

ACT vs. SAT

	<u>ACT</u>	<u>SAT</u>
Test Length	2 hours, 55 minutes (including 40 minute optional essay)	3 hours; 3 hours 50 min. w/optional writing
Test Sections	Four-section exam: English, Math, Reading, and Science Reasoning.	1 Evidence Based Reading & Writing test. 1 Math test; with & w/o calculator. 1 Optional Essay test
Science Content	Tests science reasoning (analysis, interpretation, problem solving).	N/A
Math Content	Up to trigonometry	Focus on real-world problem-solving & data analysis, w/ informational graphics
Reading	Five passages, one each of prose, fiction, social science, humanities, and natural science. Stresses grammar.	Reading & Writing combined into "Evidence Based Reading & Writing". No sentence completions on test. Tests understanding of passages from US & World Literature, History, and Sciences
Essay	Last section – 30 minutes (optional); not included in total score.	Essay is optional: 50 minutes to analyze a 650-750 word document and draft an essay. Facts matter, explain how author builds an argument. Separate score
Scoring	1-36 per subject area averaged for a composite score. Highest Composite Score: 36	No wrong-answer penalty Score based out of 1600 , 800 math, 800 for Evidence Based Reading & Writing.
Test Fee	\$58.50 (<i>with optional Writing Test</i>) No writing \$42.50	\$45.00 \$57.00 w/ optional essay
Are all scores sent to schools?	NO. There is a "score choice" option. Students can choose which schools will receive their scores AND which scores the schools will see.	NO. There is a "score choice" option. Students can choose which schools will receive their scores AND which scores the schools will see.