

SAT 2016 Crosswalk

The redesigned SAT was released in Spring 2016. Due to the new design and scoring system, all SAT scores resulting from this new version will need to use the following equivalencies to qualify for a placement test exemption under current VCCS policy.

Based on concordance data provided by SAT, the following scores are equivalent to current VCCS score cuts.

Test	Old SAT Required Scores	New SAT Required Scores
Critical Reading / Writing	500 (on both)	560 (ERW Combined Score)
Math	520	550

The new SAT performance data will be discussed in an upcoming Academic and Student Affairs Council (ASAC). If warranted, the below policy may be altered to reflect new minimum scores that align with the new SAT benchmarks and other performance data. Until that time, you may use the above crosswalk to determine if a score from the new SAT is equivalent to the minimum score listed in policy.

SAT scores from tests taken before March of 2016 should use the standard minimum scores noted in the current policy. This crosswalk only applies to SATs taken from March 2016 onward.

Current VCCS Policy:

6.4.0.2.1 Math Placement

Test scores are valid for two (2) years after the date of the test. Students who take the mathematics placement test and who do not enroll in developmental math are allowed to take one (1) retest within twelve (12) months. Students who attempt a developmental mathematics course will be ineligible for a retest. Exceptions to this retest policy may be made on a case-by-case basis in accordance with established college procedures. **A student who provides official evidence of a minimum score of 520 on the mathematics section of the SAT** or a minimum score of 22 on the mathematics section of the ACT, taken within the last two years may be exempt from taking the VCCS mathematics placement test based on the mathematics requirements in the student’s academic plan.

6.4.0.2.2 English Placement

Test scores are valid for two (2) years after the date of the test. Students who take the English placement test and who do not enroll in developmental English are allowed to take one (1) retest within twelve (12) months. Students who attempt a developmental English course will be ineligible for a retest. Exceptions to this retest policy may be made on a case-by-case basis in accordance with established college procedures. **A student who provides official evidence of a minimum score of 500 on both the critical reading and writing sections of the SAT,** or a minimum score of 18 on both the English Test and Reading Test of the ACT, taken within the last two years, is exempt from taking the VCCS English placement test.