

LET'S COMPARE SAT vs ACT

	SAT	ACT
Fee	\$51.00 \$24/\$13 for Subject Tests *fee waiver may be available	\$36.50 + \$16.00 (optional writing) *fee waiver may be available
Test Purpose	Designed to measure aptitude through reasoning and critical thinking in verbal, numerical and writing skills	Designed to measure curriculum knowledge and achievement in English, mathematics, reading and science. Contains analytic and problem solving exercises.
Test Content	50% - Verbal Sentence Completion, Critical Reading 50% - Mathematics Arithmetic, Algebra, Geometry, 2 nd year Algebra, Statistics and Probability Writing Section Multiple choice and essay	25% - English Punctuation, Grammar Usage, Sentence Structure 25% - Math Pre-Algebra, 1 st and 2 nd year Algebra, Coordinate and Plane Geometry, Trigonometry 25% - Reading Reading Comprehension 25% - Science Reasoning Interpretation, Analysis, Evaluation, Reasoning, and Problem-solving Skills required in the Natural Sciences. Optional: Writing Test Planning and writing a short essay
Test Style Differences	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mostly multiple choice • More difficult as test progresses • Emphasis on vocabulary 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All multiple choice • Difficulty remains even throughout test • Emphasis on punctuation and grammar
Method of Scoring	Scores adjusted for incorrect answers. Penalty for guessing	Scores based on number of right answers. No penalty for guessing
Test Score Scales	Verbal Test: 200 – 800 Mathematics Test: 200 – 800 Writing Test: 200 – 800 Composite Total (V + M): 400 – 1600 (writing test scores is usually considered separately)	English Test: 1 – 36 Mathematics Test: 1 – 36 Reading Test: 1 – 36 Science Test: 1 – 36 Composite: 1 – 36 (average of 4 test scores)
Average Scores	Generally a 500 score on a section of the test is considered average.	Generally a score in the 17 – 23 range is considered average.
Subject Test (optional: only some colleges require these test)	SAT II: separate set of 1 hour tests in following subjects – Literature, US History, World History, Mathematics, Biology, Chemistry, Language (Chinese, French, German, Italian, Spanish, Latin, Japanese, Korean)	Some colleges will use ACT scores to fulfill the subject test requirement.



2013-2014 Test Dates

ACT

<u>Test Date</u>	<u>Registration Deadline</u>
Sept. 21, 2013	Aug. 23
Oct. 26, 2013	Sept. 27
Dec. 14, 2013	Nov. 8
Feb. 8, 2014	Jan. 10
April 12, 2014	March 7
June 14, 2014	May 9

To register online visit: <http://www.actstudent.org/regist/index.html>

Registration Questions: (319) 337-1270

SAT & Subject Tests

<u>Test Date</u>	<u>Registration Deadline</u>
October 5, 2013	September 6, 2013
November 2, 2013	October 3, 2013
December 7, 2013	November 8, 2013
January 25, 2014	December 27, 2014
March 8, 2014	February 7, 2014
May 3, 2014	April 4, 2014
June 7, 2014	May 9, 2013

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