

Lewis HS SAT School Day FAQ

When is SAT School Day at Lewis HS?

SAT School Day is usually held on the second Wednesday of October.

Wait, isn't that PSAT/NMSQT Day?

Yes! Both PSAT/NMSQT (for all 10th and 11th grade students) and SAT School Day (for 12th grade students that completed the Intent to Participate form) are held on the same day.

Who can participate in SAT School Day at Lewis HS?

12th grade students enrolled at Lewis High School that completed the Intent to Participate form by the deadline communicated. We will only order tests for students that have signed up! There is NO walk-in testing. Please note that this form is ONLY for testing at Lewis HS.

How much does it cost?

There is no cost to participate in SAT School Day if you are a 12th grade student enrolled at Lewis High School.

I have a fee waiver for SAT testing. Does this count as one of my free tests?

No, it does not. Fee waivers apply to weekend SAT testing, not School Day testing.

How do I know if I need to take the SAT?

You are probably taking the SAT because it is needed for the college(s) that you are applying to. Many schools do NOT require the SAT (you can check if your school is test-optional at <https://fairtest.org/university/optional>, but don't forget to double-check with the admissions office at the school). If you do not have specific colleges in mind that you plan to send scores to, you may want to reconsider whether you need to test.

How do I know if I registered?

If you completed the intent to participate form, you are registered. If you aren't sure, check your email. You should have received an email receipt from completing the form.

I tried to get to the Intent to Participate form and it didn't work. Please fix it.

You can ONLY access the Intent to Participate form if you are logged into a school @fcpschools.net Google account. Try using your FCPSOn device, or completely log out of ALL personal Google accounts before trying the link again.

When should I get to school on test day?

Great question! We suggest you get to school between **7:30 and 7:45 AM** to give yourself plenty of time. Being late and rushed is usually not a good way to start a test!

When you get to school:

- Pick up and eat breakfast (remember, breakfast and lunch are free all year).
- Use the restroom.
- Report to your assigned testing room.

Please try to arrive early. No students will be admitted to testing rooms after 8:10 AM.

How do I get to school that day?

You should get to school the way you normally do! Buses will be running that day.

Where is my testing room?

All testing students will receive an email with their assigned testing room closer to test day.

What should I bring to school?

You **must** bring:

- Your FCPS-issued laptop AND charger (if you don't have one a loaner will be available)
- #2 Pencils with erasers
- Approved calculator, if you don't want to use the built-in Desmos calculator.

You **may** bring:

- Extra batteries for your calculator
- A watch without an audible alarm
- Beverage in spill proof container, nut-free snacks in a clear bag
- Emergency contact information
- A small bag to carry your things in. You will NOT be allowed to access your bag during the test.

We recommend dressing in layers and wearing comfortable shoes.

You may also have in mind **up to 4 colleges** that you want to send your scores to. You will have the opportunity to indicate these on your answer sheet at the end of testing.

You will **not** be permitted to have prohibited electronic devices in the testing room. For a list of electronic and non-electronic prohibited items, see the [College Board website](#).

Can I bring food/drink for the break?

You may bring a beverage in a spill proof container and snacks in a clear bag. They must remain under your desk during testing. You may access them during breaks and eat in the hallway. We ask that you bring peanut-free snacks due to allergy concerns.

Water fountains will not be open, so a reusable water bottle is a good idea!

Can I bring my cell phone (smartwatch, FitBit, etc.) to school?

You may not have any prohibited electronic devices during testing, including smartwatches and FitBits. We strongly encourage you to leave all electronic devices at home. It eliminates the possibility that something happens during testing and invalidates your score. For a list of prohibited items, see the [College Board website](#).

If you MUST have a cell phone with you because you need to call for a ride home when testing is done, you must turn it OFF before entering the testing room and surrender it to an adult in your testing room. You will not be allowed to have it at your desk. You will get it back after testing is complete in your testing room.

Can I bring a bag?

You can bring a small bag for your things (e.g. wallet, keys) but you will NOT be able to access it during the test. It will stay at the front/side of the room, and you can get it back after testing is complete in your testing room.

Where can I find more information about the test?

College Board has published a lot of information for you in the online [SAT School Day Student Guide](#). It includes an overview of the tests, including sample items.

What time will I be done testing?

What time you will be finished depends on when everyone in your room arrives, whether or not you have extended time, and whether or not your parent/guardian opts you out of the optional survey questions at the end of the test. Students that have been opted out may be dismissed sooner.

Here is an estimated timeline of the beginning of SAT School Day:

7:30-7:45	Arrive at school
7:45-8:10	Check in at your testing room
8:10-8:30	Testing starts

The test itself takes 2 hours and 15 minutes (standard time), but this does NOT include the time needed to read directions or complete answer sheet information (which is done before and after the test). The entire thing typically takes about 3 to 3.5 hours, depending on when students arrive and how long it takes to complete answer sheet information.

Can I get breakfast and/or lunch at school?

Yes. Both breakfast and lunch will be provided to testing students free of charge. They will be available for pickup in the Cafeteria.

What about class that day?

You are not expected to be in class that day if you are testing. It is an excused absence.

What if I am sick? What if someone in my family is sick? Can I still test?

No. Please do not come to school if you are not feeling well. If your absence is EXCUSED, you will have an opportunity to participate in the make-up testing day.

Isn't there an extra section that doesn't count on the SAT?

Not for SAT School Day. You will have just the 4 sections that count.

Wait, isn't there an essay portion?

No, the SAT with Essay is not being offered on SAT School Day.

What if I plan to take the SAT again on a Saturday, and I want to sign up for a fee waiver?

First, make sure your parent/guardian has completed the free and reduced-price meals application. Section four of the application includes a part where you can consent to share your information for benefits for other programs. Make sure you answer "yes" to the question "Allow my district to share my information with the Test/Application Fees program." Then send an email to Ms. Shaw at cmmcilnaysha@fcps.edu (or go to see her in the Career Center!) to let her know you need a fee waiver for future SAT tests.

If you previously completed the free and reduced-price meals application and forgot to allow the district to share your information for tests/application fees, go to the free and reduced-price meals webpage and scroll down. You will need to complete the Consent to Share Information Form. You can see to Ms. Shaw in the Career Center for help with this or contact her at cmmcilnaysha@fcps.edu.

When will I get my score?

The [College Board website](https://studentscores.collegeboard.org/home) shows a score release date of about two weeks after the test date for most students. Students who provide a cell phone number on test day will receive a text alerting them that scores are available. Students can also view scores via College Board at <https://studentscores.collegeboard.org/home>. Students who do not currently have a College Board account will need to create one to view scores. Students should use their personal email (not fcpschools.net accounts) to create their CB accounts as they may need access to these scores past being an FCPS student.

Can I get accommodations for testing? Can I choose not to use my accommodations?

Only students with pre-approved College Board accommodations are eligible for accommodated testing. The deadline to submit requests for accommodations is in early August. Information about how to apply for College Board accommodations will be emailed to families over the summer. You can also find information about College Board accommodations here:

<https://www.fcps.edu/academics/student-tests-assessments/types-student-assessment/scholastic-assessment-test-sat-0>

If you have College Board approved accommodations, you should receive them. If you have accommodations (or EL supports) but do not want to use them, please contact our SSD Coordinator Mr. Adam Greenberg (ANGreenberg@fcps.edu). Your parent/guardian will need to waive the accommodation in writing.

If you are not sure about your accommodations, or were very recently approved, please contact our SSD Coordinator Mr. Adam Greenberg at ANGreenberg@fcps.edu.

What if I still have questions?

Email any questions you may still have to Lewis HS Assessment Coach Ms. Dawley at sldawley@fcps.edu.