

## SAT

## ACT

Score Range	600 - 2400 (3 Sections)	1 - 36 (Composite = Average Score)																																	
<b>Penalty</b>	¼ point penalty per wrong answer on Multiple Choice	No wrong answer penalty																																	
<b>Total Time</b>	3 hours 45 minutes (including essay)	3 hours 25 minutes (including essay)																																	
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<b>Order of Difficulty</b>	Questions in sections are in order of difficulty (with the exception of reading comprehension)	Questions are NOT in order of difficulty																																	
<b>Math</b>	<p><b>Tested areas:</b> Arithmetic, Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II (= Functions)</p> <p>54 questions 70 minutes</p> <p>78 seconds/question</p>	<p><b>Tested areas:</b> Same as SAT <b>PLUS Trig, Logs, Graphing Circles, Matrices, and Imaginary Numbers</b></p> <p>60 questions 60 minutes</p> <p>60 seconds/question</p>																																	
<b>Science</b>	<b>NOT tested on the SAT</b>	<p>Tests interpretation of complex graphs of scientific topics, but no science knowledge is required.</p> <p>40 questions 35 minutes</p> <p>53 seconds/question</p>																																	
<b>Reading</b>	<p>Includes Short and Long Passage Formats</p> <p><b>Tested areas:</b> Big Picture, Detail, Logic, Inference, and Vocabulary in Context</p> <p><b>Unique to SAT Reading Questions:</b> Paired Passages</p> <p><b>SAT includes Sentence Completion</b> questions that test vocabulary</p> <p>67 questions 70 minutes</p> <p>63 seconds/question</p>	<p>Only includes Long Passage Format</p> <p><b>Tested areas:</b> Same as SAT</p> <p><b>Unique to ACT Reading Questions:</b> Cause and Effect, Sequence of Events</p> <p><b>ACT has no Sentence Completions</b>, only vocab-in-context questions</p> <p>40 questions 35 minutes</p> <p>53 seconds/question</p>																																	
<b>Writing/English</b>	<p>Tests Grammar Concepts</p> <p>49 questions 35 minutes</p> <p>43 seconds/question</p>	<p>Same as SAT <b>PLUS tests punctuation</b></p> <p>75 questions 45 minutes</p> <p>36 seconds/question</p>																																	
<b>Essay</b>	<p>25-minute essay</p> <p>Score included in Writing Section Score, <b>so the essay does affect your overall score</b></p> <p><b>Required</b></p>	<p>30-minute essay</p> <p>Score combined with English Score to generate Writing Score, <b>which is not included in the ACT composite score</b></p> <p><b>Optional (but often required by universities)</b></p>																																	
<b>Both</b>	Both SAT and ACT are accepted by most universities and offer Score Choice.																																		

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