

# *College Entrance Exams*

## *ACT / SAT*

### **What is the ACT?**

[www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org)

The ACT is a national college admissions examination that consists of subject area tests in: English, Mathematics, Reading, and Science. Each section receives a score on the scale of 1–36. Composite ACT score is the average of the scores on the four sections and range from 1-36. The ACT Writing Test is optional.

ACT results are accepted by all 4-year colleges and universities in the U.S.

The ACT includes 215 multiple-choice questions and takes approximately 3 hours and to complete, including a short break (or just about four hours if you are taking the ACT Writing Test). Actual testing time is 2 hours and 55 minutes (add 40 minutes if you are taking the ACT Writing Test).

### **What is the SAT?**

[www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com)

The **SAT Reasoning Test** is a standardized test for college admissions. The SAT consists of two major sections: Mathematics, Writing and Language. Each section receives a score on the scale of 200–800. Composite SAT score is the sum of the two section scores and range from 400-1600. The Essay section is optional.

SAT results are accepted by most 4-year colleges and universities in the U.S.

The test contains 3 hours of actual timed sections not including orientation, distribution of materials, completion of biographical sections, and timed breaks. Add 50 minutes if you are taking the SAT Essay.

The **SAT Subject Tests** demonstrate a student’s mastery of specific subjects: English, history, mathematics, science, and foreign languages. The University of California system does not require SAT Subject Tests, but certain programs on some campuses recommend them.