

## SAT vs. ACT

### Which One Do I Take?

#### Test Structure and Format

	ACT	SAT
Length	3 hours, 25 min (with optional Writing Test)	3 hours, 45 minutes (Writing test required)
Structure	4 Sections (English, Math, Reading, Science) plus an optional Writing Test	10 Sections (3 Critical Reading, 3 Math, 3 Writing, and 1 Experimental, which is unscored)

#### Scoring

	ACT	SAT
Score	Composite of 1-36 based on average scores from the 4 test sections  4 scores of 1-36 for each test  Optional Writing Test score of 0-12 (not included in the overall score)	Total score range of 600-2400 based on adding scores from 3 subjects  3 scores of 200-800 for each subject  Score of 0-12 for the Essay
Wrong Answer Penalty	No penalty for wrong answers	$\frac{1}{4}$ point subtracted from your raw score for each wrong answer (except for Math Grid- Ins)
Sending Score History	You decide which score is sent	You decide which score is sent  *Some colleges require you to send all scores, check with the college to be sure

**Content**

	<b>ACT</b>	<b>SAT</b>
Reading	Reading Comprehension	Reading Comprehension Sentence Completions
Math	Arithmetic Algebra Geometry Algebra II Trigonometry	Arithmetic Algebra Geometry Algebra II
Science	Analysis Interpretation Evaluation Basic Content Problem Solving	Not applicable
Essay	Optional Final Section  30 Minutes  Not Included in Composite Score  Topic of importance to high school students	First Section  25 Minutes  Factored into overall score  More abstract topic

Source: <http://www.kaptest.com/College/SAT/About-the-SAT/sat-vs-act.html>