

WHICH TEST should you take?

ACT or SAT*

Compare the differences and see which one is right for you.

Test Length	3 hours, 25 minutes <i>(including the 30-minute optional Writing Test)</i>	3 hours, 45 minutes
Test Structure	4 Test Sections <i>(5 with the optional Writing Test):</i> English, Math, Reading, Science, Writing <i>(Optional)</i> Experimental Test <i>(sometimes added and clearly labelled)</i>	10 Sections: 3 Critical Reading, 3 Math, 3 Writing <i>(including the Essay)</i> , 1 Experimental <i>(unscored but included as a regular section)</i>
▶ Reading	Reading Comprehension—4 passages with 10 questions per passage	Reading Comprehension—short and long passages with questions Sentence Completion
▶ Math	Arithmetic, algebra, geometry, algebra II, and trigonometry	Arithmetic, algebra, geometry, and algebra II
▶ Science	Analysis, interpretation, evaluation, basic content, and problem solving	Science not included
▶ Essay	Last thing you do <i>(Optional)</i> : 30 minutes ▶ Not included in composite score ▶ Topic of importance to high school students	First thing you do: 25 minutes ▶ Factored into overall score ▶ More abstract topic (vs. ACT)
Scoring	Composite score of 1–36, based on average of scores from 4 tests ▶ 4 scores of 1–36 for each test ▶ Plus optional Writing Test Score of 0–12	Total score out of 600–2400, based on adding scores from 3 subjects ▶ 3 scores of 200–800 for each subject ▶ Score of 0–12 for the Essay
Wrong Answer Penalty	No penalty for wrong answers	¼ point subtracted for each wrong answer <i>(except for Math Grid-In questions)</i>
Sending Score History	You decide which score is sent by test date	NEW Students decide which score is sent by test date, in accordance with each college's policy
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