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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?

**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.

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

**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
<b>Totals</b>	<b>104-106*</b>	<b>2 hours, 5 minutes</b>

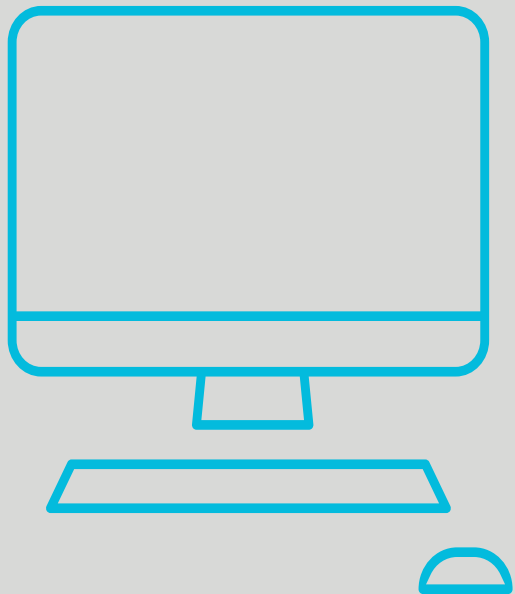
*\*Depending on number of questions in experimental section*



## Start at SSAT.org

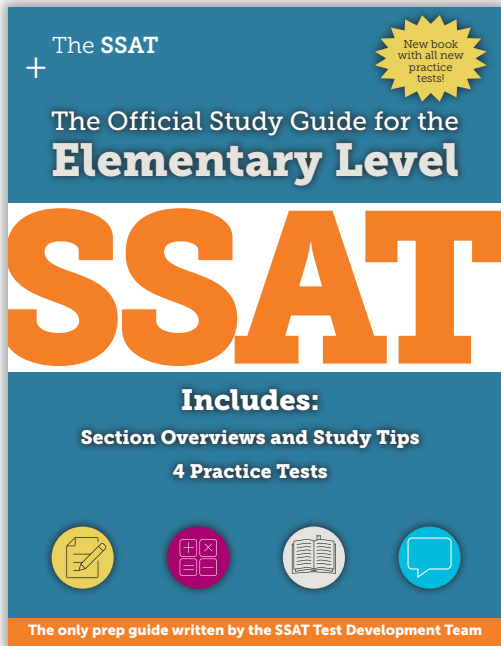
### Visit [ssat.org](http://ssat.org) and create an account. Then:

- + **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. Visit [www.ssat.org](http://www.ssat.org) to learn more about the format of the test, how it is scored, and purchase *The Official Guide to the SSAT* (see p. 6)
- + **Find a School:** Learn about our member schools and submit inquiries online.
- + **Prepare for Test Day:** Print out your student's admission ticket and review test day policies.





- + **Apply to Schools:** Using our Standard Application Online (SAO) your student 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 Scores:** Review your student's score report and select the schools you want to receive his/her 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:** Have your student give his/her placement counselor or educational consultant the ability to manage his/her score recipients and monitor his/her 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 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?

*The Official Study Guide for the Elementary SSAT* includes four full-length practice tests as well as helpful information about the structure and timing of the test, how it is scored, and test-taking strategies. More information about *The Official Guide* is available at [ssat.org/practice](http://ssat.org/practice)

## What if my student requires 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. **A student must be approved for testing accommodations BEFORE s/he 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.

**ssat.org/TA**





## How many times can a student take the SSAT?

The Elementary Level SSAT can be taken twice during the testing year (December 2019 - July 2020).

## What if the student 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](https://ssat.org/flex) for more information on Flex testing.

## How will I know when scores are available?

A student's SSAT scores will be available within two weeks of our receipt of his/her test materials. Accessing the 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 will receive the student's scores?

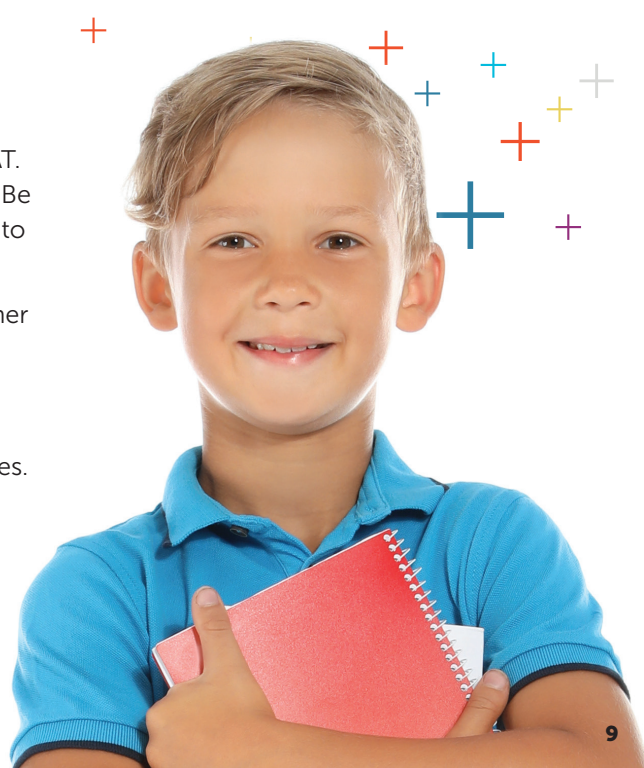
Sending score reports to as many schools as you choose is free. You designate which schools will receive the student's scores—either before or after the student takes the SSAT. You may choose to wait until you have seen the scores before sending them to schools. Be sure the student takes the test early enough in the year to ensure you have enough time to send them to schools before any application deadlines.

Additionally, if you want the student's current school or advisor to receive a copy of his/her score report, you can designate them as an advisor from inside the SSAT account.

## How do I interpret the SSAT scores?

The SSAT score report will provide explanations to help you understand each of the scores. Visit [ssat.org/scores](https://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 information on page 11.

**[ssat.org/scores](https://ssat.org/scores)**





## Applying made easy—The Standard Application Online allows the student to:

- + Use a single application to apply to multiple schools
- + Pay for all 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 application components and manage his/her tests in the same place
- + Manage the entire application process from your desktop
- + Include the student's interests and activities, personal and academic achievements, and include multimedia

Hundreds of Schools Accept the SAO

Available for grades PK–12

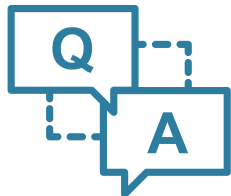
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## Webinars

The Enrollment Management Association offers a number of free webinars for families to assist them during the admissions process. These free webinars provide additional information about the SSAT, the Standard Application Online (SAO), and the Character Skills Snapshot. Each webinar includes a live Q&A session.

Visit [ssat.org/webinars](https://ssat.org/webinars) to register for upcoming webinars or view past recordings. All webinars are recorded and posted for on-demand viewing.



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## 2019-20 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:
<b>Saturday, December 14, 2019</b>	November 23, 2019	November 24, 2019	December 1, 2019	Wednesday, December 11, 2019
<b>Saturday, January 4, 2020</b>	December 14, 2019	December 15, 2019	December 22, 2019	Wednesday, January 1, 2020
<b>Saturday, February 8, 2020</b>	January 18, 2020	January 19, 2020	January 26, 2020	Wednesday, February 5, 2020
<b>Saturday, March 7, 2020</b>	February 15, 2020	February 16, 2020	February 23, 2020	Wednesday, March 4, 2020
<b>Saturday, April 25, 2020</b>	April 4, 2020	April 5, 2020	April 12, 2020	Wednesday, April 22, 2020