

# **SAT & ACT**

## **Everything You Need to Know**

For Test Day!

# Register for SAT at PHS

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
  - d. Select date & time (and location- you can take the SAT anywhere it is offered)
  - e. Enter SAT fee waiver

## SAT Test Dates at PHS

October 5

November 2

December 7

March 8

May 3

# ID requirements

## **Must meet these requirements**

- Valid (not expired) photo ID that is government issued or issued by the school that you currently attend
- Be an original, physical document (not a photocopy)
- Bear your full legal name as it appears on your admission ticket

## **Acceptable forms of ID**

- Government issued driver's license or non-driver ID
- School produced ID
- Government issued Passport
- SAT student ID form

## **Unacceptable forms of ID**

- Photocopies of IDs
- Credit or debit cards
- Social Security cards
- Birth certificates

# All SATs and ACTs are digital

## What is stayed the same?

- Still measuring the knowledge and skills that matter most for college and career.
- Still scoring the test on a 1600-point scale.
- Still administering the test in schools or test centers with a proctor present (not at home). Test centers will continue to be open to all students, not just those enrolled in that school.
- Still supporting all students, including those who need accommodations on test day.

## What changed?

- You'll take the SAT on a laptop or tablet.
- You'll take a shorter test, about 2 hours instead of 3.
- You'll have shorter reading passages instead of a few long texts.
- You'll be allowed to use your calculator on the entire Math section and there's a calculator built right into [Bluebook™, the digital testing application](#).

# 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 your exam do not forget....

- Your fully charged testing device with Bluebook application installed and exam setup installed
- Your up-to-date admission ticket from the Bluebook app. Bringing a printed ticket is preferred
- Acceptable photo ID
- Pencils or pens for scratch work
- An acceptable calculator for use on the Math section (there is an embedded graphing calculator available within Bluebook)

# 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

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

No ACT exams are offered at PHS during the 24/25 academic year

# 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

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.

### TAKE THE SAT IF YOU:

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



## 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.

### TAKE THE ACT IF YOU:

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



**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.

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