



# 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 2016-2017 SAT is \$45.00. There is an optional essay component available to the SAT. The cost of the SAT with the essay portion is \$57.00. For more information about the SAT including test registration, sample tests and more, visit <http://sat.collegeboard.org/home>. Following are the 2016-2017 SAT test dates and registration deadlines:

SAT Test Date	*Registration Deadline	* Late Registration Deadline (Fee Applies)	*Deadline for Changes (Fee Applies)
October 1, 2016	September 1, 2016	September 20, 2016	September 20, 2016
November 5, 2016	October 7, 2016	October 25, 2016	October 25, 2016
December 3, 2016	November 3, 2016	November 22, 2016	November 22, 2016
January 21, 2017	December 21, 2016	January 10, 2017	January 10, 2017
March 11, 2017	February 10, 2017	February 28, 2017	February 28, 2017
May 6, 2017	April 7, 2017	April 25, 2017	April 25, 2017
June 3, 2017	May 9, 2017	May 24, 2017	May 24, 2017

\*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 2016-2017 ACT is \$39.50 without the writing section, and \$56.50 with the writing section. For more information about the ACT including test registration, sample tests and more, visit <http://actstudent.org/>. Following are the 2016-2017 ACT test dates and registration deadlines:

ACT Test Date	Registration Date	Late Registration (Fee Applies)
September 10, 2016	August 5, 2016	August 6-19, 2016
October 22, 2016	September 16, 2016	September 17-30, 2016
December 10, 2016	November 4, 2016	November 5-18, 2016
February 11, 2017	January 13, 2017	January 14-20, 2017
April 8, 2017	March 3, 2017	March 4-17, 2017
June 10, 2017	May 5, 2017	May 6-19, 2017

**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](http://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

