

ACT vs. SAT

	ACT	SAT
LENGTH	3 HOURS, 25 MINUTES	3 HOURS, 45 MINUTES
SECTIONS	4 Test Sections: English, Math, Reading, Science Writing (Optional)	10 Sections: 3 Critical Reading, 3 Math, 3 Writing (includes the Essay), 1 Experimental (un-scored)
READING	4 Reading Comprehension Passages, 10 questions per passage	Mix of reading comprehension and sentence completion questions.
SCIENCE	Analysis, interpretation, Evaluation, and problem solving	Science not included
MATH	¼ of overall score Arithmetic, algebra, geometry, trigonometry	1/3 of overall score Arithmetic, geometry, algebra and algebra II
ESSAY	Optional (recommended by colleges) -Last thing you do, 30 min. -Not included in composite score	Factored into overall score -First thing you do, 25 min.
SCORING	Total composite score 1-36 (based on average of 4 tests)	Total score out of 2400 -3 scores, 200-800 for each section
Wrong Answer Penalty	No wrong answer penalty	Yes, ¼ subtracted per wrong answer

ACT – www.actstudent.org

SAT – www.collegeboard.com