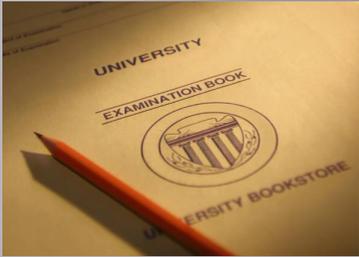


SAT & ACT Information

The [SAT](#) and [ACT](#) generally test the same types of content. Both ACT and SAT scores are used for college admissions and merit-based scholarships. The biggest differences between the tests are that the ACT has a Science Test, and there's one SAT Math Section for which you cannot use a calculator. Colleges don't prefer one over the other, so explore both tests to decide which one is right for you.

	SAT	ACT
Why Take It	Colleges use SAT scores for admissions and merit-based scholarships.	Colleges use ACT scores for admissions and merit-based scholarships.
Test Structure	Reading Writing & Language Math Essay (Optional)	English Math Reading Science Reasoning Essay (Optional)
Length	3 hours (without essay) 3 hours, 50 minutes (with essay)	2 hours, 55 minutes (without essay) 3 hours, 40 minutes (with essay)
Reading	5 reading passages	4 reading passages
Science	None	1 science section testing your critical thinking skills (not your specific science knowledge)
Math	Covers: Arithmetic Algebra I & II Geometry, Trigonometry and Data Analysis	Covers: Arithmetic Algebra I & II Geometry and Trigonometry
Calculator Policy	Some math questions don't allow you to use a calculator.	You can use a calculator on all math questions.
Essays	Optional. The essay will test your comprehension of a source text.	Optional. The essay will test how well you evaluate and analyze complex issues.
How It's Scored	Scored on a scale of 400-1600	Scored on a scale of 1-36

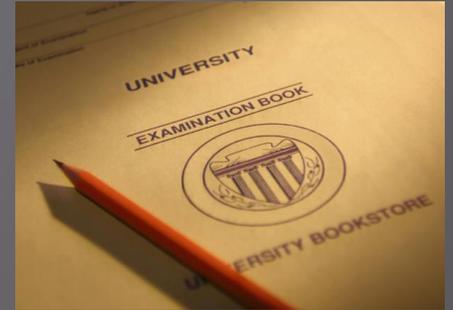


SAT vs. ACT (Sections and Times)



Section	ACT	SAT
English (ACT); Writing and Language (SAT)	45 minutes 75 questions	35 minutes 44 questions
Math	60 minutes 60 questions	80 minutes 58 questions
Reading	35 minutes 40 questions	65 minutes 52 questions
Science	35 minutes 40 questions	N/A
Essay (optional)	40 minutes 1 essay	50 minutes 1 essay

SAT vs. ACT



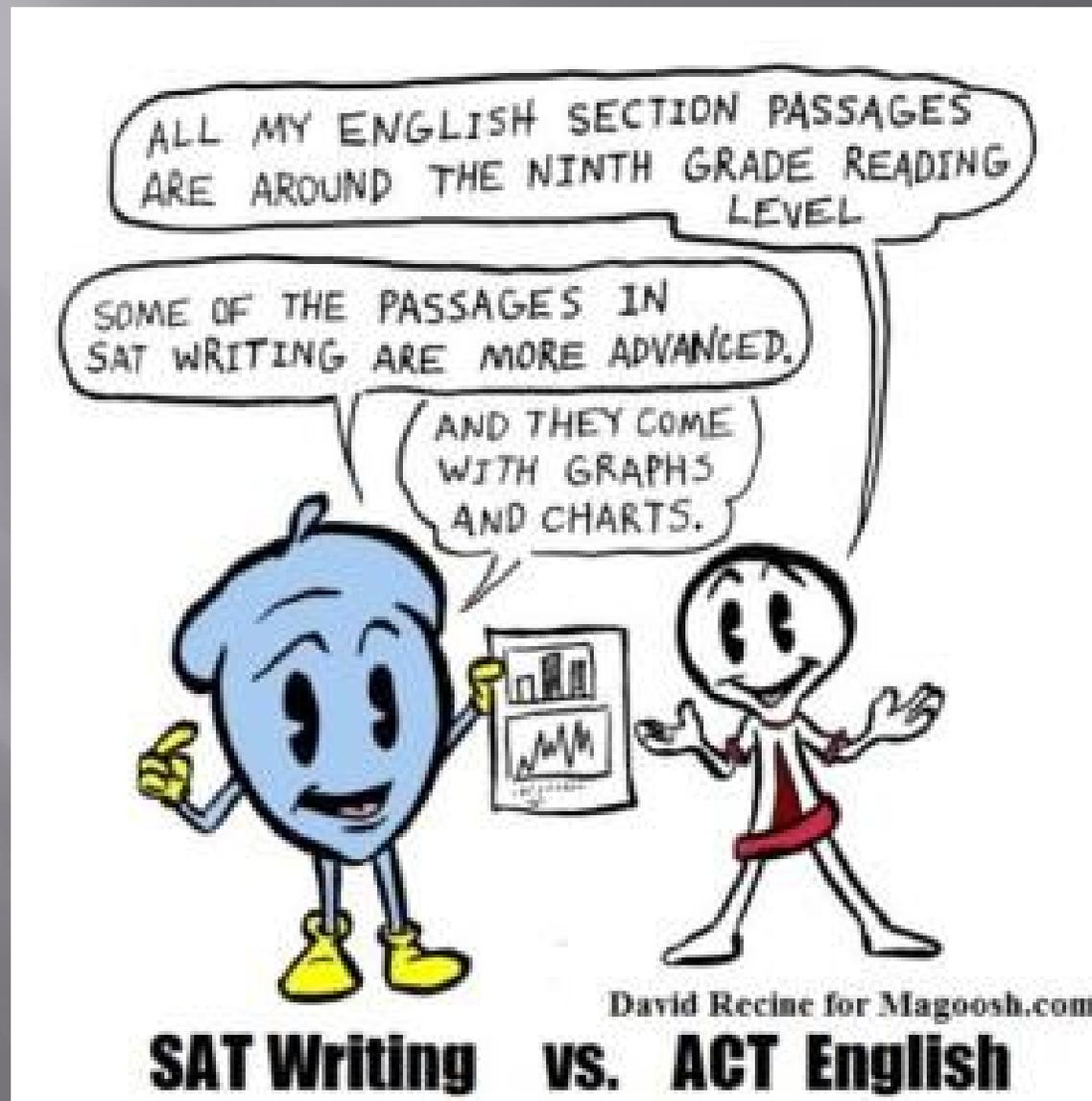
The **SAT** has 4 multiple choice sections plus an optional essay.

Reading → **Writing** → **Math** ^{no-calc} → **Math** ^{calc} → **Essay** ^{optional}

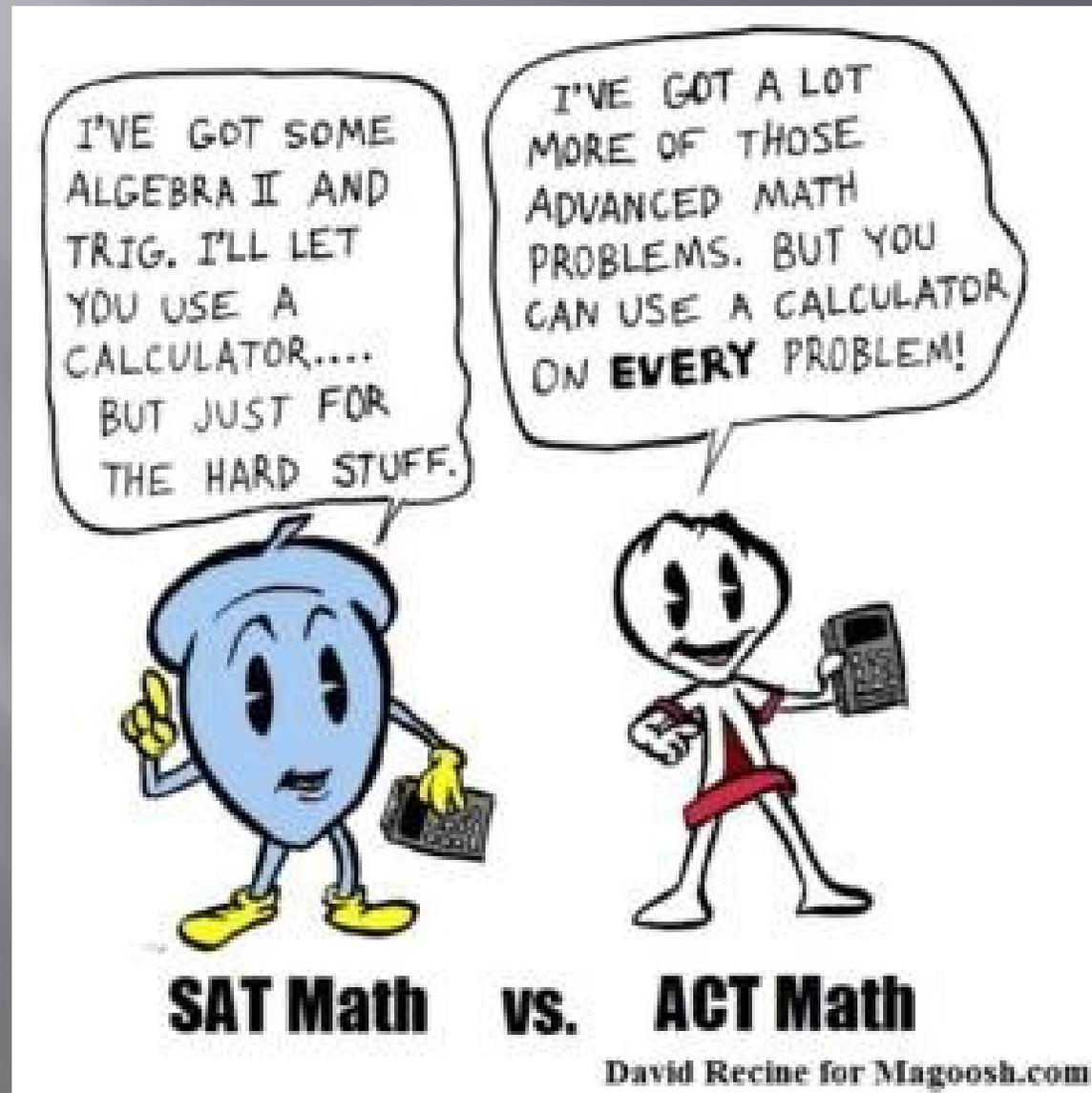
The **ACT** has 4 multiple choice sections plus an optional essay. The sections always appear in this order:

English → **Math** → **Reading** → **Science** → **Essay** ^{optional}

SAT Writing vs. ACT English



SAT Math vs. ACT Math



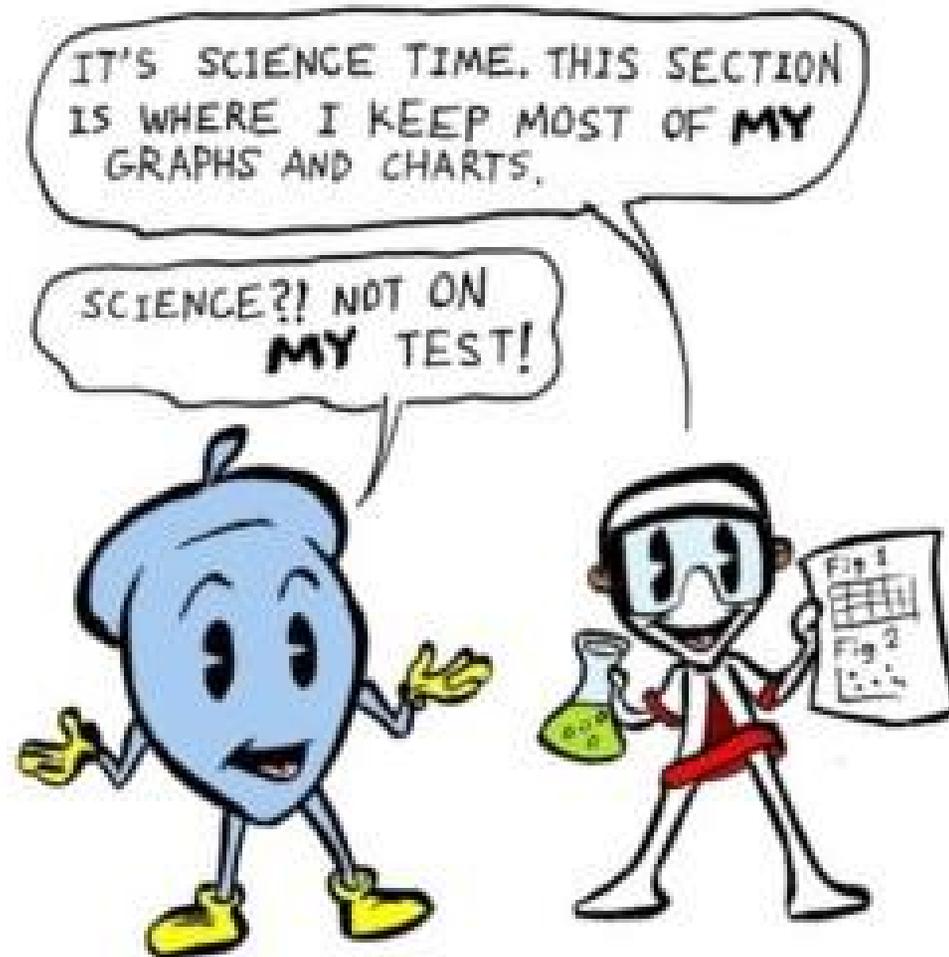
SAT Reading vs. ACT Reading



SAT Reading vs. ACT Reading

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SAT - - - vs. ACT Science



ACT Science

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SAT Essay vs. ACT Essay

GET READY TO
WRITE, AND
PREPARE TO MAKE
A GOOD ARGUMENT.



ACT Essay

GET READY TO READ
AND WRITE. ON MY
TEST, YOU ANALYZE
SOMEONE ELSE'S
ARGUMENT.



SAT Essay

vs.

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How Is the SAT Scored?

SAT: The SAT is scored on a range between 400 and 1600. This is based on adding your Reading/Writing score from 200-800 and Math score from 200-800 together. Note that even though there are three main multiple choice sections to the SAT – Reading, Writing, and Math – Reading and Writing are combined into one score out of 800.

Score Structure

- Total score: 400–1600
- Evidence-Based Reading and Writing Section: 200–800
- Math Section: 200–800
- SAT Essay: Three scores ranging from 2–8

How Is the ACT Scored?

ACT: The ACT uses what's called a composite score to give students an overall ACT score. Your overall composite score ranges from 1 to 36 and is an average of your scores on each of the multiple choice sections. You'll also receive your individual section scores, which range from 1 to 36 as well, but for most colleges, **it's the composite score that counts.**

Your composite score is simply the average of your four area scores, rounded up to the nearest whole number (half a point or more is rounded up, less than half a point is rounded down).

For example, say you got a 24 on the Math section, 23 on Science, 26 on Reading, and 25 on English. Your composite score would be:

$$(24 + 23 + 26 + 25) / 4 = 24.5,$$

which would be rounded up to 25.

SAT: Sign-Up Information

To sign up for the SAT test,
please visit:

SAT: www.collegeboard.org

There are also practice tests available on-line

TO SEND YOUR SCORES

Enter the code **3594** on the SAT as one of your college choices and your score will be sent to all the 23 CSU (California State University) campuses.

Please see the counseling office manager (Mrs. Judith Farnham) if you qualify for a fee waiver...more information on SAT fee waivers to follow

SAT: Test Dates, Deadlines, and Fees

Centennial HS Code 050676	<u>SAT Test Dates, Deadlines, and Fees</u> www.collegeboard.org			SAT.....\$46.00 SAT with Essay.....\$60.00 Late Registration....+\$29.00
Test Date	Registration Postmark Deadline	Late Registration (late fee required)	Scores Available On or Around	
August 26, 2017	July 28, 2017	August 15, 2017	September 15, 2017	
October 7, 2017	September 8, 2017	September 27, 2017	October 20, 2017	
November 4, 2017	October 5, 2017	October 25, 2017	November 17, 2017	
December 2, 2017	November 2, 2017	November 21, 2017	December 15, 2018	
March 10, 2018	February 9, 2018	February 28, 2018	March 23, 2018	
May 5, 2018	April 6, 2018	April 25, 2018	May 18, 2018	
June 2, 2018	May 3, 2018	May 23, 2018	July 11, 2018	

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ACT: www.actstudent.org

There are also practice tests available on-line

TO SEND YOUR SCORES

You can have your ACT scores sent to other colleges and scholarship agencies, even after you test. Requests are processed after your tests have been scored. For more information, visit:

<http://www.act.org/content/act/en/products-and-services/the-act/scores/sending-your-scores.html>

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February 10, 2018	January 12, 2018	January 19, 2018	February 21, 2018	
April 14, 2018	March 9, 2018	March 23, 2018	April 24, 2018	
June 9, 2018	May 4, 2018	May 18, 2018	June 19, 2018	

SAT/ACT Fee Waivers

- “ Some students may qualify for fee waivers for 4 tests
 - “ A fee waiver form details all of the information and if must be completed before an SAT/ACT fee waiver will be granted

- “ You may qualify for a fee waiver because of one of the following reasons:
 - “ You’re enrolled in or eligible to participate in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP)
 - “ Your annual family income falls within the [Income Eligibility Guidelines](#) set by the USDA Food and Nutrition Service
 - “ You’re enrolled in a federal, state, or local program that aids students from low-income families (e.g., Federal TRIO programs such as Upward Bound)
 - “ Your family receives public assistance
 - “ You live in federally subsidized public housing or a foster home, or are homeless
 - “ You are a ward of the state or an orphan

SAT/ACT Fee Waiver Request Form

Date Received _____

_____ ID Number

_____ Student Name

_____ Class of (Year Graduating)

SAT/ACT Fee Waiver Request

To be eligible for a fee waiver, you must meet the following TWO criteria:

- Be in 11th or 12th grade if taking the SAT/ACT or be in 9th-12th grade if taking the SAT Subject Tests

SAT I Test Date: _____ SAT Subject(s) Test Date: _____ ACT Test Date: _____

In addition, you must meet ONE OR MORE of the following requirements (check all that apply):

- You are enrolled in or eligible to participate in the Federal National School Lunch Program (NSLP).
- You are enrolled in a federal, state, or local program that aids students from low-income families. (Federal Trio Programs: Upward Bound, Veterans Upward Bound, Talent Search, Ed. Opp. Centers, etc.)
- You live in federally subsidized public housing, a foster home, or are homeless.
- Your family receives public assistance.
- Have an annual family income that falls within the levels in the chart below

INCOME CHART For Free or Reduced Price Meals Effective July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017			
Household Size	Annual	Monthly	Weekly
1	21,978	1,832	423
2	29,637	2,470	570
3	37,296	3,108	718
4	44,955	3,747	865
5	52,614	4,385	1,012
6	60,273	5,023	1,160
7	67,931	5,663	1,307
8	75,590	6,304	1,455
For Each Additional Family Member Add	\$7,696	\$642	\$148

Please note:

- The household size should be the number of dependents and the filer on the family's current tax statement.
- Students in foster care are considered a household size of one person.

More than six dependents

To determine income levels for families with more than six dependents, take the difference in increase in the annual income allowance from five to six dependents and apply that increment to each additional dependent.

- Eligible students may receive up to a total of:
 - 4 SAT FEE-WAIVERS while in high school (two can be used for SAT and two can be used for SAT Subject Tests)
 - 2 ACT FEE-WAIVERS

As a student, I know that it is my responsibility to keep track of fee waivers issued and will not be issued additional fee waivers beyond what is allowed by the SAT or ACT. As a parent, I have completed the sections above and my signature validates that our family meets the guidelines set forth for the fee waivers requested as identified above. I also understand that fee-waiver eligibility may be **subject to audit at any time by the College Board and/or the ACT.**

_____ Student Name (PRINT)

_____ Parent/Primary Guardian Name (PRINT)

_____ Student SIGNATURE

_____ Parent/Primary Guardian SIGNATURE

Fee waivers are available in limited quantities each year and are available on a first-come, first served basis. Centennial is allotted a specific number of fee waivers per year. Therefore, if all fee waivers are issued, then not all students may receive a fee waiver.