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The Elementary 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 Elementary Level SSATs are for students in grades 3 and 4.

What's on the SSAT?

Writing Sample—There is one story-writing prompt. This story is not scored, but schools use it to assess writing skills.

Quantitative (Math)—One section of 30 questions composed of math computation.

Verbal—One section of 30 vocabulary and analogy questions.

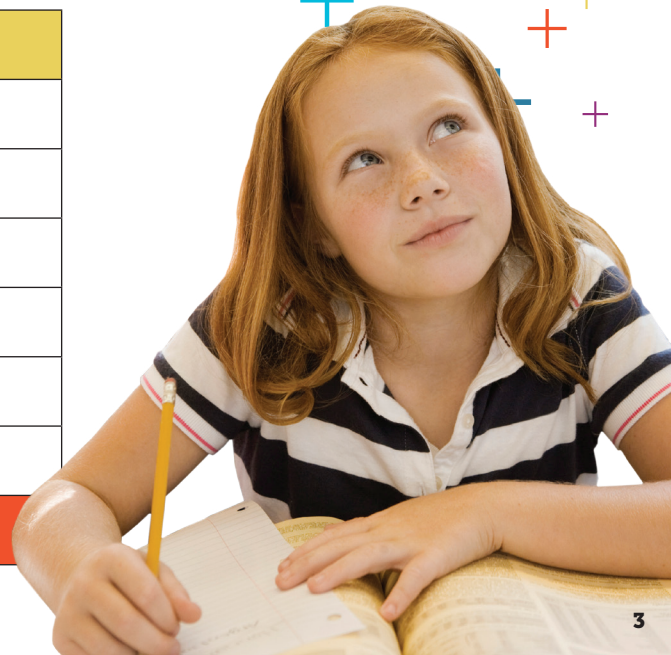
Reading—One section of 28 questions based on reading passages.

Experimental—One section of mixed content questions (verbal, reading, and math). This section does not count toward reported scores.

What's on the SSAT?

Test Section	Number of Questions	Timing
Section 1 (Quantitative/Math)	30	30 minutes
Section 2 (Verbal)	30	20 minutes
Break		15 minutes
Section 3 (Reading)	28	30 minutes
Writing Sample	1 prompt	15 minutes
Experimental Section	Varies from 15-17	15 minutes
Totals	104-106*	2 hours, 5 minutes

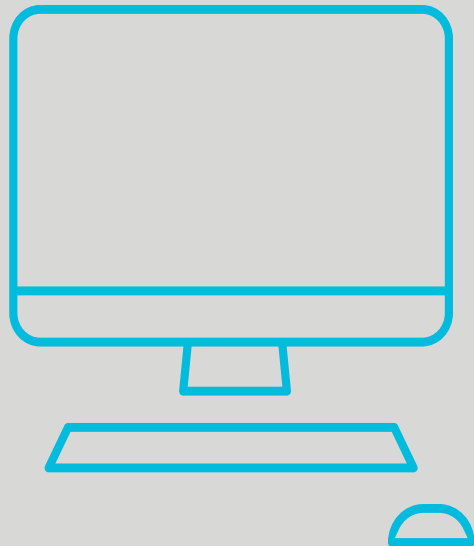
**Depending on number of questions in experimental section*



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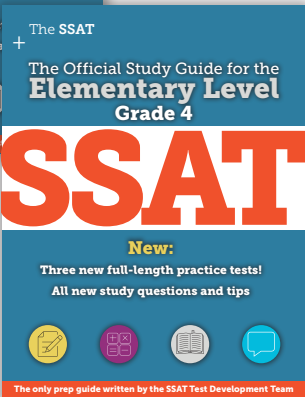
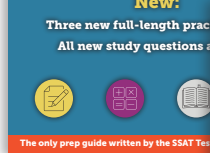
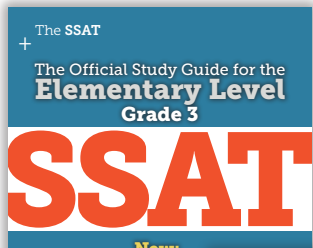
Visit ssat.org and create an account. Then:

- + **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. To learn more about the format of the test, its scoring, and more, download a free *Official Study Guide for the Elementary Level SSAT!* (ssat.org/officialguide)
- + **Find a School:** Learn about our member schools and submit inquiries online.
- + **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 hundreds of participating schools. Submit a single set of biographic information, essays, 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 for accommodations. 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?

\$85 for a domestic Standard test.

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

\$197 for an international Standard test.

This includes all test locations outside the areas listed above.

Register early to avoid late and rush registration fees! See test calendar on page 12.

SSAT 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 a school to which you are applying and follow the directions on **ssat.org** when you register for the test. A fee waiver applies to the test fee only—it does not cover late fees or service fees.

How do I prepare for the test?

Official Study Guide for the Elementary SSAT includes sample questions and one partial practice test, as well as helpful information about the structure and timing of the test, how it is scored, and test-taking strategies. *Official Guides* are available for both the Grade 3 and Grade 4 SSATs and are available for download FREE at **ssat.org/officialguide**.

What if I require testing accommodations?

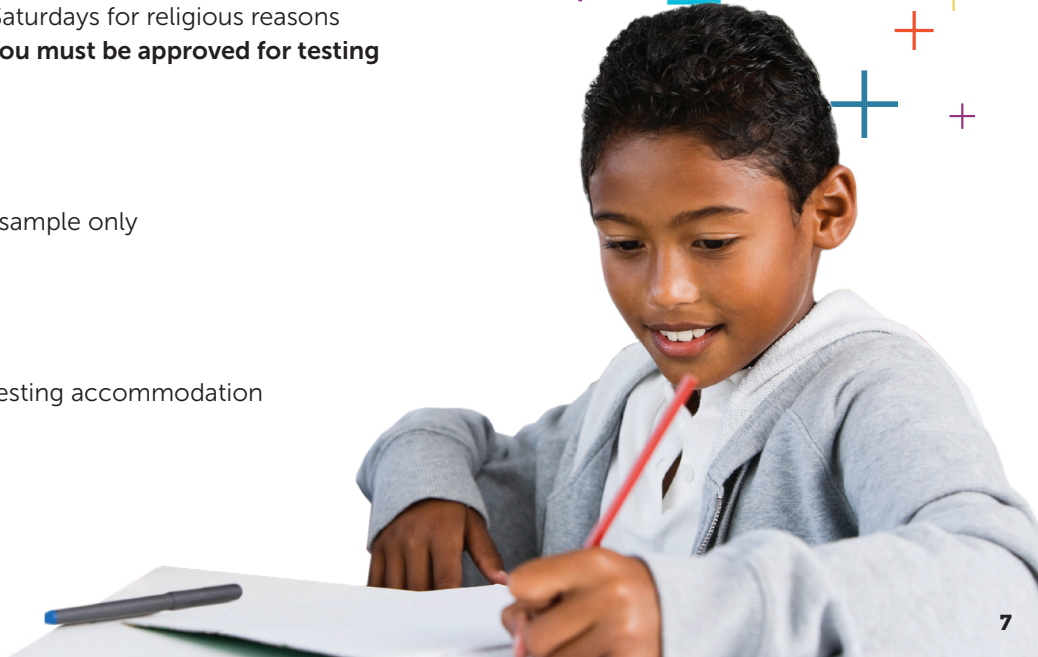
A student with a disability or who is unable to test on Saturdays for religious reasons may apply for testing accommodations for the SSAT. **You must be approved for testing accommodations BEFORE you can register for a test.**

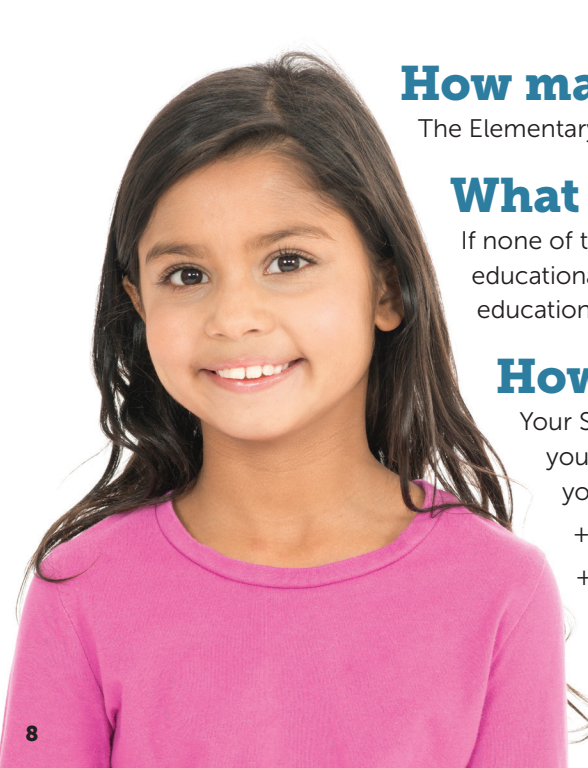
These accommodations may include:

- + 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)
- + Sunday/Sabbath testing at a limited number of sites, for students who obtain prior clergy approval

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

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How many times can I take the SSAT?

The Elementary Level SSAT can be taken twice during the testing year (December 8, 2018—April 27, 2019).

What if I can't test on a Standard date?

If none of the Standard test dates work for you, contact either a school to which you are applying or an educational consultant and ask to take a Flex test. Additional fees apply when taking a Flex test with an educational consultant. Visit ssat.org/flex for more information on Flex testing.

How will I know my scores are available?

Your SSAT scores will be available within two weeks of our receipt of your test materials. Accessing your online score report and adding and canceling score reports is free. We also offer options 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
- + Score reports sent via FedEx to your home (International): \$65

All fees are non-refundable.

Who gets my scores?

Sending your score reports to as many schools as you choose is free. You designate which 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.

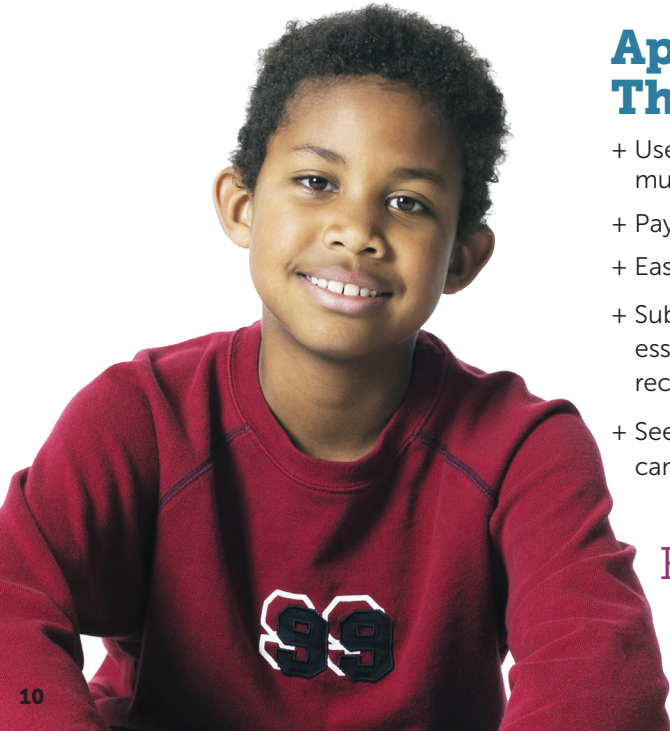
How do I interpret my SSAT scores?

Your SSAT score report will provide explanations to help you understand each of your scores. Visit ssat.org/scores for detailed score interpretation information. Be sure to watch a live webinar on Elementary Level score report interpretation or view the recorded version. See the webinar schedule on page 11.



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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
- + See upcoming admission events or campus visit opportunities.
- + Manage, submit, and track all your application components and manage your tests in the same place.
- + Manage your entire application process from your desktop.
- + Include your interests and activities, personal and academic achievements, and include multimedia.
- + Available for grades PK – 12

Hundreds of Schools Accept the SAO

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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.**

2018-2019 Family Webinar Schedule

All About the Elementary Level SSAT

Thursday, November 29, 2018

All About Accommodations

Wednesday, September 12, 2018

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

Reading Your Elementary Level Score Report

Tuesday, January 8, 2019

Applying Made Easy with the SAO

Tuesday, October 23, 2018

Tuesday, December 4, 2018

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2018-19 Elementary Level Test Registration Calendar

Test Date	Regular Registration Starts August 1, 2018 and ends:	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 Without Testing Accommodations Ends 11:59 pm EST on:
Saturday, December 8, 2018	November 17, 2018	November 18, 2018	November 25, 2018	Wednesday, December 5, 2018
Saturday, January 5, 2019	December 15, 2018	December 16, 2018	December 23, 2018	Wednesday, January 2, 2019
Saturday, February 2, 2019	January 12, 2019	January 13, 2019	January 20, 2019	Wednesday, January 30, 2019
Saturday, March 2, 2019	February 9, 2019	February 10, 2019	February 17, 2019	Wednesday, February 27, 2019
Saturday, April 27, 2019	April 6, 2019	April 7, 2019	April 14, 2019	Wednesday, April 24, 2019

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