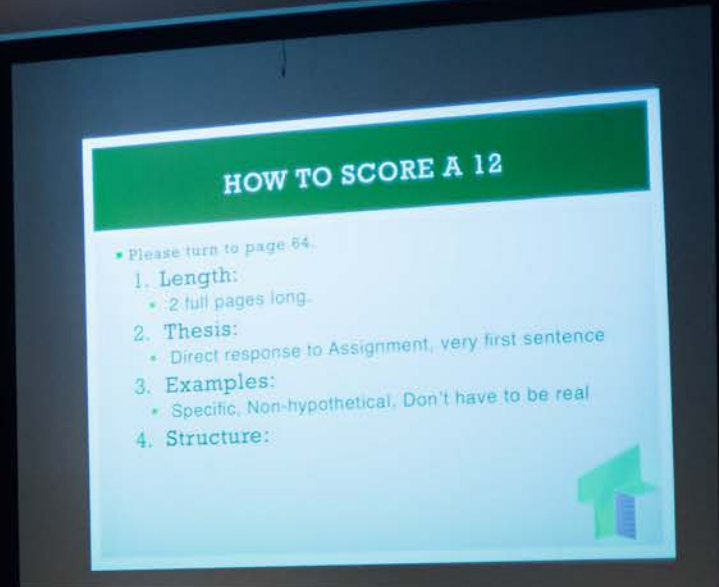




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# SAT & ACT

the basics you should know about the college entrance exams



# The Basics

- The SAT and the ACT are the two most popular college entrance exams in the U.S.
- You don't have to take both. All colleges that require an exam accept both SAT and ACT.
- Focus your preparation on the one exam that you are performing best on. Preparing for both exams can be counterproductive.
- Tried & True Tutoring offers mock exams online and on campus to help you determine which exam is the best fit for you.

## On Campus Mock Exams:

<https://store.triedandtruetutoring.com/collections/mock-tests>

## Online Mock Exams:

<http://www.triedandtruetutoring.com/free-sat-act-diagnostic>



# SAT

# ACT

Score	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 1600-point total score</li><li>• 800 for Math</li><li>• 800 for Reading &amp; Writing</li><li>• Separate Essay score</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 36-point Composite score, average of 4, 36-point test scores</li><li>• Separate 36-point Essay</li></ul>
Wrong Answer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• No Penalty</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• No Penalty</li></ul>
Length	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 3:50 (w/ optional Essay)</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 3:35 (w/ optional Essay)</li></ul>
Structure	5-Sections <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Reading</li><li>• Writing &amp; Language</li><li>• Math – No Calculator</li><li>• Math – with Calculator</li><li>• Essay (optional)</li></ul>	5-Sections <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• English</li><li>• Math</li><li>• Reading</li><li>• Science</li><li>• Essay (optional)</li></ul>
Reading Content	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Reading Comprehension</li><li>• Words in Context</li><li>• Evidenced Based</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Reading Comprehension</li></ul>
Writing Content	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Grammar &amp; Rhetorical Skills</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Grammar &amp; Rhetorical Skills</li></ul>
Math Content	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Algebra</li><li>• Geometry</li><li>• Algebra II</li><li>• Trigonometry</li><li>• Data Analysis</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Arithmetic</li><li>• Algebra</li><li>• Geometry</li><li>• Algebra II</li><li>• Trigonometry</li></ul>
Science Content	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• No Science section</li><li>• Science Cross-Test scores from science questions found in every section of the test</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Basic Science Content</li><li>• Analysis</li><li>• Interpretation</li></ul>
Essay	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 50-minutes</li><li>• Analytical essay evaluating a 750-word passage</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 40-minutes</li><li>• Persuasive essay discussing a controversial issue</li></ul>
Test Takers Notice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• More trap questions on SAT than on ACT</li><li>• Significantly more time per question on SAT than on ACT</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• More straightforward questions on ACT than on SAT</li><li>• Significantly less time per question on ACT than on SAT</li></ul>



# Average Admission Scores

	<u>SAT</u>	<u>ACT</u>
Cal Tech	1550	35
Harvard University	1550	35
Princeton University	1550	35
Yale University	1550	35
Stanford University	1530	35
MIT	1520	35
Rice University	1510	35
Johns Hopkins University	1510	34
Duke University	1520	34
Pomona College	1500	34
Carnegie Mellon	1500	34
Notre Dame	1490	33
Northwestern University	1470	33
Georgetown University	1460	32
UC Berkeley	1440	32
USC	1440	32
University of Michigan	1440	32
Emory University	1430	32
UCLA	1400	31
New York University	1400	31
Tulane University	1400	31

	<u>SAT</u>	<u>ACT</u>
Boston University	1370	31
Wake Forest	1370	31
UNC Chapel Hill	1370	31
Ohio State University	1330	29
UC San Diego	1350	29
UC Davis	1320	29
UC Santa Barbara	1320	29
Cal Poly SLO	1300	28
University of Washington	1300	28
Pepperdine University	1290	27
Rutgers, New Brunswick	1290	26
UC Irvine	1260	26
UC Santa Cruz	1260	26
Texas A&M University	1250	26
Penn State University	1250	26
University of Colorado	1250	26
Michigan State University	1190	24
SDSU	1190	24
UC Riverside	1190	24
University of Arizona	1170	23
Cal State Northridge	990	19



# Timelines

- We recommend that you plan on taking the SAT or ACT 2 to 3 times.
  - Almost every student performs better the second time, so you should consider taking it at least twice.
  - Some colleges and universities will want your complete score history. It might look unusual and hurt your admissions chances if you submit more than 3 exam scores.
- December of your senior year is your last opportunity to take the SAT or ACT in most cases.
- We recommend that you plan to be done with the SAT or ACT by spring of 11<sup>th</sup> grade, and use the summer prior to 12<sup>th</sup> grade and the fall of 12<sup>th</sup> grade as a back plan if needed.

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
SAT			x		x	x		x		x	x	x
ACT		x		x		x	x		x	x		x



# Three Test Prep Timelines

	Scope	10 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Summer before 11 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Fall of 11 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Spring of 11 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Summer before 12 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Fall of 12 <sup>th</sup> Grade
Advanced	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ultra-competitive university applicants, military academy applicants, NCAA recruits</li> <li>Perfect for students with an extremely busy 11<sup>th</sup> grade spring semester</li> <li>Students who want to take advantage of the summer before 11<sup>th</sup> grade</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Take mock SAT &amp; ACT exams</li> <li>Take PSAT &amp; PACT (if available)</li> <li>Consider a Boot Camp to learn the basics of prep</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Begin prep targeting fall SAT or ACT</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Take October PSAT &amp; PACT (if available)</li> <li>Take Official SAT or ACT</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Consider repeating SAT or ACT</li> <li>Take SAT Subject Tests if needed</li> <li>Focus on AP Exams</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Take SAT Subject Tests if needed</li> <li>Take final SAT or ACT if needed</li> <li>Begin work on college applications</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Additional testing and prep if needed</li> <li>Submit college applications</li> </ul>
Standard	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Students who have already completed Algebra 2 prior to the 11<sup>th</sup> grade</li> <li>Students who do not have an overwhelming 11<sup>th</sup> grade spring semester</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Take mock SAT &amp; ACT exams</li> <li>Take PSAT &amp; PACT (if available)</li> <li>Consider a Boot Camp to learn the basics of prep</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Take more mock exams</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Take October PSAT &amp; PACT (if available)</li> <li>Begin prep targeting spring SAT or ACT</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Take Official SAT or ACT</li> <li>Consider SAT Subject Tests</li> <li>Focus on AP Exams</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Take SAT Subject Tests if needed</li> <li>Consider repeating SAT or ACT</li> <li>Begin work on college applications</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Consider taking a final SAT or ACT if needed</li> <li>Submit college applications</li> </ul>
Paced	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Students who have not completed Algebra 2 prior to 11<sup>th</sup> grade</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Take mock SAT &amp; ACT exams</li> <li>Take PSAT &amp; PACT (if available)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Take more mock exams</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Take October PSAT &amp; PACT (if available)</li> <li>Consider a Boot Camp to learn the basics of prep</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Begin prep targeting late spring SAT or ACT</li> <li>Take Official SAT or ACT later in spring</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Take SAT Subject Tests if needed</li> <li>Consider repeating SAT or ACT</li> <li>Begin work on college applications</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Consider taking a final SAT or ACT if needed</li> <li>Submit college applications</li> </ul>



# Test Prep

- There are 4 main types of prep available:
  - Online Resources
  - Boot Camp Classes
  - Comprehensive Classes
  - 1-on-1 Tutoring
- The type of prep we recommend is directly related to:
  - Your initial diagnostic Scores
  - Your GPA
  - Your Strength of Schedule
  - The colleges or universities you are interested in going to
- To find out which program we recommend for you, schedule a consultation.

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