

What You Need To Know About The ACT & SAT

ACT	MATH	ENGLISH	READING	SCIENCE
<p>Register at: http://actstudent.org/</p> <p>The test starts at 8:00am and should be done by 12:15pm (or 1:15 if doing the optional writing section)</p> <p>No electronic devices allowed in test room (includes fitness band; smartwatch; music player)</p> <p>One break of 10 minutes after Math section</p> <p>Photo ID that matches photo on admission ticket required</p>	<p>60 multiple choice questions in 60 minutes. Note that on this section you will have five choices per question, not four.</p> <p>Knowledge of basic formulae is assumed</p> <p>Number systems, algebra, functions, geometry, statistics & probability and modeling skills are all tested in this section</p>	<p>75 multiple choice questions based on five passages in 45 minutes</p> <p>Passages are all text—no graphs or charts</p> <p>Sentence structure, punctuation, usage, organization and general rhetorical skills are tested in this section</p>	<p>40 multiple choice questions based on four passages in 35 minutes</p> <p>Passages come from prose fiction, social science, humanities and natural science</p> <p>Ability to find supporting evidence within the text is the focus of this section</p>	<p>40 multiple choice questions based on seven passages in 35 minutes</p> <p>Questions are arranged in ascending order of difficulty</p> <p>Passages will refer to specific experiments in chemistry, biology, physics and Earth science</p>

SAT	MATH	READING	WRITING & LANGUAGE	
<p>Register at: https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat</p> <p>The test starts between 8:30 and 9:00am and should be done by 12:15pm (or 1:00 if doing the optional writing section)</p> <p>No electronic devices allowed in test room (includes fitness band; smartwatch; music player)</p> <p>One break of 10 minutes after Writing and Language section</p> <p>Valid School ID and recent photo required</p>	<p>20 No Calculator questions in 25 minutes, followed by 38 questions on which you can use a calculator in 55 minutes</p> <p>5 no calculator and 8 calculator questions are “Grid-In” which are NOT multiple choice</p> <p>Linear equations and systems, quantitative literacy and manipulation of complex equations are tested in this section</p>	<p>52 multiple choice questions based on lengthy reading passages in 65 minutes</p> <p>Passages from a work of literature, social science, science, and a U.S. founding document or “the great global conversation”</p> <p>Understanding words in context and analysis of ideas are tested in this section</p>	<p>44 multiple choice questions based on lengthy reading passage that are similar to the reading section in 25 minutes</p> <p>Standard English conventions and expression of ideas are tested in this section.</p> <p>Think of yourself as an editor tasked with improving someone else’s writing</p>	<p>No explicit science section</p> <p>The Reading section incorporates tables, graphs and charts, but no specific scientific knowledge is required</p>

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<p>Test Information Release (TIR) available for December, April and June test dates. This will give you the chance to see your actual test with correct answers and is a vital tool to effectively prepare for your next test.</p> <p>4 free score reports. Other score reports are \$12 each</p> <p>Scores are available 2-8 weeks after the test date</p> <p>Test dates in: February, April, June, July, September, October, December. Note: No test centers in New York state for the February and July dates. No test centers in California for the July date.</p>	<p>Optional</p> <p>40 minutes</p> <p>The essay asks you to develop a perspective on an issue and analyze the relationship between your perspective and one or more alternatives</p> <p>Essay section scores range between 0-12</p>	<p>Students only receive points for correct answers, so there is no "guessing penalty"</p> <p>Each section receives a score between 1-36. The four scores are averaged to produce a composite score which is rounded up if necessary.</p>	<p>"Superscore" refers to when admissions offices will take the best scores on different sections across multiple test dates to give the student their highest possible score.</p> <p>This rarely happens with the ACT, but colleges and universities will notice if you improve from test to test.</p>	<p>\$46.00 without writing; \$62.50 with writing</p> <p>TIR costs \$20</p> <p>Fee Waivers available based on economic need—must apply through high school counselor</p>

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<p>Question and Answer Service (QAS) available for October, March and May test dates. This will give you the chance to see your actual test with correct answers and is a vital tool to effectively prepare for your next test.</p> <p>4 free score reports (8 if fee waiver). Other score reports are \$12 each</p> <p>Scores are available 4-5 weeks after the test date</p> <p>Test dates in: March, May, June, August, October, November, December.</p>	<p>Optional</p> <p>50 minutes</p> <p>The essay asks you to read a lengthy passage and use evidence from the passage to explain how the author built an argument to persuade an audience. You do not need to make your own persuasive argument.</p> <p>Essay section scores range between 6-24</p>	<p>Students only receive points for correct answers, so there is no "guessing penalty"</p> <p>Each section receives a score between 10-40. Evidence-Based Reading & Writing section scores are added and multiplied by 10; Math section score is multiplied by 20; both sections added for total score between 400-1600.</p>	<p>"Superscore" refers to when admissions offices will take the best scores on different sections across multiple test dates to give the student their highest possible score.</p> <p>Most colleges and universities will superscore your SAT so it is to your benefit to improve from test to test.</p>	<p>\$46 without writing; \$60 with writing</p> <p>QAS costs \$18</p> <p>Fee Waivers available based on economic need. Students apply directly to College Board.</p> <p>Fee waiver also gives four free college application fee waivers, which could save a lot of money.</p>