

ACT TEST - Check for information and apply at website: www.actstudent.org

1. Every Question Counts
 - Answer every question
 - Only correct answers are counted in your score
 - Your composite score is the average (the mean) of the 4 sections:
 - Grammar usage, punctuation, redundancy, sentence structure
 - Math – algebra, geometry, Algebra II, pre-calculus (trigonometry)
 - Reading comprehension
 - Science reasoning

**It is important to take the ACT at least one time after completion of Algebra II & Chemistry*
2. The composite scores are recorded as your ACT score:
 - Each section is equally counted in the average score
 - Scores from each of the 4 tests cannot be combined with scores from different test dates to calculate the ACT composite.
3. Score comparisons:
 - Average scores are 18 to 22. The highest score is a perfect 36.
 - Score of 21 is national average for admission to 4-Year Colleges.
4. Why take the Writing Test?
 - Some colleges require the Writing Test. Check with the colleges of your choice.
 - Taking the ACT Plus Writing has 2 additional scores beyond the Regular ACT: a Writing Test Sub-score and a Combined English/Writing Score.
 - Writing Sub-score: scored on a 2-12 scale, scoring rubric at www.act.org/aap/writing/sample/rubric.html
 - Combined English/Writing Score: formula of 2/3 English and 1/3 Writing for a combined calculated score on 1-36 scale listed on the Combined English/Writing Scale Scores on the actstudent.org website.
 - Taking the Writing Test does not affect Subject Area Scores or the Composite Score.

Essay is 30 minutes long – scored on a 2-12 scale, scoring rubric at www.act.org/aap/writing/sample/rubric.html

1. Communicate clearly.
2. Make and articulate a perspective on an issue.
3. Maintain a clear focus on the subject throughout the essay.
4. Explain a position by using supporting evidence and logical reasoning.
5. Develop your ideas.
6. Organize your ideas logically and coherently.
7. Use proper sentence structure.
8. Use sound reasoning.

SAT TEST – Check for information and apply at website: www.collegeboard.com

1. Answer questions you know.
2. Answer the questions you are relatively confident of being correct.
3. A fraction is deducted from your score if you answer incorrectly, except on the student-produced math questions.

SAT – essay, math, verbal (English) tests

SAT - Subject Tests – additional testing after Regular SAT has been taken on a previous test date (contact the university of your choice to determine if and which subject tests are required)

STUDY!!! Study every day for 45-60 minutes for at least 6 weeks prior to taking the ACT or SAT test.

Bring to testing: admission ticket, photo ID, 2 or more #2 pencils, approved calculator, drink or snack (for break)