

# Stanford Achievement Test Spring 2021

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Parent Testing Meeting  
**March 10, 2021**  
**Kindergarten – 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade**



# Agenda

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What is the Stanford Achievement Test (SAT-10)?

- Subjects and Grades Assessed
- Test Timing
- Test Schedule
- Test Design and Test Item Types
- Resources



# What is the Stanford Achievement Test?

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- \*\*\* The **SAT-10** is a norm-referenced achievement test. The testing is used to provide achievement scores for students, teachers, and parents to better understand how well students perform in Reading and Math.
- \*\*\* Student achievement in Mathematics and Reading is compared to a nationwide sample of second grade students taking the same test.
- \*\*\* Scores are reported as *percentile ranks* which indicate the % of students in the nationwide sample that score at or below that percentile rank.
- \*\*\* Percentile ranks range from 1-99 with the national average at the 50<sup>th</sup> percentile.
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# What subjects are assessed with the SAT-10?

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- English Language Arts (ELA)
  - Kindergarten: Sentence Reading Subtest
  - Grades 1-2: Reading Comprehension Subtest
- Mathematics
  - Kindergarten: Mathematics Subtest
  - Grades 1-2: Problem Solving Subtest



# Are the tests timed?

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- The times provided for the SAT-10 are approximate times only, and should be appropriate for most standard curriculum students.
- Students who need additional time to complete the assessment should be allowed to finish the test.
- Accommodations may be provided to students with disabilities and LEP students, as determined appropriate.



# Test Timing

Grade(s)	Subtests	Approximate Administration Time
K	<i>Sentence Reading</i>	30 minutes
K	<i>Mathematics</i>	30 minutes*
1 and 2	<i>Reading Comprehension</i>	40 minutes
1 and 2	<i>Mathematics: Problem Solving</i>	50 minutes*



# When are the tests?

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SAT-10 Reading: **April 27, 2021**

SAT-10 Mathematics: **April 28, 2021**

Make-ups: **April 29-30**



# Test Item Types

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## Question Types:

- **Multiple Choice:** Used for both reading and mathematics. Students select the correct answer.
- **Mathematics:** Problems are presented to the students orally. Test questions can only be read once for all standard curriculum students in grades K-2.





# Test Item Types

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Reading Samples may include:

- Poems
- Invitations
- Recipes
- Non-Fiction stories
- Fiction stories
- Diary Entries
- Advertisements



# Teaching Test-taking Skills

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**Entering single, readable markings:** Students must avoid double marks, fully erase markings they wish to change, and make sufficiently dark markings with a #2 pencil.

**Using time efficiently:** Students need to learn to avoid spending too much time on any given question by pacing themselves and by skipping questions that they find very difficult.

**Answering multiple-choice questions:** Students need to learn to select the best (most complete and most precise) answer from the choices given.

# Teaching Test-taking Skills (continued)

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**Making educated guesses:** Students need to learn to eliminate answers that are “obviously” wrong and then take an educated guess.

**Using word problem strategies:** Students need to learn to convert word problems into a workable format and to change them into number sentences.



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# Helping Your Child

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## Test Preparation

- Help your child to realize that it is important to do their best every day, as well as on the SAT-10.
- Review class and homework with your child.
- Help your child practice the skills they are learning in real-life situations so that the skills have meaning beyond the tests and the classroom.
- Help your child get a good night's sleep and eat a nutritious breakfast.

# Electronic Devices Reminder

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No electronic devices permitted during testing

- Students **CANNOT** have any electronic device (e.g., cell phone, mp3 player, game system, etc.) on them **OR** within arm's reach even if they do not use them

**NO**



# Questions

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