

The ACT <sup>®</sup> Test (ACT)		SAT <sup>®</sup> (College Board)
<b>Test Purpose</b>	Designed to measure academic achievement in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reading</li> <li>• Mathematics</li> <li>• English</li> <li>• Writing (optional)</li> <li>• Science</li> </ul>	Designed to measure: <sup>2</sup> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reading</li> <li>• Mathematics</li> <li>• Writing and Language</li> <li>• The SAT Essay (Optional)</li> </ul>
<b>Accepted for University Admission</b>	The ACT is accepted by all colleges and universities in the United States and more than 225 other universities around the world.	Accepted by all US universities. <sup>3</sup>
<b>Test Content</b>	<p><b>ACT Mathematics Test (60 items, 60 minutes)</b> Multiple-Choice 100%</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Preparing for Higher Math               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Number &amp; Quantity</li> <li>- Algebra</li> <li>- Functions</li> <li>- Geometry</li> <li>- Statistics &amp; Probability</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Integrating Essential Skills</li> <li>• Modeling</li> </ul> <p><b>ACT Reading Test (40 items, 35 minutes)</b> Multiple-Choice 100%</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Key Ideas and Details</li> <li>• Craft and Structure</li> <li>• Integration of Knowledge and Ideas</li> </ul> <p><b>ACT English Test (75 items, 45 minutes)</b> Multiple-Choice 100%</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Production of Writing               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Topic Development</li> <li>- Organization, Unity, and Cohesion</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Knowledge of Language</li> <li>• Conventions of Standard English               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Sentence Structure and Formation</li> <li>- Punctuation</li> <li>- Usage</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>ACT Science Test (40 items, 35 minutes)</b> Multiple-Choice 100%</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Interpretation of Data</li> <li>• Scientific Investigation</li> <li>• Evaluation of Models, Inferences, and Experimental Results</li> </ul> <p>Passage Formats on the Science Test:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Data Representation</li> <li>• Research Summaries</li> <li>• Conflicting Viewpoints</li> </ul> <p><b>ACT Writing Test (optional) (1 prompt, 40 minutes)</b> Measures writing skills emphasized in high school English classes and in entry-level university composition courses. Consists of one 40-minute essay.</p>	<p><b>SAT Mathematics (Total 58 items, 80 minutes)</b> Calculator Portion (38 items, 55 Minutes) Multiple-Choice 79%, Grid-In 21%</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Heart of Algebra</li> <li>• Problem Solving and Data Analysis</li> <li>• Passport to Advanced Math</li> <li>• Other Topics</li> </ul> <p>No-Calculator Portion (20 items with 25 minutes) Multiple-Choice 75%, Grid-In 25%</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Heart of Algebra</li> <li>• Passport to Advanced Math</li> <li>• Other Topics</li> </ul> <p><b>SAT Evidence-Based Reading and Writing</b> Reading Test (52 items, 65 minutes)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• US and World Literature</li> <li>• History/Social Studies</li> <li>• Science</li> </ul> <p>Writing and Language Test (44 items, 35 minutes)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Careers</li> <li>• History/Social Studies</li> <li>• Humanities</li> <li>• Science</li> </ul> <p><b>No Science Test</b> Note: Reading subject test is constructed of 40% science and the Writing and Language subject test is constructed of 25% science.</p> <p><b>SAT Essay (optional) (1 task, 50 minutes)</b> Tests reading, analysis, and writing skills; students produce a written analysis of a provided source text.</p>

1. Every effort has been made to represent the ACT and SAT information accurately and concisely. All information has been drawn from official publications and websites of the organizations.  
 2. [www.collegeboard.org/releases/2014/expand-opportunity-redesign-sat](https://collegeboard.org/releases/2014/expand-opportunity-redesign-sat).  
 3. Information from <https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/about/benefits>.

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<b>Method of Scoring</b>	Scores based on number of right answers. No penalty for incorrect answers.	Scores based on number of right answers. No penalty for incorrect answers.
<b>Test Score Scales</b>	<p><b>ACT Composite Score: 1–36</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Average of four test scores</li> <li>• Does not include writing</li> </ul> <p><b>ACT Mathematics Test: 1–36</b></p> <p><b>ACT Reading Test: 1–36</b></p> <p><b>ACT English Test: 1–36</b></p> <p><b>ACT Science Test: 1–36</b></p> <p><b>ACT Writing Test (optional): 2–12</b></p> <p><b>Additional Scores and Indicators</b> (New readiness scores and indicators give students, parents, and educators more detailed insights to better plan for future success.)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• STEM Score: 1–36</li> <li>• ELA Score: 1–36</li> <li>• Progress Toward Career Readiness Indicator</li> <li>• Text Complexity Progress Indicator</li> </ul>	<p><b>SAT Composite Score: 400–1600</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sum of two section scores</li> <li>• Does not include essay</li> </ul> <p><b>SAT Mathematics: 200–800</b></p> <p><b>SAT Evidence-Based Reading and Writing: 200–800</b></p> <p><b>No Science Test</b></p> <p><b>SAT Essay (optional): 2–8</b></p>
<b>Common Uses<sup>4</sup></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Admissions</li> <li>• Talent Identification</li> <li>• Academic Advising</li> <li>• Freshman Course Placement Decisions</li> <li>• Awarding Course Credit, Especially in English and Math Courses</li> <li>• Awarding Scholarships (not sole criterion)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Admissions</li> <li>• Talent Identification</li> <li>• Academic Advising</li> <li>• Awarding Scholarships (not sole criterion)</li> </ul>
<b>Test Delivery Method</b>	Computer-Based Test	Paper-Based Test
<b>Testing Opportunities per year<sup>5</sup></b>	28	6
<b>Days to Receive Multiple-Choice Test Scores</b>	2–3	14
<b>Test Fee</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$150.00</li> <li>• \$166.50 (with writing)</li> </ul> <i>Pricing subject to change</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$116.50 - \$126.50</li> <li>• \$131.50 - \$141.50 (with essay)</li> </ul> <i>Depending on location and test center fee</i>

4. These are common uses by universities to identify and qualify students for admission.

5. Testing opportunities have been reduced in 2020–2021 due to the global COVID-19 pandemic.