



SAT & ACT

everything you need to know about the
College Entrance Exams



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College Admissions Factors

What are the most important factors in college admissions?

Percentage of Colleges that report this is an important factor. Source: 2017 NACAC State of College Admissions

1.	Grades in All Courses:	91%
2.	Grades in College Prep Courses:	89%
3.	Strength of Curriculum:	87%
4.	Admission Test Scores:	82%
5.	Counselor Recommendation:	61%
6.	Teacher Recommendation:	57%
7.	Essay or Writing Sample:	55%
8.	Extracurricular Activities:	44%
9.	Student's Demonstrated Interest:	39%
10.	SAT Subject Test Scores:	38%
11.	Class Rank:	33%
12.	Interview:	22%
13.	Work:	19%
14.	Portfolio:	12%
15.	State Graduation Exam Scores:	10%
16.	AP/IB Scores	9%



Test Optional

SAT or ACT Required

SAT Subject Tests

of
Colleges

- Approximately 1,000

- Approximately 1,300

- 5 Colleges Require
- 13 Colleges Recommend

Important
Notes

- Majority of these schools are open enrollment – minimal admissions requirements
- Some selective schools use this to encourage underrepresented populations to apply
- A complete list of colleges can be found at:
www.fairtest.org

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www.collegeboard.org

- Only a small number require or recommend, but these are among the most selective schools
- Examples include:
Cal Tech
Cornell University
MIT



SAT & ACT Basics

Which test is more widely accepted, ACT or SAT?

Neither. Every school that requires a test accepts either.

Which test should I take?

The test you are performing best on.

How many times can I take the SAT or ACT?

We recommend 2 to 3 times

When do I need to be done with the SAT or ACT?

December of senior year



Testing Timelines

Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sept Oct Nov Dec

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
SAT			X		X	X		X		X	X	X
ACT		X		X		X			X	X		X
Subject Tests					X	X		X		X	X	X
AP Exams					X							

X: recommended



Advanced

Standard

Paced

Scope	10 th Grade	Summer before 11 th Grade	Fall of 11 th Grade	Spring of 11 th Grade	Summer before 12 th Grade	Fall of 12 th Grade
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Military academy • Athletes • Advanced & AP Students 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mock SAT & ACT • PSAT 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PSAT • First SAT or ACT 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Second SAT or ACT • Subject Tests • AP Exams 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Final SAT or ACT • Begin Applications 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any final testing • Submit Applications
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completed Algebra 2 before 11th Grade 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mock SAT & ACT • PSAT 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mock SAT & ACT • Read 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PSAT 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First SAT or ACT • Subject Tests • AP Exams 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Second SAT or ACT • Begin Applications 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Final SAT or ACT • Submit Applications
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not completed Algebra 2 before 11th Grade 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mock SAT & ACT • PSAT 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mock SAT & ACT • Read 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PSAT 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First SAT or ACT • College Applications 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Final SAT or ACT • Begin Submitting Applications



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SAT/ACT Concordance

SAT	ACT	SAT	ACT	SAT	ACT	SAT	ACT	SAT	ACT
1600	36	1410	31	1220	25	1030	20	840	15
1590*	36	1400*	31	1210*	25	1020	19	830	15
1580	36	1390	31	1200	25	1010*	19	820	14
1570	36	1380	30	1190	24	1000	19	810	14
1560	35	1370*	30	1180*	24	990	19	800*	14
1550	35	1360	30	1170	24	980	18	790	14
1540*	35	1350	29	1160	24	970*	18	780	14
1530	35	1340*	29	1150	23	960	18	770	13
1520	34	1330	29	1140	23	950	17	760*	13
1510	34	1320	28	1130	23	940	17	750	13
1500*	34	1310*	28	1120	22	930*	17	740	13
1490	34	1300	28	1110*	22	920	17	730	13
1480	33	1290	27	1100	22	910	16	720	12
1470	33	1280*	27	1090	21	900	16	710*	12
1460*	33	1270	27	1080*	21	890*	16	700	12
1450	33	1260	27	1070	21	880	16	690	12
1440	32	1250	26	1060	21	870	15	680	11
1430*	32	1240*	26	1050	20	860	15	670*	11
1420	32	1230	26	1040*	20	850*	15	660	11

*Use this SAT score when a single score point comparison is needed. Red indicates the 50th percentile score.



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SAT

ACT

Reading Content	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reading Comprehension• Words in Context• Evidenced Based	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reading Comprehension
Writing Content	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Grammar & Rhetorical Skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Grammar & Rhetorical Skills
Math Content	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Algebra• Geometry• Algebra II• Trigonometry• Data Analysis• No Calculator Section	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Arithmetic• Algebra• Geometry• Algebra II• Trigonometry
Science Content	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• No Science section• Science Cross-Test scores from science questions found in every section of the test	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Basic Science Content• Analysis• Interpretation
Essay	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Analytical essay evaluating a 750-word passage	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Persuasive essay discussing a controversial issue



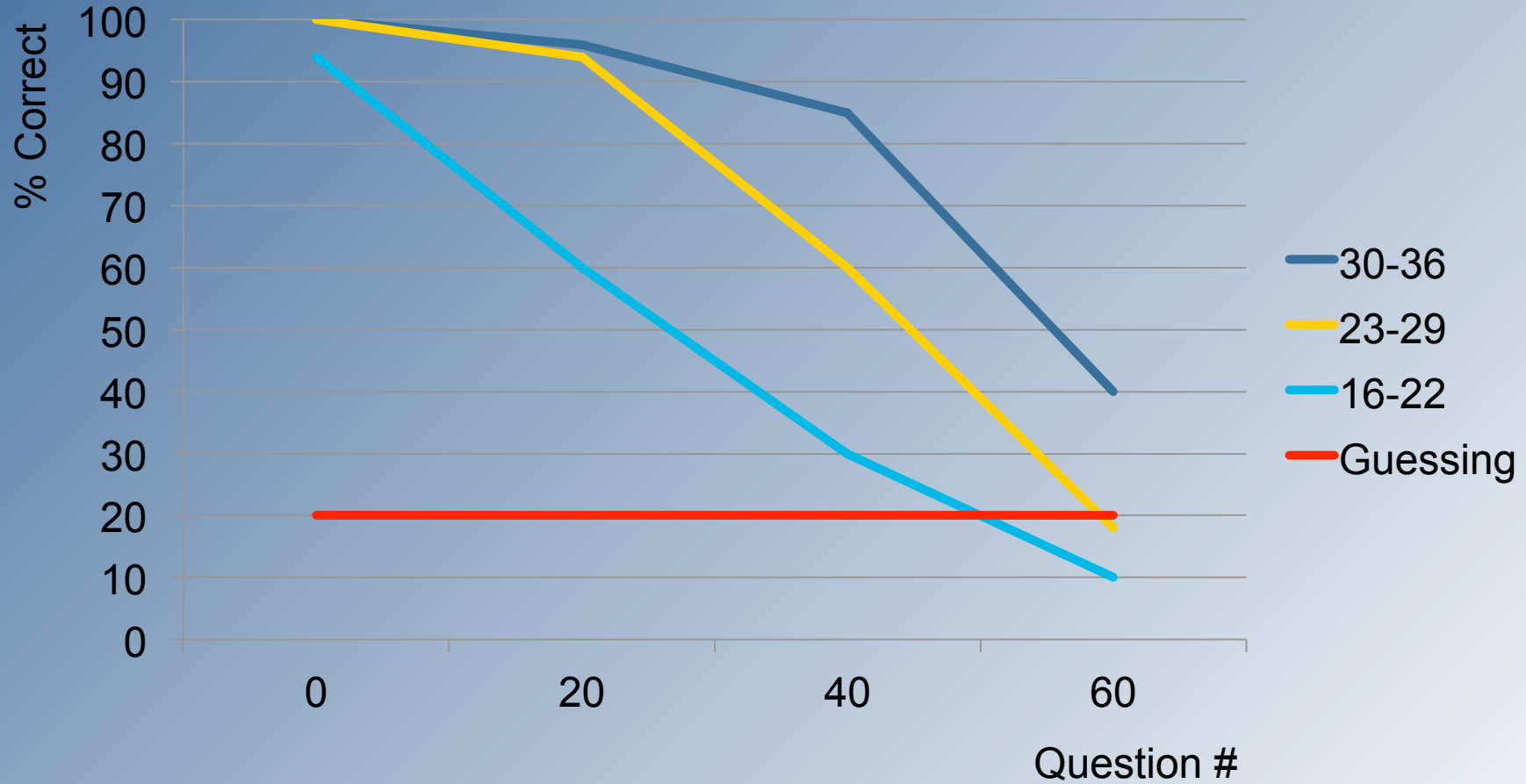
SAT

ACT

Reading Test	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 52 Questions• 65 Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 40 Questions• 35 Minutes
Writing Test	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 44 Questions• 45 Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 75 Questions• 45 Minutes
Math Content	<u>No Calculator</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 20 Questions• 35 Minutes	<u>With Calculator</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 60 Questions• 60 Minutes
	<u>With Calculator</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 38 Questions• 55 Minutes	
Science Content	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• No Science section• 36 or fewer Questions spread throughout the Reading, Writing & Language, and Math Tests	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 40 Questions• 35 Minutes
Essay (optional)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 50 Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 40 Minutes
Seconds per Question	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 78	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 49



ACT Math: Guessing Strategy



Admissions Averages

<u>University</u>	<u>SAT</u>	<u>ACT</u>	<u>%Acceptance</u>
Most Cal States	900 – 1100	19 – 22	40 – 90
Chapman University	1200 – 1380	25 – 30	48
Cal Poly SLO	1200 – 1420	26 – 31	31
UCLA	1250 – 1500	25 – 33	17
USC	1360 – 1540	30 – 33	18
Stanford	1450 – 1590	31 – 35	5
Cal Tech	1530 – 1600	34 – 36	9



Score Acceptance Policies

<u>University</u>	<u>SAT Super</u>	<u>ACT Super</u>	<u>Score Choice</u>
Most Cal States	Yes	Yes	Accepted
Chapman University	Yes	No	Recommends All
Cal Poly SLO	Yes	Yes	Accepted
UCLA	No	No	Requires All
USC	Yes	No	Accepted
Stanford	Yes	No	Requires All
Cal Tech	Yes	Yes	Accepted



Resources

SAT (The College Board)

- www.collegeboard.org
- General Info.: (866) 756-7346
- Students with Disabilities:
(212) 713-8333

ACT

- www.actstudent.org
- General Info.: (319) 337-1000
- Registration: (319) 337-1270
- Records: (319) 337-1313
- Special Testing: (319) 337-1332

PSAT

- www.collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/psat-nmsqt-psat-10
- General Info.: (866) 433-7728
- Students with Disabilities:
(212) 713-8333

AP (Advanced Placement)

- www.apstudent.collegeboard.org/home
- General Info.: (888) 225-5427



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Services

On-Campus Classes

- Engaging High-Energy Instruction
- Comprehensive Review of Content & Strategy

In-Home Tutoring

- Fully Customized, Individual Approach
- Expert Instructors
- Largest Possible Score Increase

Contact

For Information

- Call: (949) 549-1119
- Visit: www.triedandtruetutoring.com

To Enroll in Classes

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