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ACT[®] or SAT[®]

Which one is right for you?

TEST	ACT	SAT
TIMING	• 3 hours and 35 minutes with Writing Test	• 3 hours and 50 minutes with Essay
STRUCTURE	• 4 tests: English, Math, Reading, Science • Optional Writing Test	• 4 tests: Reading, Writing & Language, Math-Calculator, Math-No Calculator • Optional Essay
QUESTION TYPES	• Multiple choice and essay	• Multiple choice, grid-ins, and essay
SCORE	• Highest composite score is 36, which is the average of the 4 test scores	• Highest composite score is 1600, which is the sum of the 2 section scores
CONTENT		
READING	• 35 min—40 questions • 3 stand-alone and 1 paired passage: Natural Science, Humanities, Literature, and Social Science	• 65 min—52 questions • 4 stand-alone passages and 1 paired passage: Science, Literature, Social Science, Primary Sources, and Careers
MATH	• 60 min—60 questions • Multiple choice questions with 5 answer choices: Preparing for Higher Mathematics, Integrating Essential Skills, and Modeling	• 55 min (with calculator)—38 questions • 25 min (without calculator)—20 questions • Multiple choice and grid-in questions: Heart of Algebra, Problem Solving and Data Analysis, and Passport to Advanced Math
SCIENCE	• 35 min—40 questions • Separate science section: Data Representation, Research Summaries, and Conflicting Viewpoints	• Science passages throughout the test • Students receive an Analysis in Science Cross-Test Score
WRITING & LANGUAGE/ ENGLISH	• 45 min—75 questions • 5 passages: Production of Writing, Knowledge of Language, and Conventions of Standard English	• 35 min—44 questions • 4 passages: Command of Evidence, Words in Context, Analysis in History/Social Studies and in Science, Expression of Ideas, and Standard English Conventions
ESSAY (OPTIONAL)	• 40 min • Students analyze 3 perspectives and give their own point of view • 4 scores, each on a scale of 2-12: Ideas and Analysis, Development and Support, Organization, and Language Use and Conventions	• 50 min • Students analyze a 650-750 word document and explain how the author builds an argument • 3 scores, each on a scale of 2-8: Reading, Analysis, and Writing
NOTABLE DIFFERENCES		
TIMING	• Less time per question	• More time per question
MATH	• More geometry	• More data analysis/problem solving • Math-No Calculator section
SCORING	• English, Math, Reading, and Science each make up 25% of score	• Evidence-Based Reading and Writing section and Math section each make up 50% of score
READING TOPICS	• More focus on science reading	• More focus on history/social studies reading
TEST PROVIDER	www.ACT.org	www.collegeboard.org

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2017 – 2018

Test Date Calendar

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Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Registration Deadline
August 26, 2017	July 28, 2017	August 15, 2017
October 7, 2017	September 8, 2017	September 27, 2017
November 4, 2017	October 5, 2017	October 25, 2017
December 2, 2017	November 2, 2017	November 21, 2017
March 10, 2018	February 9, 2018	February 28, 2018
May 5, 2018	April 6, 2018	April 25, 2018
June 2, 2018	May 3, 2018	May 23, 2018
August 25, 2018	TBD	TBD

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Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Registration Deadline
September 9, 2017	August 4, 2017	August 18, 2017
October 28, 2017	September 22, 2017	October 6, 2017
December 9, 2017	November 3, 2017	November 17, 2017
February 10, 2018	January 12, 2018	January 19, 2018
April 14, 2018	March 9, 2018	March 23, 2018
June 9, 2018	May 4, 2018	May 18, 2018
July 14, 2018	June 15, 2018	June 22, 2018

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Test Date	Registration Deadline
Wednesday, October 11, 2017	Please see your high school counselor for details and to register.
Saturday, October 14, 2017	
Wednesday, October 25, 2017 (Alternate)	

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