



Division of Instructional Programs
Department of Guidance Services

SAT/ACT COMPARISONS

SAT	ACT
Cost: \$51.00 (per test) includes writing test, additional \$27.50 for late registration	Cost: \$36.50 (per test) \$52.50 Plus Writing \$22.00 for late reg.
General Information <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Non-multiple choice questions included Guessing penalty Questions go from easy to hard in most sections Measures academic achievement in Critical Reading, Mathematics and Writing Testing Time Approximately 3 hours & 45 minutes 	General Information <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Entirely multiple choice No guessing penalty Easy & hard questions mixed within sections Measures academic achievement in English, Reading, Science (plus optional writing test) Testing Time Approximately 3 hours (3 hours & 45 minutes including writing test)
Test Contents <i>CRITICAL READING</i> Critical Reading Sentence Level Reading <i>MATHEMATICS</i> Number & Operations Algebra I, II, & Functions Geometry Statistics, Probability & Data Analysis <i>WRITING</i> Multiple Choice Grammar Usage	Test Contents <i>ENGLISH</i> Usage/Mechanics (Punctuation, Grammar & Sentence Structure) Rhetorical Skills (Strategy, & Style) <i>MATHEMATICS</i> Pre-Algebra, Elementary Algebra, Intermediate Algebra, Geometry (Coordinate & Plane), Trigonometry <i>READING</i> Humanities, Natural Science, Prose Fiction, Social Studies <i>SCIENCE</i> Includes Biology, Chemistry, Physics, & Earth/Space sciences <i>WRITING (optional)</i> <i>A student's scores on the Writing Test have no effect on the score of any ACT Assessment Test or the Composite.</i> Writing Skills
Scoring Critical Reading 200 – 800 Mathematics 200 – 800 Writing 200 – 800 Maximum Score 2400	Scoring English 1 – 36 Mathematics 1 – 36 Reading 1 – 36 Science 1 – 36 Maximum Score 1 – 36 Writing (Optional): Two scores reported Combined English/Writing Score 1 – 36 Writing test subscore 2 - 12