

S.A.T. vs. A.C.T.

The road to college can be a confusing and hectic experience. Choosing the right admissions test to take the SAT or ACT - does not have to be confusing. While most colleges across the country accept scores from either test, the SAT and ACT are significantly different, and in many ways, they measure different skills. The following comparison chart should help.

Differences At A Glance	
SAT	ACT
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No science section No trigonometry questions Non multiple-choice questions asked Guessing penalty No English grammar Math accounts for 50% of your score Questions go from easy to difficult 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Science reasoning section Math includes trigonometry Vocabulary less important Test is entirely multiple-choice No guessing penalty English grammar tested Math accounts for 25% of your score Questions are mixed up

THE DIFFERENT COMPONENTS OF THE TESTS

SAT			
Section	Time	Question	Score
Verbal	30 min.	35-36	
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Critical Rdg.	15 min.	11-13	
Total Verbal	75 min.	78	200-800
Math	30 min.	25	
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Math	15 min.	10	
Total Math	75 min.		200-800
Experimental	30 min.	Varies	No Score

ACT			
Section	Time	Question	Score
English	45 min.	75	1-36
Math	60 min.	60	1-36
Reading	35 min.	40	1-36
Science	35 min.	40	1-36
Math	2 hrs. 55 min.	215	1-36
ACT sections are weighted equally			