

# COMPARISON OF THE ACT TO THE SAT

## ACT<sup>®</sup>

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CALCULATOR ALLOWED FOR ENTIRE MATH TEST	✓	✗
ESSAY IS OPTIONAL	✓	✓
NO PENALTY FOR GUESSING	✓	✓
FREE DAILY PRACTICE QUESTIONS	✓	✓
FREE COMPREHENSIVE TEST PRACTICE	✓	✓
TEST FEES WAIVED FOR ELIGIBLE STUDENTS	✓	✓
FEE WAIVER STUDENTS ELIGIBLE FOR COLLEGE APPLICATION FEE WAIVER	✓	✓
FREE SCORE REPORTS	✓	✓
ALL TESTS 1 HOUR OR LESS	✓	✗
MEASURES WHAT STUDENTS LEARN IN HIGH SCHOOL	✓	✓
STUDENTS HAVE ACCESS TO ENGLISH LEARNER SUPPORTS	✓	✗
STUDENTS GET A STEM SCORE	✓	✗
SUBJECT SCORES ARE BALANCED	✓	✗
TESTING TIME	2 hours 55 minutes + 40-minute essay (optional)	3 hours + 50-minute essay (optional)
STRUCTURE	4 tests + optional writing test	3 tests + optional writing test
LONGEST TEST	1 hour	1 hour 20 minutes
SHORTEST TEST	35 minutes	35 minutes
SCORE RANGE	Composite 1-36 (writing domain scores: 2-12)	Composite 400-1600 (SAT Essay: Reported in 3 dimensions, each 2-8)

