



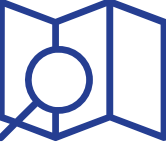

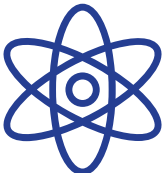
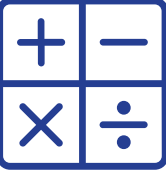




# SAT vs. ACT

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
 <b>Scores</b>	The SAT is scored on a scale of <b>400–1600</b>	The ACT is scored on a scale of <b>1–36</b>
 <b>Structure</b>	<b>3 tests</b> + optional essay	<b>4 tests</b> + optional essay
 <b>Time</b>	<b>3 hours</b> + 50-minute optional essay	<b>2 hours 55 minutes</b> + 40-minute optional essay
 <b>Questions</b>	<b>154</b>	<b>215</b>
 <b>Test Prep</b>	Free online test prep for <b>all students</b> through Khan Academy	Free online test prep for <b>all students</b> through ACT Academy
 <b>Reading</b>	The SAT has <b>5 reading passages</b>	The ACT has <b>4 reading passages</b>
 <b>Science</b>	<b>Cross-test score</b> for analysis in science	<b>Science</b> section that tests critical thinking skills
 <b>Math</b>	Both the SAT and ACT have the <b>same math concepts</b>	
 <b>Calculator</b>	Calculator allowed for <b>some math questions</b>	Calculator allowed for <b>all math questions</b>
 <b>Essay</b>	The SAT essay focuses more on an <b>analysis</b> of an author's argument	The ACT essay focuses more on <b>evaluation and analysis</b> of complex issues