

SAT & ACT INFORMATION: WHAT YOU NEED FOR 4 YR COLLEGE

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What Are SATs & ACTs and What Do They Measure?

- SATs and ACTs are college entrance exams. Some colleges/universities (particularly private institutions still base admissions decisions in part on the results of standardized tests called the [SAT](#) the [ACT](#). Juniors and seniors in high school usually take these tests to demonstrate their readiness for college level work.
- In general, the ACT and the SAT exams attempt to measure college readiness and predict future academic success. But they do so in very different ways. **The SAT is used more as a predictor of what a student is capable of learning.** It deals with material that the student may NOT have learned in high school. The **ACT measures what a student already knows.** It covers material that the student should have learned during high school.
- **Due to the ongoing challenges presented by the COVID-19 pandemic, in-person testing of the SAT and ACT is NOT likely to take place due to test center cancellations. Therefore, for the SENIOR CLASS of 2022, all UC's, CSU's and 80% of California private and out of state colleges/universities will NOT consider SAT or ACT test scores when making admission decisions or when awarding scholarships. UC's and CSU's have affirmed that they will NOT penalize students for the absence of a standardized test score. Instead they will follow a student centered, holistic approach to admission that will NOT disadvantage any student without a test score Call private and out-of-state college admission office or check their websites just to be sure they are NOT considering SAT/ACT test scores. **NOTE:** *This policy may NOT apply to prospective NCAA student-athletes applying to UC's, CSU's or private colleges. It's your responsibility to check with the admission office of the college you plan to apply to or contact the college coach to determine if SAT/ACT scores will still be required.***

Which Test Should I Take?

- It's always recommended that students check with each college/university in which they plan to apply, for the most current SAT/ACT testing requirements.

Are Practice Tests Available?

- SAT practice tests and preparation books are available both online and in most libraries for little to no cost. Links are provided below for more information about online SAT practice.
 - SAT Test Preparation: <http://sat.collegeboard.com/practice>
- ACT practice tests and preparation books are available both online and in most libraries for little to no cost. Links are provided below for more information on online ACT practice.
 - ACT Test Preparation: <https://www.act.org/content/act/en/products-and-services/the-act/test-preparation/free-act-test-prep.html>

How Do I Register?

- Online registration forms for the SAT can be found by clicking on this hyperlink: www.sat.org
- Online registration forms for the ACT can be found by clicking on this hyperlink: www.act.org

**For More Information*

- Links are provided below for additional information and FAQ's about the SAT tests.
 - What is the SAT? <https://www.kaptest.com/sat/what-is-the-sat>
 - SAT Collegeboard Help: <https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/help>
 - SAT Frequently Asked Questions: <https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/help>

Links provided below contain more information and FAQ's about the ACT test.

- What is the ACT? <https://www.act.org/content/act/en/products-and-services/the-act-educator/the-act-test.html>
- ACT Frequently Asked Questions: <https://www.act.org/content/act/en/newsroom/standardized-testing-in-college-admissions.html#faq>