



Test Secrets:

Understanding, planning and preparing
for the SAT, ACT, and more.

Agenda

PSAT

SAT

ACT

**SAT II's/
Subject Tests**

Resources



Why take the PSAT?

- Practice for the SAT
- Provides an opportunity to see students strengths and areas of opportunity
- Provides a framework for improving scores on the SAT
- Qualify for scholarship



PSAT & SAT

	PSAT	SAT
Score Range	320-1520	400-1600
Section Score	160-760	200-800
Length	2 hours 45 minutes	3 hours
# of Reading ?'s	47	52
# of Writing ?'s	44	44
# of Math ?'s	48	58



What are the sections of the PSAT SAT & the ACT?

PSAT/SAT Sections:

Evidence Based Reading and Writing

- Evidence Based Reading
- Evidence Based Writing

Math

- Math with a Calculator
- Math without a Calculator

ACT Sections:

English

Math

Reading

Science



Similarities Between the SAT & the ACT

SAT & ACT

- Used for College Admissions
- Used for scholarships & merit based grants
- Can retake several times
- Colleges accept both
- Usually taken Spring of junior year and Summer/Fall of senior year
- Approximately 3 to 4 hours long
- Optional Essay
- No wrong answer penalty

	SAT	ACT
Length	3 hours or 3 hours 50 min with essay	2 hours 55 min or 3 hour 35 min with essay
Total Score	400 - 1600 total score	1 - 36 total score
Additional Scoring	Subscores, cross-test scores and test scores	Section scores, subscores and percentile
Verbal	Reading and Writing combined score	Reading and Writing scored separately
Math	Math w/o Calculator, Math w/ Calculator, student produced responses	One math Section with calculator, all multiple choice
Science	Science tested in all sections	Stand alone Science section
Essay	Analysis of a rhetorical text	Analysis of three perspectives, with persuasive elements



SAT vs ACT

<i>SAT VS ACT</i>	<i>Section</i>	<i>Content Areas Tested</i>
SAT Evidence Based Reading & Writing	Reading - 65 minutes, 52 items	Reading Comprehension
	Writing - 35 minutes, 44 items	English Grammar
SAT Math	w/o calculator - 25 minutes, 20 items	Algebra, Data Analysis, Data Interpretation
	w/ calculator - 55 minutes, 38 items	Geometry, Trigonometry
ACT English	45 minutes, 75 items	Diction, Syntax, Grammar
ACT Math	60 minutes, 60 items	Plane and Coordinate Geometry, Variable Manipulation, Algebra
ACT Reading	35 minutes, 40 items	Finding Details, Making Inferences, Generalizing
ACT Science	35 minutes, 40 items	Scientific Reasoning, Interpreting Figures, Finding Patterns



Major Differences between the SAT and the ACT

	SAT	ACT
Reading	More Social Studies Reading	More Science Reading
Math	More data analysis	More geometry
	No calculator section	Calculator use allowed
Scoring	50% math, 50% verbal	25% math, 50% verbal 25% science
The best way to know is to take a practice test!		



The Optional Essay – Scored Separately

SAT

Requires students to analyze a 650-750 word document and explain how the author builds an argument. Two Readers each provide 3 scores each on a scale of 1 – 4 (total of 2 – 8)

- Reading
- Analysis
- Writing

ACT

Requires students to analyze 3 different perspectives

4 scores - each on a scale 2 - 12

- Ideas & Analysis
- Development and Support
- Organization
- Language Use

Subject Tests/SAT II's

- Not all colleges require or recommend, but many selective colleges do
- Are available on every date the SAT is given except March
- You can only take the SAT or up to three subject tests on one test date. Choose one or the other!
- Hour long, multiple-choice tests to show mastery, scored on a 200–800 scale
- Recommended to take May or June of junior year: especially if taking advanced or AP classes

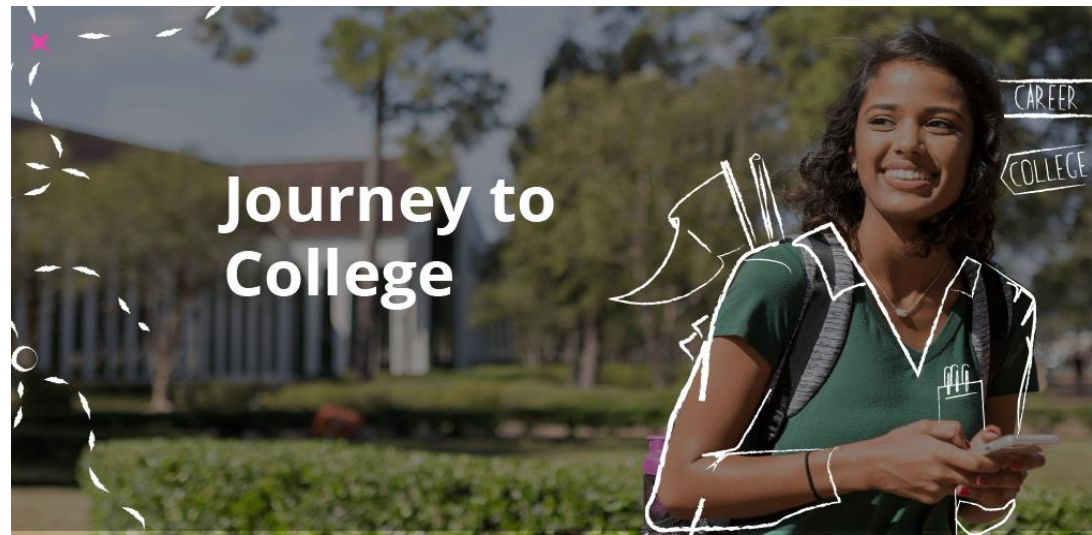


Subject Tests/SAT II's

- Twenty SAT Subject Tests in five general subject areas:
 - English, History, Languages, Mathematics and Science

They are:

- Math – Level One and Two
- Science – Biology EM, Physics, Chemistry
- English - Literature
- History – US History, World History
- Language – Spanish (2), French (2), Chinese, Italian, German (2), Modern Hebrew, Latin, Japanese, Korean



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