

SAT VS. ACT

	SAT	ACT
When is it administered?	Seven times a year	Six times a year
What is the test structure?	Ten section exam: Three critical reading, three Math, three Writing, and one Experimental. The Experimental is masked to look like a regular section.	Four section exam: English, Math, Reading, and Science Reasoning. An Experimental section is added to tests on certain dates only, and is clearly experimental.
What is the test content?	<p>Math: Up to 9th grade basic geometry and Algebra II.</p> <p>Science: NONE</p> <p>Reading: sentence completions, short and long critical reading passages, reading comprehension</p> <p>Writing: an essay, and questions testing grammar, usage, and word choice.</p>	<p>Math: up to trigonometry. Science: charts, experiments. Reading: four passages, one each of Prose Fiction, Social Science, Humanities, and Natural Science.</p> <p>English: Stresses grammar</p>
Is there a penalty for wrong answers?	YES	NO
How is the test scored?	200-800 per section, added together for a combined score. A 2400 is the highest possible score.	1-36 for each subject averaged for a composite score. A 36 is the highest possible score.
Are all scores sent to schools?	YES if the student requests a score report to be sent to specific colleges, the report will include the scores the student received on every SAT taken	NO. There is a "score choice" option. Students can choose which schools will receive scores AND which scores the school will see
Are there other uses for exams?	Scholarship purposes.	Scholarship purposes. Certain statewide testing programs
Best time to register?	At least six weeks before the test date	At least four weeks before the test date
Need more information?	www.collegeboard.com	www.actstudent.org