

Should You Take the ACT® or the SAT®?

Which test should you take and why?

Both the ACT and the SAT are nationally administered standardized tests that help colleges evaluate candidates. All schools accept both tests interchangeably.

These tests are used for two purposes: ① Admissions and ② Scholarships

It is also recommended that students test more than once and be knowledgeable about whether or not a school will super score (use best scores from different administrations).

So as you begin to think about college and creating the best application package possible, your admissions plan should begin with the question, "Which test should I take?"

ACT	Vs.	SAT
4 sections (English, Math, Reading, Science) plus an optional Essay	Test Format	4 sections (Evidence-Based Reading, Writing, Math w/o Calculator, Math w/Calculator; plus an optional Essay)
3 hours, 35 minutes	Length	3 hours, 50 minutes
Composite of 1-36 based on the average scores from the 4 test sections	Score	Score is out of 1600: 800 for Math, 800 for Reading Writing receives a separate score
\$52.00 (without Essay) \$68.00 (with Essay)	Cost	\$49.50 (without Essay) \$64.50 (with Essay)
www.actstudent.org/regist/	Registration	www.sat.collegeboard.org/register

2019-20 Testing Dates

ACT Date	Registration Deadline	Late Registration Deadline
October 26	September 20	October 4
December 14	November 8	November 22
February 8	January 10	January 17
April 4	February 28	March 13
June 13	May 8	May 22
July 18	June 19	June 26

SAT Date	Registration Deadline	Late Registration Deadline
October 5	September 6	September 24
November 2	October 3	October 22
December 7	November 8	November 26
March 14	February 14	March 3
May 2	April 3	April 21
June 6	May 8	May 27