

THE NEW PSAT:

Exam Overview & Section Breakdown



SECTION 1: READING

Format:

47 questions (4 long passages, 1 double)

Time:

60 minutes

Content Changes:

- ⊙ Longer passages
- ⊙ Less vocabulary
- ⊙ Graphs and charts
- ⊙ Founding Document/Global Conversation passage
- ⊙ “Find Your Evidence” questions

SECTION 2: WRITING & LANGUAGE

Format:

44 questions (4 passages)

Time:

35 minutes

Content Changes:

- ⊙ Punctuation now tested
- ⊙ Questions have context
- ⊙ Graphs and charts

SECTION 3: MATH *(no calculator)*

Format:

17 questions (13 multiple choice, 4 grid-ins)

Time:

25 minutes

Content Changes:

- ⊙ No calculator for 44% of the exam
- ⊙ Multi-part questions
- ⊙ More algebra and data analysis
- ⊙ Higher-level math

SECTION 4: MATH *(calculator)*

Format:

31 questions (27 multiple choice, 4 grid-ins)

Time:

45 minutes

Content Changes:

- ⊙ Multi-part questions
- ⊙ More algebra and data analysis
- ⊙ Higher-level math

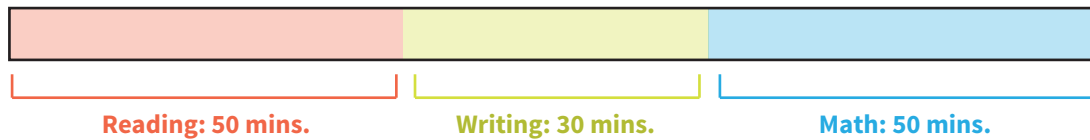
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TOTAL TESTING TIME

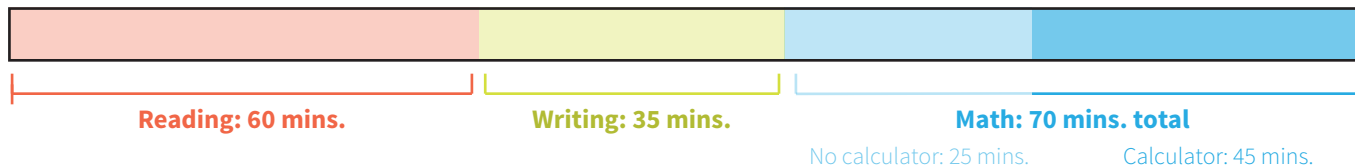
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2 hours 10 minutes

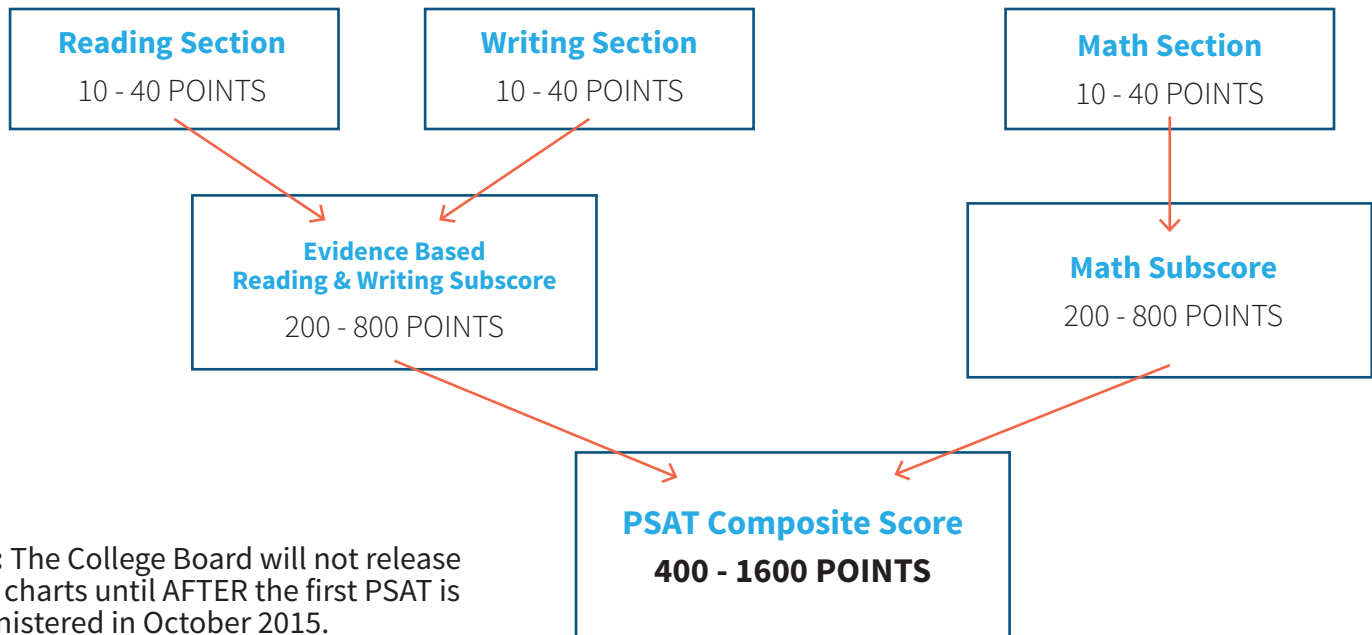


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2 hours 45 minutes



SCORING PROCESS



Note: The College Board will not release score charts until AFTER the first PSAT is administered in October 2015.