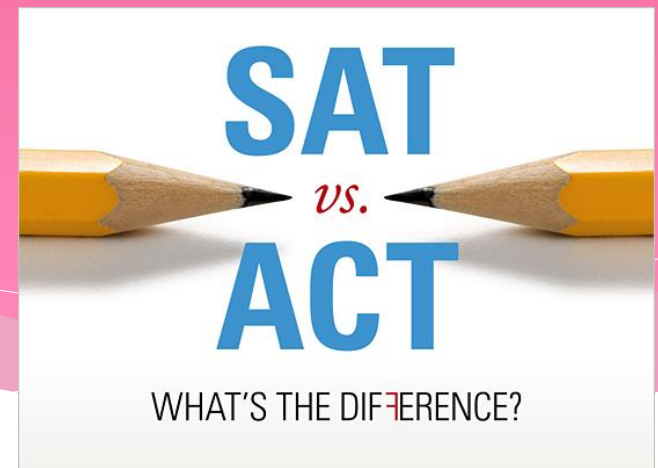


# The SAT vs. ACT

What do you need to know?

2017-2018



# SAT or ACT? Which one?

- \* Colleges accept both tests equally
- \* Generally test the same type of content
- \* Major difference:
  - \* ACT has Science
  - \* SAT has one Math section in which you cannot use a calculator
- \* One advantage of the SAT is that we offer it here at PHS three times a year!
  - \* Next date: December 2, 2017

# SAT:

- \* Structure:

- \* Reading- 52 passage based reading questions with multiple choice responses
- \* Math- 58 questions- 20 questions on the no-calculator portion and 38 on the calculator portion
- \* Writing- tests your comprehension of a source text-44 passage based questions with multiple choice responses

# SAT:

- \* Length:

- \* Without Essay: 3 hours

- \* With Essay: 3 hours and 50 minutes

- \* Scoring:

- \* Scored on a scale of 400-1600

# ACT:

- \* Structure:

- \* English- 75 questions- 5 passages, multiple choice
- \* Math- 60 questions
  - \* A calculator can be used on all math sections
- \* Reading- 40 Questions
- \* Science Reasoning-40 questions- tests your critical thinking skills, not your specific science knowledge)
- \* Optional Essay- will test how well you evaluate and analyze complex issues

# ACT:

- \* Length:
  - \* Without Essay: 2 hours and 55 minutes
  - \* With Essay: 3 hours and 40 minutes
- \* Scoring:
  - \* Scored on a scale of 1-36

# So how do I choose?

- \* The best way to decide which test is right for you is to take a time full-length practice test in each
- \* Since they are very similar, factors like how well you handle time pressure and what time of questions that you find most challenging can help you determine the better fit.

# How do I sign up?

- \* SAT: [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org)
- \* ACT: [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org)
- \* I can NOT do this for a student!



# How much does it cost?

- \* ACT-
  - \* No writing- \$46.00
  - \* With writing- \$62.50
- \* SAT-
  - \* No writing- \$46.00
  - \* With writing- \$60
- \* Fee waivers are available to students to qualify. Students are eligible for 2 waivers for each test in high school.

# When can I take the test?

\* See hand out!

# Where can I take the test?

- \* SAT- PHS on Dec. 2 and Mar. 10
- \* Other test locations depend on the date that you choose. Somewhere in Thomasville or in Albany almost always have the test available
- \* When signing up, you can put in your zip code and it will tell you the closest testing locations.

# Practice:

- \* Books are available in the library that contain practice tests.
- \* <https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat/practice>
- \* <http://www.act.org/content/act/en/products-and-services/the-act/test-preparation.html>

# Questions

