

## Sizing up the Heavyweights: ACT vs SAT

	ACT	SAT
<b>Subjects Tested</b>	Math, Science, English, Reading Writing is optional (though required by some colleges)	Math, Writing (includes an Essay), Critical Reading (Note: no science)
<b>Scores</b>	Each subject scored: 1-36 Composite score created (out of 36) Separate score for Writing: 1-12	Each section scored: 200-800 Composite score created (out of 2400)
<b>Length of Test</b>	2 hours, 25 minutes Including Writing: 3 hours, 25 minutes	3 hours, 45 minutes
<b>Questions</b>	215, all multiple choice	Essay, plus 140 questions, some multiple choice, some math requires showing work
<b>Math Content</b>	Algebra, Geometry, 4 questions Trigonometry	Algebra II, Basic Geometry
<b>Penalty for wrong answers</b>	None	¼ point off for each wrong answer, except for math grid-ins
<b>Score History</b>	You decide which to send (easier to hide bad scores)	You decide which to send. If you don't choose, your entire score history is reported automatically; colleges generally consider the best score.