

The ACT [®] Test (ACT)		SAT [®] (College Board)
Test Purpose	Designed to measure academic achievement in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reading • Mathematics • English • Writing (optional) • Science 	Designed to measure: ² <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reading • Mathematics • Writing and Language • The SAT Essay (Optional)
Accepted for University Admission	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. ³
Test Content	<p>ACT Mathematics Test (60 items, 60 minutes) Multiple-Choice 100%</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preparing for Higher Math <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Number & Quantity - Algebra - Functions - Geometry - Statistics & Probability • Integrating Essential Skills • Modeling <p>ACT Reading Test (40 items, 35 minutes) Multiple-Choice 100%</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Key Ideas and Details • Craft and Structure • Integration of Knowledge and Ideas <p>ACT English Test (75 items, 45 minutes) Multiple-Choice 100%</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Production of Writing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Topic Development - Organization, Unity, and Cohesion • Knowledge of Language • Conventions of Standard English <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sentence Structure and Formation - Punctuation - Usage <p>ACT Science Test (40 items, 35 minutes) Multiple-Choice 100%</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interpretation of Data • Scientific Investigation • Evaluation of Models, Inferences, and Experimental Results <p>Passage Formats on the Science Test:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Data Representation • Research Summaries • Conflicting Viewpoints <p>ACT Writing Test (optional) (1 prompt, 40 minutes) Measures writing skills emphasized in high school English classes and in entry-level university composition courses. Consists of one 40-minute essay.</p>	<p>SAT Mathematics (Total 58 items, 80 minutes) Calculator Portion (38 items, 55 Minutes) Multiple-Choice 79%, Grid-In 21%</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Heart of Algebra • Problem Solving and Data Analysis • Passport to Advanced Math • Other Topics <p>No-Calculator Portion (20 items with 25 minutes) Multiple-Choice 75%, Grid-In 25%</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Heart of Algebra • Passport to Advanced Math • Other Topics <p>SAT Evidence-Based Reading and Writing Reading Test (52 items, 65 minutes)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • US and World Literature • History/Social Studies • Science <p>Writing and Language Test (44 items, 35 minutes)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Careers • History/Social Studies • Humanities • Science <p>No Science Test Note: Reading subject test is constructed of 40% science and the Writing and Language subject test is constructed of 25% science.</p> <p>SAT Essay (optional) (1 task, 50 minutes) 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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Method of Scoring	Scores based on number of right answers. No penalty for incorrect answers.	Scores based on number of right answers. No penalty for incorrect answers.
Test Score Scales	<p>ACT Composite Score: 1–36</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Average of four test scores • Does not include writing <p>ACT Mathematics Test: 1–36</p> <p>ACT Reading Test: 1–36</p> <p>ACT English Test: 1–36</p> <p>ACT Science Test: 1–36</p> <p>ACT Writing Test (optional): 2–12</p> <p>Additional Scores and Indicators (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"> • STEM Score: 1–36 • ELA Score: 1–36 • Progress Toward Career Readiness Indicator • Text Complexity Progress Indicator 	<p>SAT Composite Score: 400–1600</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sum of two section scores • Does not include essay <p>SAT Mathematics: 200–800</p> <p>SAT Evidence-Based Reading and Writing: 200–800</p> <p>No Science Test</p> <p>SAT Essay (optional): 2–8</p>
Common Uses⁴	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Admissions • Talent Identification • Academic Advising • Freshman Course Placement Decisions • Awarding Course Credit, Especially in English and Math Courses • Awarding Scholarships (not sole criterion) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Admissions • Talent Identification • Academic Advising • Awarding Scholarships (not sole criterion)
Test Delivery Method	Computer-Based Test	Paper-Based Test
Testing Opportunities per year⁵	28	6
Days to Receive Multiple-Choice Test Scores	2–3	14
Test Fee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$150.00 • \$166.50 (with writing) <i>Pricing subject to change</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$116.50 - \$126.50 • \$131.50 - \$141.50 (with essay) <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.