

Differences between the SAT vs. ACT

	SAT	ACT
Length	3 hours, 45 minutes	3 hours, 25 minutes (includes optional 30-minute Writing Test)
Sections	10 Sections: 3 Critical Reading, 3 Math, 3 Writing (including Essay), 1 Experimental (not scored)	4 Sections (plus optional Writing Test): English, Math, Reading, Science, Writing
Reading	Reading passages with questions pertaining to comprehension and sentence completion	4 passages, 10 questions per passage
Science	N/A	Science (analysis, knowledge, problem solving)
Math	Arithmetic, geometry, algebra, and algebra II	Arithmetic, algebra, geometry, and trigonometry
Essay	Required	Optional (final section)
Score Composition	$\frac{1}{3}$ Math $\frac{1}{3}$ Reading $\frac{1}{3}$ Writing	$\frac{1}{4}$ English $\frac{1}{4}$ Math $\frac{1}{4}$ Reading $\frac{1}{4}$ Science
Penalties	$\frac{1}{4}$ point subtracted per wrong answer (except math grid in questions)	No penalties for incorrect answers
Test Contact Information	319-337-1000 www.collegeboard.com	1-866-756-7346 www.actstudent.org

How do I sign up for the tests?

- Register for the SAT: www.collegeboard.com/student/testing/sat/reg.html
- Register for the ACT: www.actstudent.org/regist/index.html

ACT/SAT Conversion Chart

ACT Composite	SAT Critical Reading & Math	SAT Critical Reading, Math, Writing
36	1600	2400
35	1550-1590	2340
34	1500-1550	2260
33	1450-1500	2190
32	1400-1450	2130
31	1350-1400	2040
30	1320-1350	1980
29	1290-1320	1920
28	1250-1290	1860
27	1200-1250	1820
26	1160-1200	1760
25	1120-1160	1700
24	1090-1120	1650
23	1050-1090	1590
22	1020-1050	1530
21	980-1020	1500
20	940-980	1410
19	900-940	1350
18	850-900	1290
17	810-850	1210
16	760-810	1140
15	710-760	1060
14	670-710	1000
13	600-670	900
12	550-600	780
11	500-550	750