

**Maine**  
**Profile of State College Entrance Exam Policies**

<i>College entrance exam policy</i>	Maine requires all public high school 3 <sup>rd</sup> year students to take the SAT.
Purpose	To provide feedback regarding college readiness; to fulfill NCLB regulation; to increase student engagement in the state's testing program; and to increase post-secondary application, admission and graduation rates
Major changes in college entrance exam policy since the 2009-10 school year for financial reasons	None
Major changes in college entrance exam policy since the 2009-10 school year for any <i>other</i> reasons	None
Year college entrance exam first administered as a state requirement	Spring 2006
Grade college entrance exam first administered	11
Preparation state offers to students taking college entrance exams	All Maine public high school students receive the SAT Official On-line Course supplied free of charge via the Maine Department of Education (MDOE).
Does the state require students to	Yes, by requiring all 10 <sup>th</sup> grades to take the PSAT/NMSQT

participation in preparation for college entrance exam?	
State financial support provided for students to take the college entrance exam	All costs are covered for both the PSAT and SAT exams.
State financial support provided for students to re-take either exam after the first administration	The College Board provides fee waivers to income-eligible students which allows for SAT re-takes.
Is the college entrance exam administered during school day?	No. It is administered on the first Saturday in May of each year.
Impact of adoption of the common core state standards on state college entrance exam policies	None as yet. Alignment studies have shown the questions asked on the SAT are also expectation covered in the CCSS. Maine will stay with the state SAT program through the spring of 2014.