

You may have heard that the SAT[®] has changed its test content—extensively. Both the ACT and SAT are accepted and equally valued by all four-year universities in the United States, but **MORE STUDENTS NOW TAKE THE ACT.**



Note: Some students take both tests.

7 REASONS TO TAKE THE ACT[®] TEST

- 1 THE TEST IS RELIABLE AND CONSISTENT.** Students and universities have relied on ACT scores for nearly 60 years. Our focus has ALWAYS been on determining how well prepared students are for their university studies and career. More than 2 million students took the ACT last year.

The ACT is accepted for admissions by all four-year universities in the United States and more than 225 universities around the world.
- 2 THE ACT IS DESIGNED WITH ADVICE FROM EDUCATORS AND BUSINESS PROFESSIONALS.** ACT surveys thousands of US educators about the knowledge needed for university-level courses. And we ask businesses about the skills needed for successful careers.

Who provides input for the ACT and SAT?

 - › Nearly 10,000 high school and university educators and business professionals participated in the most recent ACT National Curriculum Survey[®].
 - › The SAT relies on a group of selected subject matter experts.
- 3 THE ACT TEST STAYS UP TO DATE.** Our ongoing research affects every update we make to the test. Then we continually improve the test to make sure it always measures what students need to succeed.
- 4 THE ACT IS THE ONLY UNIVERSITY ADMISSIONS TEST THAT OFFERS A SCIENCE SECTION AND SCORE.**

The ACT science test:

 - › Is used to help calculate the **ACT STEM score**, which is compared to the ACT STEM Benchmark to indicate readiness for university courses
 - › Includes a **STEM ranking** to show students how their STEM scores compare to other students' scores

The SAT *still* does not include a science test or a focus on STEM.
- 5 ACT UNDERSTANDS THE IMPORTANCE STUDENTS PLACE ON STEM CAREERS.** ACT research shows that 48% of students have an interest in STEM (science, technology, engineering, math) majors and careers.
- 6 ACT OFFERS STUDY RESOURCES.** The best way to prepare for the ACT is to take rigorous courses. Students can find additional practice resources to help them do their best on the test at www.act.org/theact/international.

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- 7 THE ACT IS MORE THAN A UNIVERSITY ADMISSIONS TEST.** ACT knows students need more than a score for university success. The test also gives students tools to help them plan for the future using the **ACT Interest Inventory**, the **Student Profile Section**, the **Career Map**, and the **Career Readiness Indicator**.

Students can:

 - › Explore career options
 - › Share their needs, interests, and career choices with universities