

**The ACT®**

* Accepted by all four-year colleges and universities in the United States
* Based on information you are learning in high school classrooms
* Offers both a college admissions test and a career planning component
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* Students may choose up to four colleges and/or scholarship agencies to send scores to for no charge: Fee waivers are available—see your Professional School Counselor
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* For Information About Using An ACT Fee Waiver, visit:

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 **Website:** [**www.actstudent.org**](http://www.actstudent.org) - The ACT consists of four multiple-choice tests: English, mathematics, reading, and science. The ACT with writing includes the four multiple-choice tests and a [writing test](http://www.actstudent.org/writing/).

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| **Test** |   |   | **Content** |
| [English](http://www.actstudent.org/testprep/descriptions/engdescript.html) | 75 questions | 45 minutes | Measures standard written English and rhetorical skills. |
| [Mathematics](http://www.actstudent.org/testprep/descriptions/mathdescript.html) | 60 questions | 60 minutes | Measures mathematical skills students have typically acquired in courses taken up to the beginning of grade 12. |
| [Reading](http://www.actstudent.org/testprep/descriptions/readdescript.html) | 40 questions | 35 minutes | Measures reading comprehension. |
| [Science](http://www.actstudent.org/testprep/descriptions/scidescript.html) | 40 questions | 35 minutes | Measures the interpretation, analysis, evaluation, reasoning, and problem-solving skills required in the natural sciences. |
| [Optional Writing Test](http://www.actstudent.org/testprep/descriptions/writingdescript.html) | 1 prompt | 40 minutes | Measures writing skills emphasized in high school English classes and in entry-level college composition courses. |



**The SAT®**

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| **Section** | **Time Allotted** | **Description** |
| **Reading** | **65 Minutes** | **52 Questions****Use context clues in a passage to figure out which meaning of a word or phrase is being used.****Decide how an author’s word choice shapes meaning, style, and tone****Some questions ask you to:**Find evidence in a passage (or pair of passages) that best supports the answer to a previous question or serves as the basis for a reasonable conclusion.- Identify how authors use evidence to support their claims.- Find a relationship between an informational graphic and the passage it’s paired with.- The Reading Test includes passages in the fields of history, social studies, and science. You’ll be asked questions that require you to draw on the reading skills needed most to succeed in those subjects. |
| **Writing & Language** | **35 Minutes** | **44 Questions****When you take the Writing and Language Test, you’ll do three things that people do all the time when they write and edit:****Read…Find mistakes and weaknesses….Fix them.**- To answer some questions, you’ll need to look closely at a single sentence. Others require reading the entire piece and interpreting a graphic.- Questions that test command of evidence ask you to improve the way passages develop information and ideas.- Some questions ask you to improve word choice. You’ll need to choose the best words to use based on the text surrounding them. Your goal will be to make a passage more precise or concise, or to improve syntax, style, or tone.- You’ll be asked to read passages about topics in history, social studies, and science with a critical eye and make editorial decisions that improve them.- Some questions ask about a passage’s organization and its impact.- You’ll be asked to change words, clauses, sentences, and punctuation. Some topics covered include verb tense, parallel construction, subject-verb agreement, and comma use.   |
| **Math** | **80 Minutes** | **58 Questions****Questions on the Math Test are designed to mirror the problem solving and modeling you’ll do in: College math, science, and social science courses, The jobs that you hold, & Your personal life****The Math Test will focus in depth on the three areas of math that play the biggest role in a wide range of college majors and careers:**[**Heart of Algebra,**](https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/about/alignment/math/heart-of-algebra) which focuses on the mastery of linear equations and systems.[**Problem Solving and Data Analysis**,](https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/about/alignment/math/problem-solving-data-analysis) which is about being quantitatively literate.[**Passport to Advanced Math**,](https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/about/alignment/math/passport-to-advanced-math) which features questions that require the manipulation of complex equations.The Math Test also draws on [Additional Topics in Math,](https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/about/alignment/math/additional-topics-in-math) including the geometry and trigonometry most relevant to college and career readiness.The Math Test is a chance to show that you: efficiently, and strategically.Solve problems quickly by identifying and using the most efficient solution approaches. This might involve solving a problem by inspection, finding a shortcut, or reorganizing the information you’ve been given.- You’ll demonstrate your grasp of math concepts, operations, and relations.- Real-world problems ask you to analyze a situation, determine the essential elements required to solve the problem, represent the problem mathematically, and carry out a solution. |
| **\*Essay (This section is optional but some schools require it)** | **50 Minutes** | **You will be asked to:*** Read a passage.
* Explain how the author builds an argument to persuade an audience.
* Support your explanation with evidence from the passage.

The SAT Essay shows how well you understand the passage and use it as the basis for a well-written thought-out discussion. The two people who score your essay will each award between 1 and 4 points in each of these three categories:**Reading:** A successful essay shows that you understood the passage, including the interplay of central ideas and important details. It also shows an effective use of textual evidence.**Analysis:** A successful essay shows your understanding of how the author builds an argument by:* Examining the author’s use of evidence, reasoning, and other stylistic and persuasive techniques
* Supporting and developing claims with well-chosen evidence from the passage

**Writing:** A successful essay is focused, organized, and precise, with an appropriate style and tone that varies sentence structure and follows the conventions of standard written English. |