

8 REASONS TO CHOOSE THE ACT[®] TEST



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You know which questions count

On the SAT[®], you might spend time on a question without knowing it doesn't count toward your score. This is not the case on the ACT.

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You won't be penalized for guessing

ACT has never had a penalty for guessing, so when possible, try not to leave an answer blank.

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Your ACT subject scores are balanced

Math is half of the SAT score. The ACT math section is only 25% of the test and 25% of your overall score.

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You can use your calculator for the whole math test—we don't mind

ACT lets you use your calculator for the entire math section! That is not true on the SAT.

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You can opt in to win a scholarship from ACT

Opt in to win a \$40,000 scholarship and tech package while registering for the ACT test.*

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You've already been studying for the ACT for years

The test is designed so by the end of your junior year, you've likely covered all the material that you will see on the test.

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You can improve your scholarship potential

A school counselor found, after 10 years of students taking both the ACT and SAT, that more scholarships favored the ACT.

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You can prep for the ACT test for FREE

ACT[®] Academy™ is the go-to place to get the most comprehensive, FREE, personalized practice for the ACT.

Comparison of the ACT to the SAT**

	ACT	SAT
Accepted at all US colleges	✓	✓
Calculator allowed for entire math test	✓	✗
Essay is optional	✓	✓
No penalty for guessing	✓	✓
Free daily practice questions	✓	✓
Free comprehensive test practice	✓	✓
Test fees waived for eligible students	✓	✓
Fee waiver students eligible for college application fee waiver	✓	✓
Free score reports	✓	✓
All tests 1 hour or less	✓	✗
Measures what you learn in high school	✓	✓
You always know which questions count	✓	✗
Testing time	2 hours 55 minutes + 40-minute essay (optional)	3 hours + 50-minute essay (optional)
Structure	4 tests + optional writing test	3 tests + optional essay
Longest test	1 hour	1 hour 20 minutes
Shortest test	35 minutes	35 minutes
Score range	Composite 1-36 (writing domain scores: 2-12)	Composite 400-1600 (SAT Essay: reported in 3 dimensions, each 2-8)

*Eligible sophomores and juniors who register for the April, June, or July 2019 US national test date (and opt in to the giveaway during registration) have a chance to win a \$40,000 Scholarship + a bonus \$5,000 Tech Package. NO PURCHASE OR ACT TEST REGISTRATION NECESSARY. The "ACT Scholarship Giveaway" is subject in all respects to the complete Official Rules available at www.act.org/actscholarshipgiveaway

**Based on publicly released SAT information.