

Resources and Links For Common SAT/ACT Questions

If you have questions, you can reach out to me at gmsbaer@gmail.com.

Test Dates and Registration

SAT: <https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat/register>

ACT: <http://www.act.org/content/act/en/products-and-services/the-act/registration.html>

Fees

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Accommodations and Fee Waivers:

Students with documented learning differences can access testing accommodations, including extra time. Some low-income students can access fee waivers. If you think your student is eligible, start by reading the following information and reaching out to your school counselor.

SAT fee waivers: <https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat/register/fees/fee-waivers>

SAT accommodations: <https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat/register/special-circumstances/students-with-disabilities>

ACT fee waivers: <http://www.act.org/content/act/en/products-and-services/the-act/registration/fees.html>

ACT accommodations: <http://www.act.org/content/act/en/products-and-services/the-act/registration/accommodations.html>

Sending Scores

During test registration, you can request that your scores be sent directly to a small number of colleges for free. This can save a little money (SAT \$12 per school; ACT \$13 per school). However, unless your student is taking the test very close to the application deadline, I suggest waiting until after you have received test scores.

You can send SAT/ACT scores to colleges in different ways; how you choose will depend on the specific college's policy and on a student's scores. College Board will send all scores from all tests by default, but you can also choose to send only specific test dates. ACT allows students to submit separate score reports for each separate test date *or* to send a superscore (a student's best score on each section, regardless of test date).

If a school only considers the best SAT Total or ACT composite score from a single test date, then send your best single test score to the school. If a school *superscores* by allowing you to mix and match individual section scores from different test dates (for example, a 650 in Reading

from a test taken in October and a 680 in Math from a test taken in June), then you will send the scores from ALL of the test dates that make up your best individual scores.

SAT: <https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat/scores/sending-scores>

ACT: <https://www.act.org/content/act/en/products-and-services/the-act/scores/sending-your-scores.html>

Practice Resources

Most practice should be done with official tests (not imitations by third party companies). Practice using the real thing. Students also need to practice timing by following the timing guidelines listed on each section. Last, many students will need to study content (such as grammar rules or math equations) using section-specific resources.

[Official SAT Study Guide 2020 Edition](#) (the same tests can also be found [on SAT's website](#))

[Official ACT Prep Guide 2020-2021](#)

Unofficial Tip: Google “Reddit SAT practice tests” or “Reddit ACT practice tests.” You will find a much, much larger number of actual tests than in these books. These tests haven’t been officially released, but they are real tests that are more recent than the official ones. These are often used by SAT/ACT tutors.

Other resources:

--**Khan Academy SAT**—Khan Academy partnered with College Board to help students practice for the SAT. This resource can help self-motivated students learn content (for example, if a student needs to learn grammar or review math equations), but is not especially helpful for strategies, timing, or understanding how to take advantage of the SAT’s standardized aspects.

--Recommended subject-specific guides:

- College Panda guides (especially for math)
- Erica Meltzer for Reading and English (SAT and ACT)
- Michael Cerro’s “For the Love of ACT Science”

Choosing Between SAT vs ACT

In addition to the factors highlighted in the presentation (timing, ACT Science section, differences between English/Writing and Reading sections), you can compare SAT and ACT practice test scores. Most students will choose the test they scored higher on. Use the following table to compare scores between the two tests:

Table A2: ACT Composite to SAT Total.

ACT	SAT	SAT Range
36	1590	1570-1600
35	1540	1530-1560
34	1500	1490-1520
33	1460	1450-1480
32	1430	1420-1440
31	1400	1390-1410
30	1370	1360-1380
29	1340	1330-1350
28	1310	1300-1320
27	1280	1260-1290
26	1240	1230-1250
25	1210	1200-1220
24	1180	1160-1190
23	1140	1130-1150
22	1110	1100-1120
21	1080	1060-1090
20	1040	1030-1050
19	1010	990-1020
18	970	960-980
17	930	920-950
16	890	880-910
15	850	830-870
14	800	780-820
13	760	730-770
12	710	690-720
11	670	650-680
10	630	620-640
9	590	590-610