

8 REASONS TO CHOOSE THE ACT[®] TEST



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YOU CAN GET YOUR QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS BACK

With three tests out of the year, you can order your ACT My Answer Key — your personal question and answer key to help you strategize for success.

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ENGLISH LEARNER SUPPORT

The ACT test is the only college entrance exam that provides support to English learners on national test dates.

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YOU CAN CUSTOMIZE YOUR TESTING EXPERIENCE

Boost your confidence and performance by testing the way you are most familiar — on paper or on a computer. The choice is yours.

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SCHOLARSHIPS

Taking the ACT test can increase your chances of earning new or better scholarships.

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FOCUS ON WHAT MATTERS

The ACT lets you choose if you want to show off your strengths in science and writing, so you can focus on what matters for your future and not stress about the rest.

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YOU'VE ALREADY BEEN STUDYING FOR THE ACT FOR YEARS

The test is designed so by the end of your junior year, you've likely covered all the material that you will see on the test.

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LESS TIME TESTING

The ACT has shorter testing times and fewer questions, so you have time to enjoy your Saturday afternoon.

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MORE OPPORTUNITY TO STAND OUT

Many colleges and universities still require or will consider college entrance scores as part of a holistic admissions process — stand out from the crowd with an ACT score!

Find out more at act.org/act-vs-sat.

Comparison of the ACT to the SAT*

The **ACT**®

SAT®

Equally preferred by all universities, including the Ivy Leagues



Purchase ACT My Answer Key (formerly TIR) to help you prepare for future tests



Allows for paper/pencil testing as well as online



Free daily practice questions



Free comprehensive test practice



Test fees waived for eligible students



Allows for more section choice within the testing experience



Free score reports



All tests less than 1 hour



Measures what you learn in high school



Access to English learner supports for national test dates



Flexibility

Ability to change answers in a section

Can't easily change answers

Cap scores

No. Does not cap scores.

Yes. Can cap your score based on how well you do on the first few questions.

Testing time

2 hours, 5 minutes**

2 hours, 14 minutes

Longest test

50 minutes

1 hour 10 minutes

Shortest test

35 minutes

1 hour 4 minutes

Score range

Composite 1–36
Each section uses a scale of 1–36. Your total score is the average of your section scores. The optional writing section uses a scale of 2–12 and does not count toward your final score.

Composite 400–1600
The Reading and Writing and Math sections each use a scale of 200–800 and are combined for a total score.

*Based on publicly released SAT information.

** To achieve your Composite score, the ACT total testing time is 2 hours and 5 minutes. If you choose to take the science section and/or the writing section, please add an additional 40 minutes per section.