

What is the difference between Fee Waivers and Vouchers?

Fee waivers and vouchers for SAT and PSAT/NMSQT are not the same thing but are often used interchangeably.

Vouchers

A voucher is a state-specific program that allows for students who do not have access to a brick-and-mortar school for SAT School Day (such as virtual schools) to take the SAT at a weekend test center during national administrations of SAT, at zero cost to the student or school. Any student can use a voucher code, regardless of financial need status. The 6-digit voucher code directs the student's registration fee to be added to a state contract. College Board generates a finite number of unique voucher codes to be used by a state and their schools each year. These codes are provided to the requesting schools by a file that is uploaded to their K12 Reporting Portal. Voucher codes will be sent to participating schools in mid-December for use on the March 12 or May 8 national Saturday administrations of SAT.

When the student registers for the weekend SAT, they will use the voucher code on the 'Submit Your Order' screen by clicking the link to 'Join the Idaho Initiative'. They will be prompted to enter the voucher code, provided to them by their test coordinator. Upon clicking Continue, their Total Price will adjust to \$0.00 and the student may finish by clicking Confirm Registration.

Fee Waivers

Fee waivers are a College Board program that allows for students in need to gain access to not only the SAT but also the additional benefits that College Board provides. Eligibility requirements can be found at sat.org/fee-waivers.

The fee waiver code is 12 digits, and these unique codes were provided to schools in the K12 Reporting Portal based on prior year's needs and updated in August 2021. The test coordinator or counselor at the school should distribute these codes to eligible students in need on an as-needed basis, but prior to test day, if possible. Fee waiver benefits don't expire, but they cannot be reused.

Fee waiver benefits include:

- 2 free SAT registrations (11th and 12th grade only)
- Unlimited score reports
- Waived application fees at participating colleges (see list at <http://collegeboard.org/waiver-colleges>)

And more!

See the complete list of fee waiver benefits, eligibility requirements, and more at [SAT Fee Waivers](https://sat.org/fee-waivers).

Questions?

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