



# **SAT & ACT**

## **Everything You Need to Know**

For Test Day!

# Register for SAT

1. Before you register - ask your counselor for your SAT fee waiver!!
2. <https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat/register>
3. Create your College Board account
  - a. Personal Information
  - b. GPA, transcript information
  - c. Digital photo .jpg, .png or .gif file
  - d. Select date & location
  - e. Enter SAT fee waiver

## SAT & ACT Test Dates at PHS

October 7

November 4

December 2

February 10 (ACT)

March 9

May 4

# Free Official SAT Test Practice

Khan Academy offers free practice at [satpractice.org](https://satpractice.org)

- Full length practice tests
- Video lessons
- Interactive problems & instant feedback
- Daily practice app

# ON THE DAY OF EXAM DO NOT FORGET....

- Your up-to-date admission ticket
- Acceptable photo ID\*  
<https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat/taking-the-test/id-requirements>
- Two No. 2 pencils with erasers
- An approved calculator
- Your admission ticket

# ON THE DAY OF EXAM YOU MAY WANT TO BRING....

- A watch (without an audible alarm)
- Extra batteries and backup equipment—you'll have to ask for permission to access them. They cannot be on your desk during the test.
- A bag or backpack
- A drink or snacks (for your break)
- Breakfast before you arrive

# ON THE DAY OF EXAM DO NOT BRING....

- Any devices, including digital watches, that can be used to record, transmit, receive, or play back audio, photographic, text, or video content (with the exception of CD players used for Language with Listening Subject Tests only)
- Audio players/recorders, tablets, laptops, notebooks, Google Glass, or any other personal computing devices
- iPods or other MP3 players
- iPads or other tablet devices
- Laptops, notebooks, PDAs or any other personal computing devices
- Any texting device
- Cameras or any other photographic equipment
- Separate timers of any type
- Protractors, compasses, rulers
- Highlighters, colored pens, colored pencils, mechanical pencils
- Pamphlets or papers of any kind
- Dictionaries or other books—there are no exceptions, even if English is not your first language

# Register for ACT

1. Before you register ask your school counselor for your ACT fee waiver

ACT test dates at PHS

February 10, 2024

2. <https://www.act.org/content/act/en/products-and-services/the-act/registration.html>

# Free Official ACT Test Practice

ACT offers free practice at

<https://www.act.org/content/act/en/products-and-services/the-act/test-preparation/free-act-test-prep.html>

- Take official ACT practice tests in all 4 subject areas
- Know exactly what you missed and what you didn't with a score report
- Access related resources to improve your skills based on what you missed
- Retake the test as many times as you want



# SAT vs ACT

The ACT is comprised of a 35-minute reading test, 45-minute English test, 60-minute math section and 35-minute science test. ... For the SAT, total scores range from 400-1600; for the ACT, the composite score runs from 1-36. Those ranges do not include the optional ACT writing test, which is scored separately.

# SAT VS ACT

What is the difference between the SAT and ACT? Although both gauge a student's readiness for university, there are many differences between the two.

1600

## TOP SCORE

Scaled score 400 - 1600.



## TIME

Excluding the optional essay, the SAT is 3 hours long. With the optional essay, total test time increases to 3 hours and 50 minutes.



## READING

The SAT has 5 reading passages.



## MATH

Formulas provided. Calculator allowed for some questions.



## ESSAY

The SAT essay focuses more on comprehension of the source text.



## SCIENCE

No Science based section.



## TIME

Excluding the optional essay, the ACT is 3 hours and 30 minutes. With the optional essay, total test time increases to 4 hours.



## MATH

Formulas not provided. Calculator allowed for all questions.



## SCIENCE

Be prepared to look up data and trends, make predictions and synthesize information.

36

## TOP SCORE

Scaled score 1 - 36.



## READING

The ACT has 4 reading passages.



## ESSAY

The ACT essay focuses more on evaluation and analysis of complex issues.

### TAKE THE SAT IF YOU:

DO WELL WITH VOCABULARY  
NEED MORE TIME TO TAKE TESTS  
PREFER HANDWRITTEN TESTS  
HAVE DIFFICULTY WITH CHARTS



### TAKE THE ACT IF YOU:

STRUGGLE WITH VOCABULARY  
DO WELL AT TIMED TESTS  
PREFER COMPUTER-BASED TESTS  
ARE GOOD WITH CHARTS



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