

SAT**vs****ACT**

Why Take It	Colleges use SAT scores for admissions and merit-based scholarships.	Colleges use ACT scores for admissions and merit-based scholarships.
Test Structure	Reading Writing & Language Math	English Math Reading Science Reasoning Essay (Optional)
Cost	\$60 <i>Fee waivers available, see your counselor</i>	\$68, \$93 with essay <i>Fee waivers available, see your counselor</i>
Length	3 hours <i>Reading Test</i> 65 minutes, 52 questions <i>Writing and Language Test</i> 35 minutes, 44 questions <i>Math Test</i> 80 minutes, 58 questions	2 hours, 55 minutes (without essay) 3 hours, 40 minutes (with essay) <i>Reading Test</i> 35 minutes, 40 questions <i>English Test</i> 45 minutes, 75 questions <i>Math Test</i> 60 minutes, 60 questions <i>Science Test</i> 35 minutes, 40 questions
Reading	5 reading passages	4 reading passages
Science	None	1 science section testing your critical thinking skills (not your specific science knowledge)
Math	<i>Covers:</i> Arithmetic, Algebra I & II, Geometry, Trigonometry, Problem solving and Data Analysis	<i>Covers:</i> Arithmetic, Algebra I & II, Geometry, Trigonometry, and Probability & Statistics
Calculator Policy	Bring your own. Only allowed on a portion of the math section.	Bring your own. You can use a calculator on all math questions.
Essays	NA	Optional. The essay will test how well you evaluate and analyze complex issues.
How It's Scored	Scored on a scale of 400–1600	Each section is scored on a scale of 1–36
How to Prepare	SAT Prep on Khan Academy, Daily Practice App https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat/practice	ACT Academy, Question of the Day https://academy.act.org/