2023-24 ACT and SAT DATES

• ACT (<u>www.act.org</u>) \$68/\$93

Test Date	Regular Registration Deadline Late Fee Applies After This Date	Late Registration Deadline	Photo Upload and Standby Deadline
September 9, 2023	August 4	August 18	September 1
October 28, 2023	September 22	October 6	October 20
December 9, 2023	November 3	November 17	December 1
February 10, 2024	January 5	January 19	February 2
April 13, 2024	March 8	March 22	April 5
June 8, 2024	May 3	May 17	May 31
July 13, 2024*	June 7	June 21	July 5

• SAT (https://satsuite.collegeboard.org/sat/registration) \$60

SAT Test Date*	Registration Deadline	Deadline for Changes, Regular Cancellation, and Late Registration
Aug 26, 2023	July 28, 2023	August 15, 2023
Oct 7, 2023	Sep 7, 2023 Register	Sep 26, 2023
Nov 4, 2023	Oct 5, 2023 Register	Oct 24, 2023
Dec 2, 2023	Nov 2, 2023 Register	Nov 21, 2023
Mar 9, 2024 (<u>Digital</u>)**	Feb 23, 2024	February 27, 2024
May 4, 2024 (<u>Digital</u>)**	Apr 19, 2024	April 23, 2024
June 1, 2024 (<u>Digital</u>)**	May 16, 2024	May 21, 2024

Section	SAT	ACT
Reading	52 questions, 65 minutes (75 seconds/question)	40 questions, 35 minutes (53 seconds/question)
Writing and Language / English	44 questions, 35 minutes (48 seconds/question)	75 questions, 45 minutes (36 seconds/question)
Math (Calculator Permitted)	38 questions, 55 minutes (87 seconds/question)	60 questions, 60 minutes (60 seconds/question)
Math (No Calculator)	20 questions, 25 minutes (75 seconds/question)	_
Science	_	40 questions, 35 minutes (53 seconds/question)
Essay (Optional)	_	1 prompt, 40 minutes
TOTAL	154 questions, 3 hours	215 questions + 1 essay 2 hours 55 minutes w/o essay 3 hours 35 minutes w/ essay

Do universities prefer the SAT or the ACT?

It depends on the university. Many colleges and universities in the United States accept either the SAT or the ACT as they do not prefer one test over the other. However, there are a few universities that may prefer one test or require one test over the other for admission.

It is important to check with each university to see if they have any specific requirements or recommendations regarding the SAT and ACT. Some schools may require or recommend one test over the other. Additionally, some universities may consider/require the optional essay section on the ACT, while others may not. It is important to check with each university to see if they require or recommend the optional essay section for the ACT.

Ultimately, you should take the test that you feel most comfortable with and can perform your best on. Many students opt to try both as most colleges typically will take your best score on either one!

Some additional differences between the SAT and ACT Tests:

- 1. SAT vs. ACT Scores (SAT: 400-1600; ACT: 1-36; colleges use a conversion chart)
- 2. Test Sections (Math and Reading/Language for both; ACT also includes a science section. The ACT has an optional writing section that includes a prompt).
- 3. Both tests take a similar amount of time, but there is different pacing involved (see above chart).
- 4. The four sections of the ACT always come in the same order, whereas the order of sections changes on the SAT from each administration. The calculator is allowed on the entire math section of the ACT, whereas on the SAT there is a math section where you can use a calculator and a section where you may not.