

Rolesville Parent Night

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 Collegewise

Who are we?

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- 12 years of admissions experience
- Three years at Collegewise

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- 12 years of college admissions experience
- Six years of college counseling experience

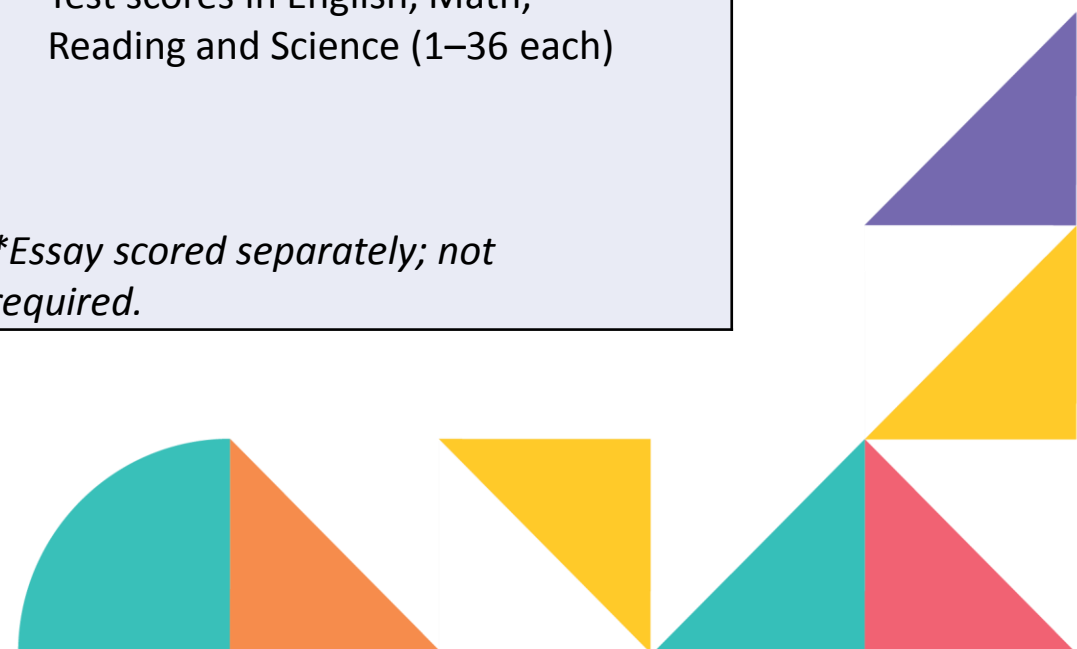


ACT vs SAT



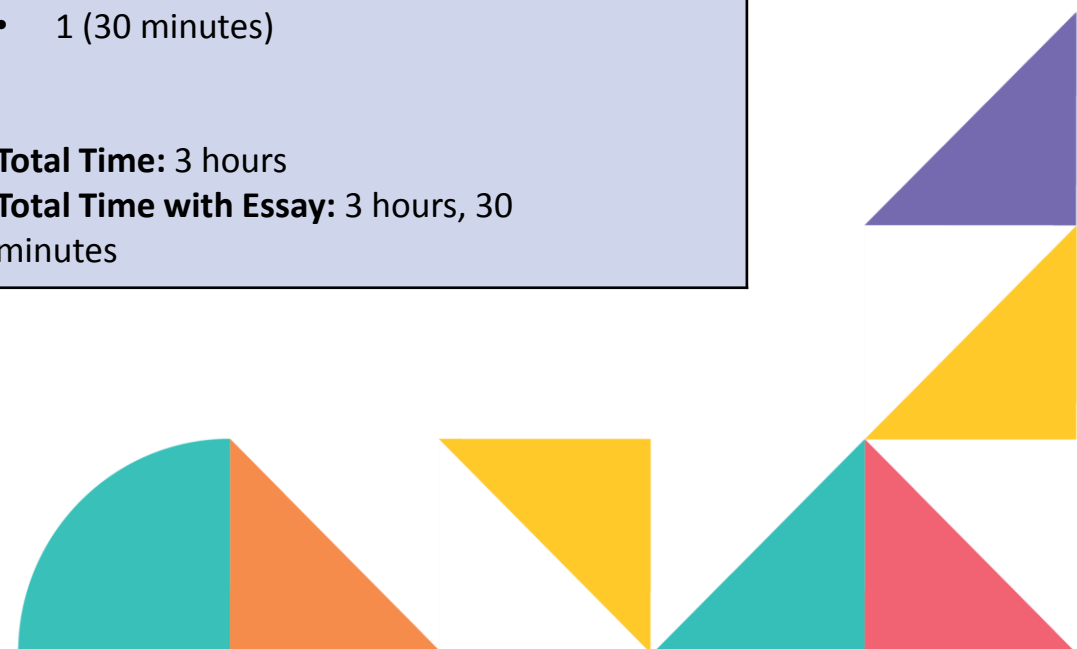
General Format and Scoring

Change	SAT	ACT
SECTIONS	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Math2. Evidence-Based Reading and Writing <p><i>*Optional essay not included in other scores</i></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Math2. Reading3. English4. Science <p><i>*Optional writing test</i></p>
SCORING	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Composite score out of 1600• 200 – 800 for each of the 2 Areas <p>New sub-scoring within each test and across the entire exam.</p> <p><i>*Essay scored separately; not required.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Composite score (1–36)• Test scores in English, Math, Reading and Science (1–36 each) <p><i>*Essay scored separately; not required.</i></p>



Timing

Change	SAT	ACT
TIMING	<p>Math</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1 (Calculator allowed – 55 minutes)• 1 (No Calculator – 20 minutes) <p>Reading</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1 (65 minutes) <p>Writing & Language</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1 (35 minutes) <p>Essay (optional)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1 (50 minutes) <p>Total Time: 3 hours Total Time with Essay: 3 hours, 50 minutes</p>	<p>Math</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1 (60 minutes) <p>Reading</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1 (35 minutes) <p>English</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1 (45 minutes) <p>Science</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1 (35 minutes) <p>Essay (optional)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1 (30 minutes) <p>Total Time: 3 hours Total Time with Essay: 3 hours, 30 minutes</p>



Answers

Change	SAT	ACT
ANSWER CHOICES	4 answer choices per question	4 answer choices per question
INCORRECT ANSWER PENALTY	No penalty for incorrect answers	No penalty for incorrect answers



Big Picture

Topic	Big Picture
Math	More advanced and complex on SAT including more Grid-In (not multiple choice) questions
Reading	Less vocabulary on SAT, but more charts, graphs and references to historical documents
Writing	More grammar on SAT and tested in passages. Optional essay doesn't count toward Composite score.
Answers	Fewer choices on SAT is easier
Guessing	No penalty for wrong answers makes it easier to guess

Is the SAT as coachable as the ACT? Yes!

Deciding between ACT and SAT?

- Like higher order math? -> SAT.
- Do better with language than math? -> ACT.



ACT Tips

Letter of the day!

English Section

6 Comma Rules (ie: Oxford comma)

Math Section

- Pre-Algebra vocabulary and math concept are important (1/3 of exam)**
- Memorize formulas**
- Only 4 Trig problems on the whole exam**

Reading Section

- If you are worried about time only tackle 3 of the 4 reading sections**
- Dual reading passage**

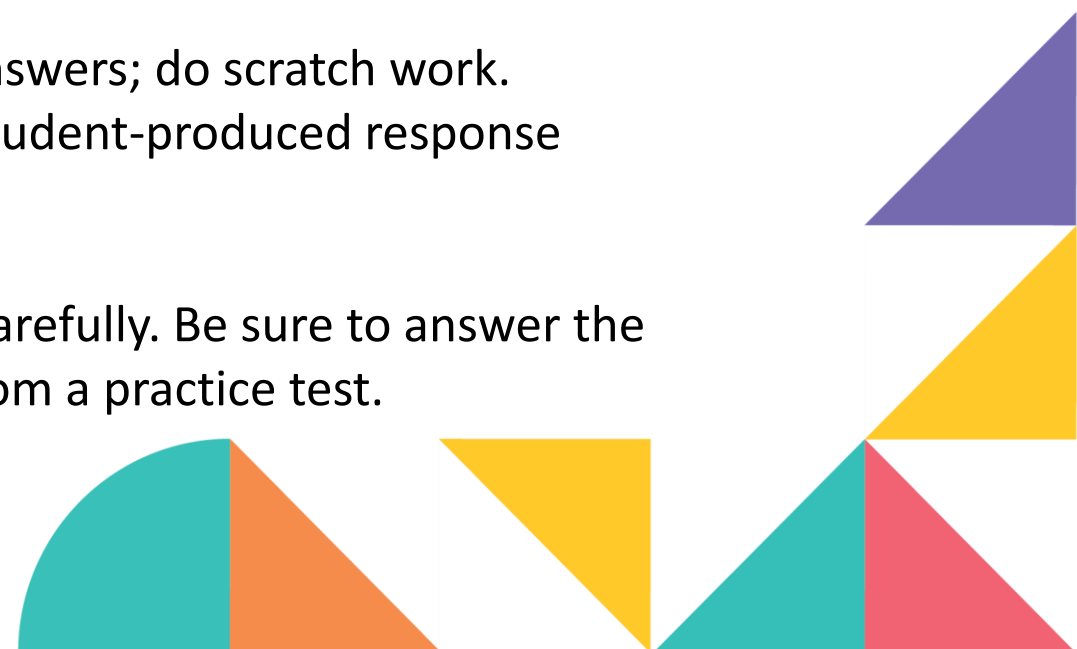
Science Section

- There is no science!**
- Just pay attention to the charts and graphs**
- Do not read the corresponding passages-they are designed to steal your time**



SAT Tips

- Letter of the day!
- Guess...if you can eliminate at least one choice.
- Learn the section directions now. Use time saved to work on questions.
- Know the Question Types to Expect on the SAT I: the SAT consists of a series of small, timed, mini-tests. Keep track of the time you're allotted for each one and how much time remains. * 19 sentence completion * 40 reading comprehension * 35 math multiple-choices * 10 student-produced responses
- Answer easy questions first. Mark skipped questions in your exam book so you can quickly return to them later.
- You can write in the test book: cross out wrong answers; do scratch work.
- Take care when filling in the answer grid for the student-produced response questions.
- Easy questions usually precede hard ones.
- Remember that Read the words in the question carefully. Be sure to answer the question asked and not the question you recall from a practice test.



What's a Good Score?

Colleges	Average ACT	Average SAT
University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill	28-32	1320-1470
North Carolina State University	26-30	1260-1400
Appalachian State University	23-27	1140-1290
East Carolina University	20-24	1030-1180
University of North Carolina at Asheville	24-28	1180-1320
University of North Carolina at Charlotte	21-25	1070-1220
Duke University	31-34	1430-1540



Testing Timeline

Early Action Application Season:

October-December 1

Regular Decision Application Season:

January

Highly Selective Colleges:

Complete standardized testing (SAT/ACT) in **March**

SAT 2/**Subject Test** in May or **June**

Junior Year

Moderately Selective Colleges:

Complete standardized testing (SAT/ACT) in **June**

Junior Year

Last Chance August or **September**

Senior Year



What Happens If I Don't Do Well?

- Test Optional Colleges
- Over **900** Colleges
- Great Colleges: Wake Forest University
- New Colleges Join Each Fall
- FairTest.Org



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3. Subscribe to receive our newsletter, updates, and upcoming seminars.
4. Sign up for a free 30-Minute introductory meeting with a counselor.

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