

SAT vs. ACT Comparison Chart

	SAT	ACT
Length	3 hours, 45 minutes	3 hours, 25 minutes (includes optional 30-minute Writing Test)
Sections	10 Sections: 3 Critical Reading, 3 Math, 3 Writing (including Essay), 1 Experimental (not scored)	4 Sections (plus optional Writing Test): English, Math, Reading, Science, Writing
Subjects	Critical Reading Math Writing	English Math Reading Science Writing (optional)
Reading	Reading passages with questions pertaining to comprehension and sentence completion	4 passages, 10 questions per passage
Science	N/A	Science (analysis, knowledge, problem solving)
Math	Arithmetic, geometry, algebra, and algebra II	Arithmetic, algebra, geometry, and trigonometry
Essay	Required	Optional (final section)
Score Composition	$\frac{1}{3}$ Math $\frac{1}{3}$ Reading $\frac{1}{3}$ Writing	$\frac{1}{4}$ English $\frac{1}{4}$ Math $\frac{1}{4}$ Reading $\frac{1}{4}$ Science
Scoring	Aggregate score 600 - 2400 based on total of 3 scores 200- 800 (Reading, Math, Writing) *Many schools base acceptance on Reading & Math score only. Score of 0-12 for Essay	Composite score 1-36 based on average of 4 sections (English Math, Reading Science) Score 0-12 for Optional Essay.
Penalties	Penalties (typically $\frac{1}{4}$ point deducted) for wrong answers	No penalties for incorrect answers
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