

STRUCTURE OF THE EXAMS

SAT VS. ACT

TEST FORMAT

SAT

Reading- One 65 minute section (52 multiple choice questions)

Math- One 25 minute section (no calculator; 20 questions, 15 multiple choice, 5 grid in)

Math- One 55 minute section (with calculator; 38 questions, 30 multiple choice, 8 grid in)

Writing and Language- One 35 minute section (44 multiple choice questions)

Essay- One 50 minute section (optional)

ACT

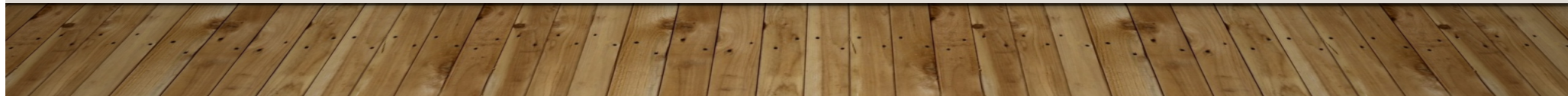
English- One 45 minute section (75 multiple choice questions; 4 choices)

Math- One 60 minute section (60 multiple choice questions; 5 choices)

Reading- One 35 minute section (40 multiple choice questions; 4 choices)

Science- One 35 minute section (40 multiple choice questions; 4 choices)

Writing- One 40 minute section (optional)



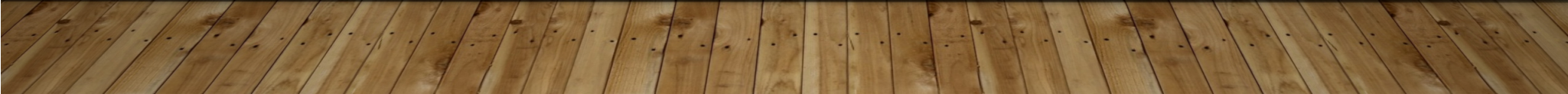
CONTENT COVERED

SAT

Reading
Relevant Words in Context
Math
Grammar and Usage
Analytical Writing (optional)

ACT

Grammar and Usage
Math
Reading
Science Reasoning
Writing (optional)



TEST STYLE

SAT

Questions are evidence and context-based in an effort to focus on real-world situations and multi-step problem-solving

ACT

Straightforward, questions may be long but are usually less difficult to decipher

SCORING

SAT

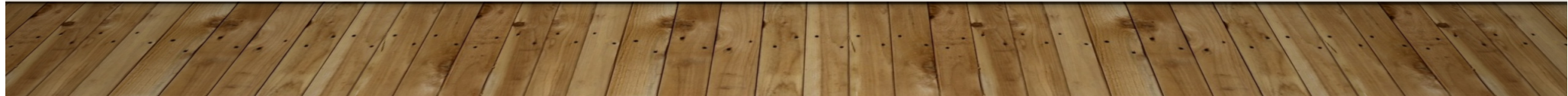
Math and Evidence-Based Reading & Writing are each scored on a scale of 200-800.

Composite SAT score is the sum of the two section scores and ranged from 400-1600.

ACT

English, Math, Reading, and Science scores will each range between 1-36.

Composite ACT score is the average of your scores on the four sections; ranges between 1-36



SCORE CHOICE

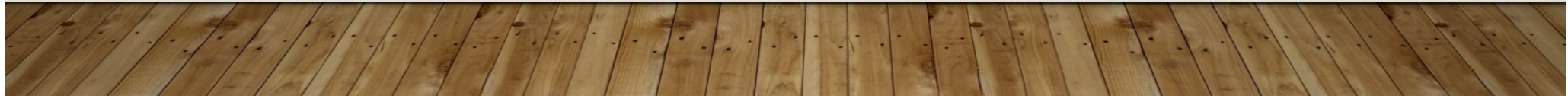
SAT	ACT
yes – you can choose which set(s) of SAT scores to submit to colleges	yes – you can choose which set(s) of ACT scores to submit to colleges

DIFFICULTY LEVELS

SAT	ACT
Questions increase in difficulty level as you move through that question type in a section (except reading passage questions, which progress chronologically through the passage)	Difficulty level of the questions is random

MATH LEVELS

SAT	ACT
Arithmetic, problem-solving & data analysis, heart of algebra, geometry, and trigonometry; formulas provided.	Arithmetic, algebra I and II, functions, geometry, trigonometry; no formulas are provided



MORE POPULAR?

SAT	ACT
With private schools and schools on the east and west coasts; however, every four-year college in the US accepts SAT scores	With public schools and schools in the Midwest and south; however, every four-year college in the US accepts ACT scores

WHEN IS IT OFFERED?

SAT	ACT
Seven times per year: January, March or April, May, June, October, November, December	Six times per year: February, April, June, September, October, December

REGISTRATION DEADLINE

SAT	ACT
Typically about four weeks before the test date	Typically about five to six weeks before the test date

MORE INFORMATION

SAT

www.collegeboard.com

ACT

www.act.org