Your SSAT score report will provide detailed explanations to help you understand each of your scores. Visit [ssat.org/score](http://ssat.org/score) for detailed score interpretation information.

SSATB also offers free webinars on how to read your score report. Check out the schedule on page 9.



## Practice for the Test with 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.



**Buy Now!**  
Order through  
your student  
account at [ssat.org](http://ssat.org)!  
Available  
August 2015.



## Free Webinar Series

Want to learn more about the SSAT and how to read your score report? Curious about how the Standard Application Online works? Register for or download one of our free family webinars! These informative webinars discuss the test, test content, score interpretation, and the admission process with the SAO. Each webinar includes a live Q&A session. Visit [ssat.org/help-center](http://ssat.org/help-center) to register or download the webinars now.

### 2015-2016 Family Webinar Schedule

<b>All About the Middle and Upper Level SSATs</b>	
Thursday, October 1, 2015	
<b>All About the Elementary Level SSAT</b>	
Thursday, October 8, 2015	
<b>Reading Your Elementary Level Score Report</b>	
Thursday, December 17, 2015	
<b>Applying Made Easy: Using the SAO</b>	
Tuesday, October 13, 2015	Thursday, November 19, 2015
<b>Reading Your Upper or Middle Level Score Report</b>	
Tuesday, November 3, 2015	Tuesday, January 5, 2016

*All webinars are scheduled for 9:00 PM EST/6:00 PM PST and will be recorded and posted on [ssat.org](http://ssat.org) for on-demand viewing.*



## The Standard Application Online (SAO)

### Making Applying Easier

Do you want to apply to several schools, but don't want to spend days filling out the applications? There is an easier way! The Standard Application Online (SAO) has been created to simplify and standardize the process of applying to independent schools (grades PK-PG). The SAO allows families to complete one online application that will pre-fill to multiple applications and obtain one set of teacher recommendations/transcript that can be used to apply to any number of SSATB member schools that accept it.

Visit  
[ssat.org/sao](http://ssat.org/sao)  
or attend or  
download one  
of the SAO  
webinars to  
learn more!

### Accepted by Hundreds of Schools

The SAO is accepted by nearly 500 private/independent schools in the U.S., Canada, and worldwide.



**If you see this graphic on a school's website, you know they accept the SAO. A complete listing of schools accepting the SAO is available on [ssat.org/SAO](http://ssat.org/SAO).**

## Applying Made Easy: The Standard Application Online (SAO)

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



[www.ssat.org/SAO](http://www.ssat.org/SAO)



# 2015-16 Test Registration Calendar

*Registration for all 2015-16 tests opens August 1, 2015.*

Standard Test Date	Regular Registration	Late Registration Begins (\$45 additional Fee) Begins 12:00 am EST on:	Rush Registration Begins (\$85 additional Fee) Begins 12:00 am EST on:	Last Day for Test Registration Ends 11:59 pm EST on:
<b>Saturday, October 17, 2015</b>	Friday, August 1, 2015 – Saturday, September 26, 2015	Sunday, September 27, 2015	Sunday, October 4, 2015	Wednesday, October 14, 2015
<b>Saturday, November 14, 2015</b>	Friday, August 1, 2015 - Saturday, October 24, 2015	Sunday, October 25, 2015	Sunday, November 1, 2015	Wednesday, November 11, 2015
<b>Saturday, December 12, 2015</b>	Friday, August 1, 2015 - Saturday, November 21, 2015	Sunday, November 22, 2015	Sunday, November 29, 2015	Wednesday, December 9, 2015
<b>Saturday, January 9, 2016</b>	Friday, August 1, 2015 - Saturday, December 19, 2015	Sunday, December 20, 2015	Sunday, December 27, 2015	Wednesday, January 6, 2016
<b>Saturday, February 6, 2016</b>	Friday, August 1, 2015 - Saturday, January 16, 2016	Sunday, January 17, 2016	Sunday, January 24, 2016	Wednesday, February 3, 2016
<b>Saturday, March 5, 2016</b>	Friday, August 1, 2015 - Saturday, February 13, 2016	Sunday, February 14, 2016	Sunday, February 21, 2016	Wednesday, March 2, 2016
<b>Saturday, April 23, 2016</b>	Friday, August 1, 2015 - Saturday, April 2, 2016	Sunday, April 3, 2016	Sunday, April 10, 2016	Wednesday, April 20, 2016
<b>Saturday, June 11, 2016</b>	Friday, August 1, 2015 - Saturday, May 21, 2016	Sunday, May 22, 2016	Sunday, May 29, 2016	Wednesday, June 8, 2016