



College Entrance Test Overview



SAT

The SAT is a college entrance examination that is required for admission to many colleges. The SAT measures skills in evidence-based reading/writing and math. It takes 3 hours to complete the test. Both sections, reading/writing and math, are scored on a scale of 200-800. The best possible score that you can attain on the SAT is a total of 1600. The fee to take the 2017-2018 SAT is \$46.00. There is an optional essay component available to the SAT. The cost of the SAT with the essay portion is \$60.00. For more information about the SAT including test registration, sample tests and more, visit <http://sat.collegeboard.org/home>. Following are the 2017-2018 SAT test dates and registration deadlines:

SAT Test Date	*Registration Deadline	* Late Registration Deadline (Fee Applies)	*Deadline for Changes (Fee Applies)
August 26, 2017	July 28, 2017	August 15, 2017	August 15, 2017
October 7, 2017	September 8, 2017	September 27, 2017	September 27, 2017
November 4, 2017	October 5, 2017	October 25, 2017	October 25, 2017
December 2, 2017	November 2, 2017	November 21, 2017	November 21, 2017
March 10, 2018	February 9, 2018	February 28, 2018	February 28, 2018
May 5, 2018	April 6, 2018	April 25, 2018	April 25, 2018
June 2, 2018	May 3, 2018	May 23, 2018	May 23, 2018

*Deadlines expire at midnight, EDT (U.S.A.)

ACT

The ACT is another common college entrance exam often required for college admission. The ACT measures knowledge and skills in four multiple-choice sections which cover English, math, reading and science reasoning. Students have approximately 3 hours and 30 minutes to complete the 215 questions, including a short break. There is also an optional 30-minute Writing Test. You will want to check to see if your prospective college requires the writing portion. The best possible score on the ACT is a 36. The fee to take the 2017-2018 ACT is \$42.50 without the writing section, and \$58.50 with the writing section. For more information about the ACT including test registration, sample tests and more, visit <http://actstudent.org/>. Following are the 2017-2018 ACT test dates and registration deadlines:

ACT Test Date	Registration Date	Late Registration (Fee Applies)
September 9, 2017	August 4, 2017	August 5-18, 2017
October 28, 2017	September 22, 2017	Sept.23-Oct.6, 2017
December 9, 2017	November 3, 2017	November 4-17, 2017
February 10, 2018	January 12, 2018	January 13-18, 2018
April 14, 2018	March 9, 2018	March 10-23, 2018
June 9, 2018	May 4, 2018	May 5-18, 2018
July 14, 2018	June 15, 2018	June 16-22, 2018

Additional fees apply (for both ACT & SAT) if you register late or make changes to your test type, center or date after registering.

Unless a student receives very high scores on the first attempt of either test, **students are encouraged to take the test again to maximize the best combination of sub scores from multiple test dates for admission and scholarship purposes.** Ideally, a student should take the SAT and/or ACT twice in their junior year so scores are available for early admission and/or scholarship deadlines in the fall of their senior year.

There are several websites that offer free test preparation such as www.number2.com. To prepare for these important tests, consider checking out such sites for free SAT and ACT test preparation courses. Also be sure to see your guidance office and library for any resources that they might be able to provide to help you prepare.

