

ACT OR SAT

WHICH TEST SHOULD YOU TAKE

	ACT	SAT
Length	3 hours, 25 minutes	3 hours, 45 minutes
Sections	4 test sections (5 with optional Essay): English, Math, Reading, Science, Writing (optional)	10 Sections: 3 Critical Reading 3 Math, 3 Writing (includes the essay) 1 experimental (unscored)
Reading (ACT/ Critical Reading (SAT) which	4 Reading comprehension passages, 10 questions per passage	Mix of reading comprehension and sentence completions questions require vocabulary expertise
Science	Science Reasoning (analysis, interpretation, evaluation, problem Solving	Science not included
Math	Math accounts for $\frac{1}{4}$ of overall score *arithmetic, algebra, geometry, trigonometry	Math accounts for $\frac{1}{3}$ of overall score *arithmetic, algebra, geometry, algebra II
Essay	Last thing you do: 30 minutes *not included in composite score	First thing you do: (25 minutes) *factored into overall score
Scoring	Total composite score of 1-36 Based on the average of 4 tests *4 scores of 1-36 each test *Score of 2-12 for the essay	Total score out 2400 *3 scores of 200-800 each section *2 sub scores: 20-80 writing multiple choice and 2-12 for the essay
Wrong Answer Penalty	No wrong answer penalty	Yes, $\frac{1}{4}$ point per wrong answer (except for Math Grid-in questions)
Sending Score History	You decide which score is sent	Your entire score history will be sent automatically