

Which College Admission Test: ACT or SAT?

ACT

SAT

Length	3 hrs., 35 min. (with essay) 2 hrs., 55 min. (without essay)	3 hrs., 50 min. (with essay) 3 hrs. (without essay)
Structure	English, Math, Reading, Science, plus optional essay (highly recommended)	Evidence-Based Reading & Writing, Math, plus optional essay (highly recommended)
Score	Scored on a scale of 1-36.	Scored on a scale of 400-1600.
Penalty for Wrong Answers	No penalty for wrong answers.	No penalty for wrong answers.
Reading	4 Reading Passages, 40 multiple-choice, 35 min.	5 Reading Passages, 52 multiple-choice, 65 min.
Writing	Part of English section: 75 multiple-choice, 45 min.	Part of Writing & Language section: 44 multiple-choice, 35 min.
Math	60 multiple-choice, 60 min. Arithmetic Algebra 1 & 2 Geometry Some Trigonometry	58 multiple-choice, 80 min. Arithmetic Algebra 1 & 2 Geometry Some Trigonometry
Science	40 multiple-choice, 35 min. Does not test specific Science knowledge. Tests critical thinking skills.	Not applicable
Calculator Policy	May use calculator on all Math questions.	2 Math sections: May use calculator on one Math section, but not on the other.

Source: The Princeton Review (<https://princetonreview.com/college/sat-act>), 2018