

# SAT® or ACT® — How Do You Choose?

## Tips on making the best choice for you

**It's a fact**—test-taking is a necessary step to get into college, and the SAT and ACT are both long, tough, timed tests. You probably have a million questions, such as, “What are the differences between the two? Which test should I take? What test does my top-choice school require? How can I be sure I’m taking the right test?” Take a look at these insider tips to find the answers:



**Neither test is “easier.”** They’re just different. It’s all about finding the best test for you and being prepared.



**Both essays are optional, but highly recommended.** The SAT essay, which is 50 minutes long, is comprehension focused. The ACT Writing Test, on the other hand, is 40 minutes long and will test how well you can evaluate and analyze complex issues. No matter which test you take, you should always write the essay. It’s optional, but some schools may require it.



**The ACT includes a science section.** If you have good reasoning skills, this section can be a big plus.



**Both tests feature advanced math.** You’ll be tested on Arithmetic, Algebra I and II, Geometry, and Trigonometry. The math questions on the ACT, however, will be more straightforward.



**Colleges accept both.** Colleges across the country accept both tests equally. Choosing one over the other won’t keep you from being accepted by your dream school.



**Cover your bases by taking both tests.** More students than ever are taking both the ACT and the SAT. The Princeton Review helps make sure you do your best on them, no matter what.



**There’s a risk-free way to know which test is best for you. Go to [PrincetonReview.com/FreePracticeTest](https://PrincetonReview.com/FreePracticeTest) to try a free ACT or SAT practice test.**

# ACT vs. SAT: Comparing your scores.

ACT, Inc. and the College Board use two completely different scoring systems. Check out the conversion chart below to see how ACT and SAT scores compare.\*

ACT Composite Score (1-36)	SAT Total Score (400-1600)	ACT Composite Score (1-36)	SAT Total Score (400-1600)
36	1600	23	1130-1150
35	1560-1590	22	1100-1120
34	1520-1550	21	1060-1090
33	1490-1510	20	1020-1050
32	1450-1480	19	980-1010
31	1420-1440	18	940-970
30	1390-1410	17	900-930
29	1350-1380	16	860-890
28	1310-1340	15	810-850
27	1280-1300	14	760-800
26	1240-1270	13	720-750
25	1200-1230	12	630-710
24	1160-1190	11	560-620

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do your best—**guaranteed.**<sup>†</sup>

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