ACT vs. SAT

WESTLAKE HIGH SCHOOL GUIDANCE & COUNSELING DEPARTMENT

Enhanced ACT *(Digital or Paper)*	Digital SAT
Time: 2 hours and 5 minutes (without optional science & essay sections)	**Time: 2 hours, 14 minutes**
3 Sections: English, Math, Reading (plus optional science and essay sections)	**2 Sections:** ● **Reading and Writing (2 modules)** ● **Math (2 modules)**
Score: 1-36 (based on an average of sub sections scores, also 1-36) **Optional science and writing scores not included in overall composite score**	**Score: 400-1600, 800 for Math, 800 for Evidence-based Reading & Writing (*new for spring 2027*- Science Practices and Foundations, 65–95, reported alongside the total)**
Adaptive Technology Linear test (same questions for all students)	**Computer-adaptive (Module 2 difficulty adjusts based on Module 1 performance)**
Wrong answer penalty: No penalty	**Wrong answer penalty: No penalty**
Math content: Arithmetic, Algebra, Geometry, Algebra 2 & Trigonometry	**Math content: Algebra, Geometry, Trigonometry, Problem Solving and Data Analysis**
Calculator: Permitted on entire math section	**Calculator: Permitted on entire math section (on screen calculator available)**
General focus: Broad range of content and skills	**General focus: In-depth analysis of evidence and content**
Multiple Choice: 4 answer choices	**Multiple choice: 4 answer choices**