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**The Optional SAT with Essay in Colorado**

11th-grade public school students in Colorado can add the SAT® with Essay to their SAT School Day registration for free. The Colorado Department of Education will cover all fees so you can take the SAT with Essay **at your school in April.**

**About the SAT with Essay**

* The SAT with Essay will take approximately one hour longer than the SAT.
* It’s your choice. You decide whether or not to take the SAT with Essay.
* The SAT Essay is scored separately from the SAT and does not impact your Reading and Writing score.

**Why Take the SAT with Essay?**

The SAT Essay lets you practice your writing skills and gives you a chance to show colleges that you’re ready for college-level writing assignments.

**It’s About the Real World**

The SAT with Essay is a lot like a typical college writing assignment that asks you to analyze a text. It shows colleges you’re ready to get to campus and write. You’ll have 50 minutes to:

* Read a passage
* Explain how the author builds an argument to persuade an audience
* Support your explanation with evidence from the passage

**To Add the Optional Essay to your SAT Registration:**

[CUSTOMIZABLE SCHOOL INFORMATION ABOUT THEIR OWN PROCESS. NOTE: ESSAY REGISTRATIONS MUST BE ADDED INTO THE STATE DATA MANAGEMENT SYSTEM BETWEEN February 1 and 15.]