





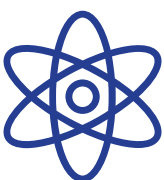
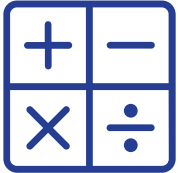




# SAT vs. ACT

Colleges typically accept both the SAT and ACT scores equally. Help students evaluate the characteristics of each exam to determine which best fits their needs.

	SAT	ACT
 Scores	The SAT is scored on a scale of <b>400–1600</b>	The ACT is scored on a scale of <b>1–36</b>
 Structure	<b>3 tests</b>	<b>4 tests</b> + optional essay
 Time	<b>3 tests</b>	<b>2 hours 55 minutes</b> + 40-minute optional essay
 Questions	<b>154</b>	<b>215</b>
 Test Prep	Free online test prep for <b>all students</b> through Khan Academy	Free online test prep for <b>all students</b> through ACT's website
 Reading	The SAT has <b>5 reading passages</b>	The ACT has <b>4 reading passages</b>
 Science	<b>Cross-test score</b> for analysis in science	<b>Science</b> section that tests critical thinking skills
 Math	<b>Everyday math formulas</b> are provided	<b>No math formulas</b> are provided
 Calculator	Calculator allowed for <b>some math questions</b>	Calculator allowed for <b>all math questions</b>
 Essay	<b>No optional essay</b>	The ACT essay focuses on <b>evaluation and analysis</b> of complex issues