



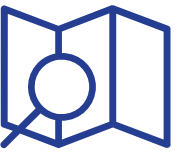

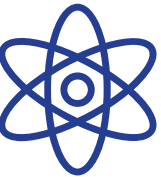
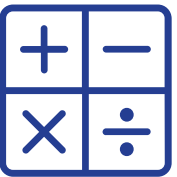




# SAT vs. ACT

Colleges typically accept both the SAT and ACT scores equally. Help students evaluate the characteristics of each exam to determine which best fits their needs.

|  | SAT  | ACT  |
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| <br><b>Scores</b>       | The SAT is scored on a scale of <b>400–1600</b>                    | The ACT is scored on a scale of <b>1–36</b>                                    |
| <br><b>Structure</b>   | <b>3 tests</b><br>Reading, Writing and Language, Math              | <b>4 tests</b><br>English, Math, Reading, Science Reasoning + optional essay   |
| <br><b>Time</b>       | <b>3 hours</b>   | <b>2 hours 55 minutes</b><br>+ 45-minute optional essay                        |
| <br><b>Questions</b>  | <b>154</b>   | <b>215</b>   |
| <br><b>Test Prep</b>  | Free online test prep for <b>all students</b> through Khan Academy | Free online test prep for <b>all students</b> through MyACT                    |
| <br><b>Reading</b>    | The SAT has <b>5 reading passages</b>                              | The ACT has <b>4 reading passages</b>  |
| <br><b>Science</b>    | <b>Cross-test score</b><br>for analysis in science                 | <b>Science</b><br>section that tests critical thinking skills                  |
| <br><b>Math</b>       | Both the SAT and ACT have the <b>same math concepts</b>            |  |
| <br><b>Calculator</b> | Calculator allowed for <b>some math questions</b>                  | Calculator allowed for <b>all math questions</b>                               |
| <br><b>Essay</b>      | The SAT does not offer an essay section.                           | The ACT essay focuses more on <b>evaluation and analysis</b> of complex issues |