

THE SAT vs. THE ACT

SAT	vs.	ACT
Every 4-year college in the US accepts SAT scores for admission and merit-based scholarships.	Why Take It?	Every 4-year college in the US accepts ACT scores for admission and merit-based scholarships.
Evidenced-Based Reading and Writing (ERW): 200-800 Math: 200 - 800 Composite: 400-1600 Optional Essay Writing: 2-8	Scoring	English: 1-36 Mathematics: 1-36 Reading: 1-36 Science: 1-36 Optional Essay Writing: 1-12 Composite: 1 – 36
Composite: 1010	50% National Percentile	Composite: 20
Reading (65 minutes) Writing & Language (35 minutes) Math (25 minutes NO calculator) Math (55 minutes with calculator) Optional Essay (50 minutes) <i>3 hours (without essay)</i> <i>3 hours, 50 minutes (with essay)</i>	Test Format & Length	English (45 minutes) Math (60 minutes with calculator) Reading (35 minutes) Science (35 minutes) Optional Essay (40 minutes) <i>2 hours, 55 minutes (without essay)</i> <i>3 hours, 40 minutes (with essay)</i>
YES; increase in difficulty level as you move through that question type in a section (reading passage progress chronologically through the passage).	Difficulty Levels	NO; random difficulty order.
7 national test dates per academic year: August, October, November, December, March, May & June	Offered When?	7 national test dates per academic year: September, October, December, February, April, June & July
SAT Registration Fee: \$46 SAT Registration with Essay: \$60 SAT LATE Registration Fee: Additional \$29 *For those that qualify, fee waivers are available	Cost	ACT Registration Fee: \$46.00 ACT Registration with Writing: \$62.50 ACT LATE Registration Fee: Additional \$29.50 *For those that qualify fee waivers are available
sat.org	More Information & Registration	act.org
SAT Evidence-Based Read and Writing (ERW) + Math		ACT Composite
1600		36
1590-1560		35
1550-1520		34
1510-1490		33
1480-1450		32
1440-1420		31
1410-1390		30
1380-1350		29
1340-1310		28
1300-1280		27
1270-1240		26
1230-1200		25
1190-1160		24
1150-1130		23
1120-1100		22
1090-1060		21
1050-1020		20
1010-980		19
970-940		18
930-900		17
890-860		16
850-810		15
800-760		14
750-720		13
710-630		12
620-560		11

ACT COLLEGE READINESS BENCHMARK SCORES

College Course/Course Area	ACT Test	Benchmark Score
English Composition	English	18
College Algebra	Mathematics	22
Intro to Social Sciences	Reading	22
Biology	Science	23

ACT research shows students who meet this standard have a:

- ▶ 50% chance of obtaining a B or higher in the corresponding credit-bearing first year college courses.
- ▶ 75% chance of obtaining a C or higher in the corresponding credit-bearing first year college courses.

PSAT & SAT COLLEGE READINESS BENCHMARK SCORES

	Evidence-Based Reading and Writing (ERW)	Math
10 th -Grade PSAT/NMSQT	430	480
11 th -Grade PSAT/NMSQT	460	510
SAT	480	530

▶ 75% likelihood of earning at least a C or better in a first semester credit-bearing college course in the related subject.

PSAT & Accuplacer Ivy Tech Community College course placement

PSAT Test Scores	Ivy Tech	Ivy Tech Accuplacer Score Requirement	IDOE PSAT - Accuplacer Indicator	IDOE Accuplacer Score Requirement
Reading	25	Reading 76	≥ 21	69
Writing & Language	26	Sentence Skills 80		
Math	24.5	Elementary Math 74	≥ 23	Chosen program of study levels: 92+ 4-year 74+ 2-year NON-STEM/Business 45+ Technical Field
*Math	27	College Level Math 61		

*Math 135, 136 and 137 require the higher PSAT Math Score