






College Entrance Exams

Colleges typically accept both the SAT and ACT scores equally. Help students evaluate the characteristics of each exam to determine which best fits their needs.

	SAT	ACT
 Duration	3 hours, 50 minutes (3 hours without essay)	3 hours, 40 minutes (3 hours without essay)
 Sections	Evidence-Based Reading and Writing Mathematics Essay (optional)	English Reading Mathematics Science Essay (optional)
 Scores	Composite scale: 400–1600 Each section: 200–800 Essay: 2–8	Composite scale: 1–36 Each section: 1–36 Essay: 2–12
 Cost	\$57.00* (\$45.00 without essay) Fee waivers available	\$62.50* (\$46.00 without essay) Fee waivers available
 Frequency	National test dates: 7 (October, November, December, January, March, May, and June)	National test dates: 7 (September, October, December, February, April, June, and July)

*College entrance exam fees are subject to change each year.
 Visit the ACT and College Board websites for the most current exam fees.