

## ACT<sup>®</sup> and SAT<sup>®</sup> Assessments by Grade Level

	ACT	College Board (SAT)
<b>Grade 3</b>	ACT Aspire <sup>™</sup>	
<b>Grade 4</b>	ACT Aspire	
<b>Grade 5</b>	ACT Aspire	
<b>Grade 6</b>	ACT Aspire	
<b>Grade 7</b>	ACT Aspire	
<b>Grade 8</b>	ACT Aspire	PSAT <sup>™</sup> 8/9
<b>Grade 9</b>	ACT Aspire Early High School	PSAT 8/9
<b>Grade 10</b>	ACT Aspire Early High School	PSAT/NMSQT <sup>®</sup> or PSAT <sup>™</sup> 10
<b>Grade 11</b>	ACT	PSAT/NMSQT <sup>®</sup> and/or SAT
<b>Grade 12</b>	ACT	SAT

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## ACT<sup>®</sup> and SAT<sup>®</sup> Comparison

	ACT	Redesigned SAT
<b>Background</b>	<p>Capstone of the College and Career Readiness System</p> <p>Last assessment of vertically aligned system that tests students from grades 3–12</p>	<p>Anchor of the SAT Suite of Assessments, which focuses on the skills and knowledge that research shows are essential for college and career readiness</p> <p>Tightly aligned with PSAT 8/9, PSAT 10, and PSAT/NMSQT<sup>®</sup></p> <p>Redesigned SAT first available in Spring 2016 (see <a href="#">Comparison of Current SAT and Redesigned SAT</a> for more information)</p> <p>The following information pertains to the Spring 2016 redesigned SAT</p>
<b>What is it?</b>	College readiness assessment used along with many other measures by all colleges/universities to determine student admittance	<p>College admission and readiness test</p> <p>Provides a measure of the skills students need to succeed in college</p>
<b>Which grades can take this?</b>	<p>Grades 11–12</p> <p>Offered on certain days throughout the school year</p>	<p>Grades 11–12</p> <p>Offered on certain days throughout the school year</p>
<b>Content and Format</b>	<p>ACT has 5 tests:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. English</li> <li>2. Math</li> <li>3. Reading</li> <li>4. Science</li> <li>5. Writing (optional)</li> </ol> <p>Most students take the paper/pencil version of the ACT</p> <p>Spring 2015: select states and districts will have their students take the ACT online</p> <p>Items of the first four tests are all multiple choice</p> <p><u>Time allotted for test:</u></p> <p>With Writing Test: 3h and 25 min Without Writing Test: 2h and 55 min</p>	<p>Sections:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Evidence-Based Reading and Writing               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Reading Test</li> <li>b. Writing and Language Test</li> </ol> </li> <li>2. Math</li> <li>3. Essay (optional)</li> </ol> <p>Currently administered via paper/pencil only</p> <p>Evidence-Based Reading and Writing items are all multiple choice</p> <p>Math has multiple-choice and student-produced response (aka grid-in) items</p> <p><u>Time allotted for test:</u></p> <p>With Essay: 3h and 50 min Without Essay: 3h</p>

<b>Costs</b>	<p>ACT plus Writing: \$54.50 ACT: \$38</p> <p>Score reports for 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> college choices: \$12 each</p> <p>Fee waivers are available for the exam and up to four college choices for the score reports</p>	<p>SAT with Essay: \$54.50 SAT: \$43</p> <p>Fee waivers are available for the exam, which includes four score sends to the colleges of the student's choice. Each student who receives a fee waiver also receives an additional four flexible score sends that can be used at any time during the student's testing lifetime</p>
<b>Overview of Scoring</b>	<p><u>Test scores:</u> scores of each subject besides writing; scale scores range from 1–36</p> <p>Writing scores calculated based on the overall impression of two readers who score the essay using a 1–6 score range; Writing scores do not affect the other subject areas or composite scores</p> <p><u>Subscores:</u> scores of subcategories within each test; range from 1–18; subscores do not add up to test scores</p> <p><u>Composite score:</u> average of English, Math, Reading, and Science test scores; ranges from 1-36</p> <p>No penalty for wrong answers</p>	<p><u>Total score:</u> scale ranges from 400–1600; sum of two section scores</p> <p>Essay scores not included in the total or section scores</p> <p><u>Section scores:</u> Evidence-Based Reading and Writing and Math score scales range from 200–800</p> <p><u>Essay scores:</u> scale ranges from 2–8 on each of three dimensions: Reading, Analysis, and Writing</p> <p><u>Test scores:</u> scale ranges from 10–40; Reading, Writing and Language, and Math test scores</p> <p><u>Cross-test scores:</u> scale ranges from 10–40; Analysis in History/Social Studies and Analysis in Science cross-test scores</p> <p><u>Subscores:</u> scale ranges from 1–15; scores drawn from questions within each section (Reading, Writing and Language, and Math); questions can contribute to one or more subscores</p> <p>No penalty for guessing. Students receive 1 point for items answered correctly and 0 points for incorrect answers or items left unanswered</p> <p>See <a href="#">Scores of Redesigned SAT</a> for more information</p>

<p><b>How are the scores used?</b></p>	<p>If students take the Writing Test, they will receive a <u>Combined English/Writing score</u> along with their Writing subscore; the English Test score is weighted as two-thirds and the Writing Test score is weighted as one-third of the total combined score</p> <p><u>National ranks</u>: show percent of recent high school graduates who took the ACT and scored at or below the students' scores</p> <p>"Planning Your Education and Career" section helps students explore college majors and occupations specific to them</p> <p>See <u><a href="#">Understanding Your Scores</a></u> for more information</p>	<p>The redesigned SAT reports more scores than before. New to the SAT, the two cross-test scores and seven new subscores indicate how students tested in specific skill and knowledge areas</p> <p>All other exams in the suite (e.g., PSAT 8/9, PSAT/NMSQT®) share the same score scale so the students' progress can be monitored across grades by the students themselves or educators throughout high school</p> <p>Students' scores will be reported with content-based interpretations of student performance</p>
<p><b>Extra Resources</b></p>	<p><u><a href="#">ACT</a></u></p> <p><u><a href="#">Understanding Your Scores</a></u></p>	<p><u><a href="#">Redesigned SAT</a></u></p> <p><u><a href="#">Comparison of Current SAT and Redesigned SAT</a></u></p> <p><u><a href="#">Scores of Redesigned SAT</a></u></p> <p><u><a href="#">Official SAT® Practice</a></u></p>