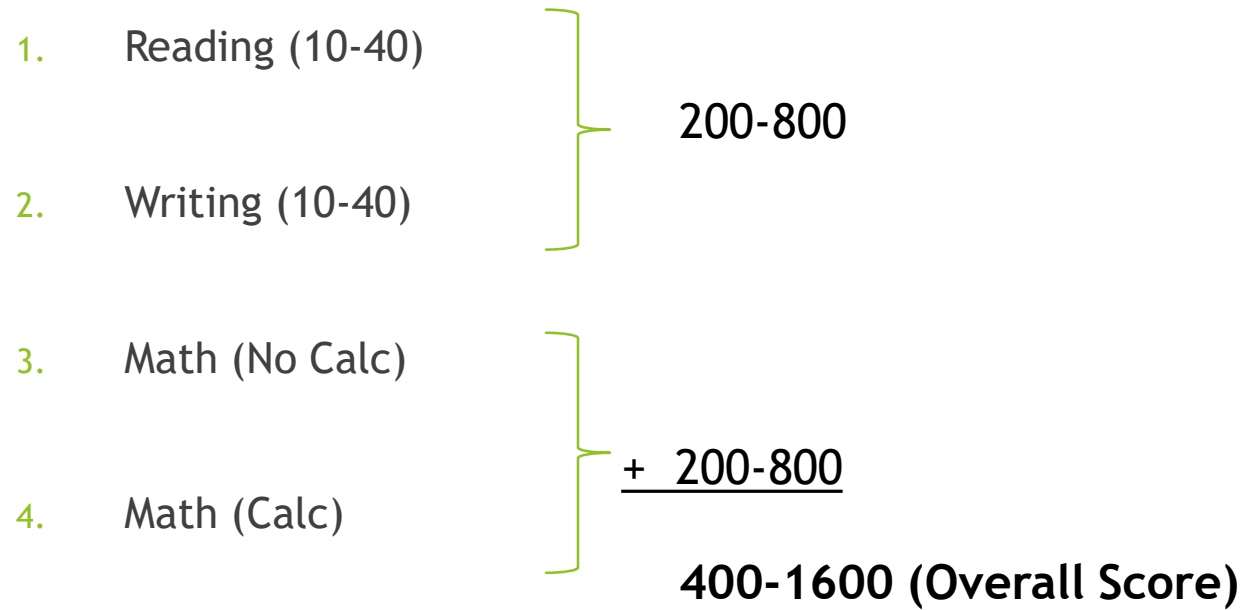


Navigating the “New” SAT/ACT Landscape

Approaching the SAT and ACT

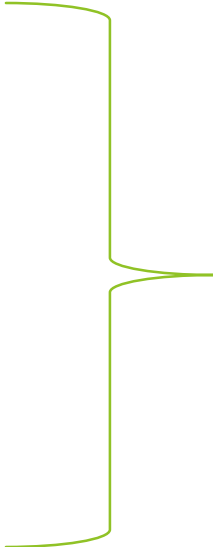
SAT Scores: What You Need To Know



ACT Scores: What You Need To Know

► Four Sections

1. English - 1-36
2. Math - 1-36
3. Reading - 1-36
4. Science - 1-36



Scores are averaged together -
Students receive a
composite score between 1-36,
rounded to the nearest whole
number

A Note on Super Scoring

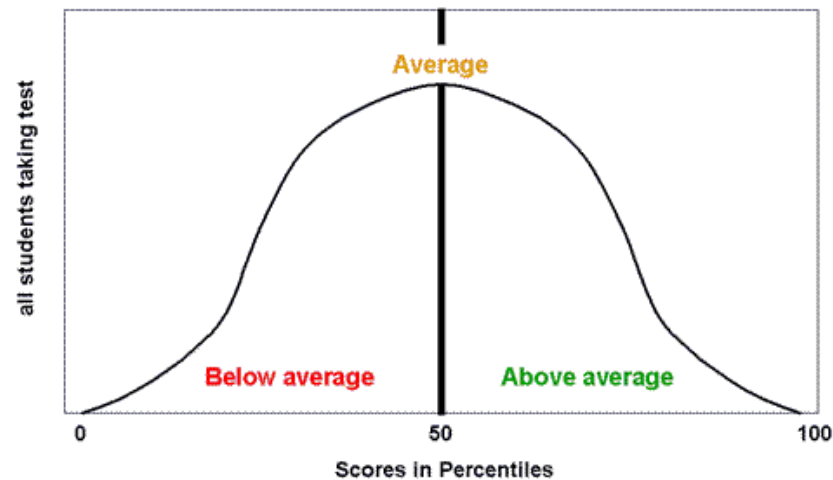
Colleges historically would only accept your best one-time composite score

Many colleges now accept your highest combined average from multiple ACT testing dates

What It Is Really All About

SAT

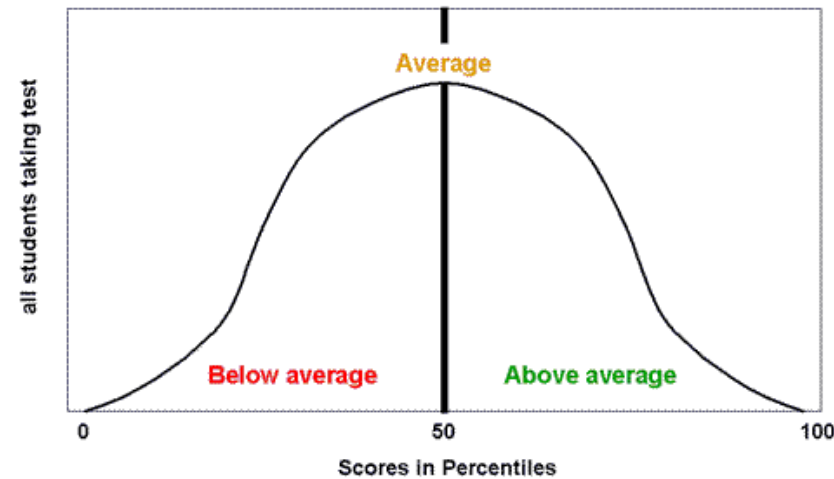
The Bell Curve



Easy Q - Most Get Right
Med Q - Half Get Right
Hard Q - Most Get Wrong

ACT

The Bell Curve



Questions Straight-Forward
Huge Time Crunch
More Advanced Math

ACT Reading v. SAT Reading

ACT Reading

- ▶ 35 Minutes for 40 Questions
- ▶ 4 Passages with 10 Questions
- ▶ **8 min and 45 sec per passage**
- ▶ Questions mostly straightforward
- ▶ Same 4 Passage Types Every Time
 - ▶ Prose Fiction
 - ▶ Social Science
 - ▶ Humanities
 - ▶ Natural Science

SAT Reading

- ▶ 65 Minutes for 52 Questions
- ▶ 5 Passages with 10-11 Questions
- ▶ **13 minutes per passage**
- ▶ Questions vary (easy, medium, hard)
- ▶ Two Passages with Charts and Graphs
- ▶ Passages from Four Areas
 - ▶ Literature (Classic)
 - ▶ Social Studies
 - ▶ Founding Document
 - ▶ Science (2)

ACT English v. SAT Writing

ACT English

- ▶ 45 minutes for 75 questions
- ▶ 5 passages of 15 questions
- ▶ 9 minutes per passage
- ▶ **Two Categories of Questions**
 - ▶ Usage and Mechanics (Grammar)
 - ▶ Rhetorical Skills (Author Ideas and Expression)

SAT Writing

- ▶ 35 minutes for 44 questions
- ▶ 4 passages of 11 questions
- ▶ 8 min 45 sec per passage
- ▶ **Two Categories of Questions**
 - ▶ Standard Conventions (Grammar)
 - ▶ Expression of Ideas

ACT Math v. SAT Math

ACT Math

- ▶ 60 Minutes for 60 Questions
- ▶ Order of Difficulty?
 - ▶ Questions Remain Straight-Forward
 - ▶ Concepts Become More Advanced
 - ▶ More advanced concepts required than on SAT

SAT Math

- ▶ 2 Math Sections
 1. 25 minutes for 20 questions (no calculator)
 2. 55 minutes for 38 questions
- ▶ Order of Difficulty!
 - ▶ Questions become very intricate and require more technical knowledge, especially of high level algebra 2 concepts
 - ▶ Heart of Algebra
 - ▶ Passport to Advanced Math

A Few Additional Notes...

<u>Changes</u>	<u>ACT</u>	<u>SAT</u>
Penalty for Wrong Answers	None	None
Number of Answer Choices per Question	Four choices (Except on Math section where there are five)	Four choices (Except a few open-ended math questions)
Science Skills	Includes a distinct science section Not a test of background knowledge	Some passages include charts and graphs that students will have to interpret - similar to ACT Science passages No distinct science section

How to Proceed???

SAT Testing Dates

SAT Testing Dates

- ▶ March 13
 - ▶ May 8
 - ▶ June 5
 - ▶ August 28*
 - ▶ October 2*
 - ▶ November 6*
 - ▶ December 4*
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- ▶ Additional Dates May Be Added

ACT Testing Dates

ACT Testing Dates

- ▶ February 6
 - ▶ April 17
 - ▶ June 12
 - ▶ July 17
 - ▶ September 11*
 - ▶ October 23*
 - ▶ December 11*
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- ▶ Additional Dates May Be Added

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