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### A (NEW) SAT/ACT Comparison Chart

The SAT and ACT are both standardized tests used by colleges for admissions purposes. Both are usually taken on a Saturday morning with a No. 2 pencil in hand. Most colleges/universities accept either test interchangeably. That said, they aren't the same test. Here's a quick look at how they stack up against one another. *Note: this chart compares the Redesigned (NEW) SAT to the ACT. This test will be used beginning in March 2016.*

	(NEW) SAT	ACT
<b>Length</b>	3 hours (plus 50 minutes if doing the Writing)	Just under 3 hours (175 minutes) (+ 30 minutes if doing the Writing)
<b>Structure &amp; Parts</b>	Math: 80 minutes, 58 questions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Calculator Portion: 55 minutes, 38 (8 grid-in, 30 multiple-choice)</li> <li>• No-Calculator Portion: 25 minutes, 20 questions (5 grid-in, 15 multiple-choice)</li> </ul> Evidence-Based Reading & Writing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 Reading Test: 65 minutes, 52 questions</li> <li>• 1 Writing and Language Test: 35 minutes, 44 questions</li> </ul> Essay (Optional): 50 minutes, 1 essay	Math: 60 minutes, 60 questions, all multiple-choice, calculators permitted Reading: 35 minutes, 40 questions, all multiple-choice English: 45 minutes, 45 questions, all multiple-choice Science: 35 minutes, 40 questions, all multiple-choice Writing (Optional): 30 minutes, 1 essay prompt
<b>Scoring</b>	Total score of 400-1600 Individual scores (Math and Reading & Writing) of 200-800 Subscores within/across sections/categories Separate Essay score of 2-8 on each of 3 essay components	Composite score of 1-36 (average score from the individual tests) Individual test scores of 1-36 (Math, Reading, English, Science) Subscores within sections/categories Separate Writing score of 2-12
<b>Math Content</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Heart of Algebra (i.e. linear equations, functions, etc.)</li> <li>• Problem-Solving &amp; Data Analysis (aka Social Science math)</li> <li>• Passport to Advanced Math (complex equations, i.e. quadratics)</li> <li>• Additional Topics in Math (mostly plane geometry)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pre-Algebra/Elementary Algebra</li> <li>• Intermediate Algebra/Coordinate Geometry</li> <li>• Plane Geometry/Trigonometry</li> </ul>
<b>Evidence-Based Reading (SAT) / Reading (ACT) Content</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Words in Context</li> <li>• Command of Evidence</li> <li>• Analysis in History/Social Studies</li> <li>• Analysis in Science</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reading Comprehension (passage-based)</li> </ul>
<b>Writing and Language (SAT) / English (ACT) Content</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Expression of Ideas (development, organization and effective language use)</li> <li>• Standard English Conventions (sentence structure, conventions of usage, convention of punctuation)</li> <li>• Words in Context</li> <li>• Command of Evidence</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Usage/Mechanics</li> <li>• Rhetorical Skills</li> </ul>
<b>Science Content</b>	No distinct science section, however science passages appear in the Evidence-Based Reading and Writing Test.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Interpretation</li> <li>• Analysis</li> <li>• Evaluation</li> <li>• Reasoning</li> <li>• Problem-Solving</li> </ul>
<b>When Offered</b>	7x/year: October, November, December, January, March, May, June	6x/year: September, October, December, February, April, June