

8 REASONS TO CHOOSE THE ACT[®] TEST



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You get more options with ACT[®]

Beginning in September 2020, you can take section retesting, get faster results with online testing, and participate in superscoring.

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You can win a scholarship from ACT

Enter for your chance to win a \$15,000 scholarship plus tech package while registering for the ACT 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 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'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 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.

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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 are more than a score

The ACT includes an education and career planning section to help you plan for life after high school.

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	✓	✗
You have access to English learner supports	✓	✗
You get a STEM score	✓	✗
Subject scores are balanced	✓	✗
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)

*Based on publicly released SAT information.