

Many four year colleges require standardized test scores. The SAT and ACT are equally accepted. Some colleges do require a writing score. Always check your college's website for specific requirements.

SAT

www.collegeboard.org



- ☐ Students must register for the exam on the College Board website (link above).
- ☐ Do not create multiple College Board accounts. Contact the College Board for help with your username and password information.
- ☐ SATs are offered in August, September, October, November, December, March, May, and June.
- ☐ Two SAT Fee Waivers are available for students who live in public housing, are eligible for free or reduced lunch, and who are enrolled in AVID. To obtain a fee waiver, please follow these steps:
 - ☐ Students must have a College Board account to request an SAT fee waiver.
 - ☐ Step 1: Go to [MySAT](#).
 - ☐ Step 2: Choose “Apply for Fee Waiver.”
 - ☐ Step 3: Students will be required to list the email of their caregiver, counselor, social worker, etc. to verify the waiver.
 - ☐ Step 4: Once the College Board receives verification from an approved adult, the College Board will auto apply the fee waiver.
 - ☐ Please note, if the student is denied a fee waiver, the student's guidance counselor can contact the College Board to receive a waiver code on behalf of the student.

ACT

www.act.org



- ☐ Students must register for the exam on the ACT website (link above).
- ☐ ACTs are offered in September, October, December, February, April, June, and July.
- ☐ Two ACT Fee Waivers are available for students who live in public housing, are eligible for free or reduced lunch, and who are enrolled in AVID.

COMPARE THE SAT & ACT TESTS

- The SAT includes one SAT Math Section on which you may not use a calculator
- The ACT includes a Science section

	SAT	ACT
Why Take It	Colleges use SAT scores for admissions and merit-based scholarships	Colleges use ACT scores for admissions and merit-based scholarships
Test Structure	Reading Writing & Language Math Essay (Optional)	English Math Reading Science Reasoning Essay (Optional)
Length	3 hours (without essay) 3 hours, 50 minutes (with essay)	2 hours, 55 minutes (without essay) 3 hours, 40 minutes (with essay)
Reading	5 reading passages	4 reading passages
Science	None	1 science section testing your critical thinking skills (not your specific science knowledge)
Math	Arithmetic Algebra I & II Geometry Trigonometry Data Analysis	Arithmetic Algebra I & II Geometry Trigonometry Probability & Statistics
Calculator Policy	Some math questions do not allow you to use a calculator	You can use a calculator on all math questions
Essays	<i>Optional</i> – The essay will test your comprehension of a source text	<i>Optional</i> – The essay will test how well you evaluate and analyze complex issues
How It's Scored	Scored on a scale of 400-1600	Scored on a scale of 1-36

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