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Before students with disabilities can take the SAT, SAT Subject Tests, PSAT/NMSQT, PSAT 10, or Advanced Placement® Exams with accommodations — such as extended time or the use of a computer — their request for accommodations must be approved by Services for Students with Disabilities (SSD).

College Board Approval Required
Use of accommodations without approval by the College Board results in cancellation of test scores.

Students with disabilities, their families, and those who work with them should know the following:

The Approval Process Can Take Seven Weeks

It can take about seven weeks for an accommodations request to be processed when documentation review is required. [Get an overview of the approval process.](#)

Most Students Work with Their Schools

Most students work with their schools to submit accommodations requests online. Schools usually have an SSD Coordinator who helps students during the accommodations request process. To submit a request without their school's involvement, families must request a paper Student Eligibility Form from their counselor or SSD. [Find out why families should request accommodations through their school.](#)

Short-Term Injuries and Conditions
Most students without a diagnosed disability are ineligible for accommodations through SSD. To learn about assistance for students with short-term injuries or conditions that affect their ability to take the SAT, an SAT Subject Test, or an AP Exam, [See Temporary Medical Conditions.](#)

SSD Online: The Best Way to Submit a Request

SSD Coordinators should request access to SSD Online where they can submit and manage accommodations requests for their students. Families can take advantage of this tool by working with their school. [Learn about SSD Online.](#)

More Tips

- Only students whose disability impacts their participation in College Board exams such as the SAT receive testing accommodations. [Find out who is eligible.](#) Once a student's accommodations are approved by the College Board, they remain in effect until one year after high school graduation (with some limited exceptions) and can be used on the SAT, SAT Subject Tests, PSAT/NMSQT, PSAT 10, and AP Exams. Students do not need to request accommodations from SSD a second time.
- [Transfer students](#) should tell their new school of the approved accommodations because they may still be valid.

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Important Dates

PSAT 10 Testing Window
February 22- March 26, 2021
SSD request deadline
December 11, 2020

SAT
March 13, 2021
SSD request deadline:
January 22, 2021

PSAT 10 Testing Window
April 13-30, 2021
SSD request deadline:
February 22, 2021

[View SSD Calendar for more details](#)

SSD Online for Coordinators

Focus on the primary users

Get step-by-step instructions for requesting and managing accommodations through the online portal.

Sign in to your SSD Online dashboard.

Sign in

Action-oriented, few distractions

Step-by-Step

- How to Access the SSD Online Dashboard >
- Submitting Requests Online >
- Check Request Status Online >
- Submit Additional Information Online >
- Change Accommodations Online >
- View Decision Letters Online >
- Reopen Denied Requests Online >
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- Nonstandard Administration Reports (NARs) >

FAQs

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- Who can use SSD Online? +
- How do I become an SSD coordinator? +
- Can multiple school officials use the online request system? +

Keep in Mind

For most College Board exams, testing with accommodations requires SSD approval.

Approval by the College Board's Services for Students with Disabilities (SSD) is always required before students can take the PSAT/NMSQT, PSAT 10, SAT, or AP Exams with accommodations.

SSD Online is faster than submitting paper requests.

SSD Online is the quickest and most efficient way to request or manage accommodations.