

College and Career Readiness Assignment

11 or 12th Graders

Counseling.9-12.CD.1 - Students identify individual strengths and interests to make informed education and career decisions.

ACT OR SAT

Colleges and Universities use the ACT and SAT placement tests to determine what level of math or English you may need to start enroll in when you start school. Some colleges and universities use your score to determine your eligibility to attend. Each school is different you will need to research the school you are interested in to if they have a cut off score for attendance.

- Read the following comparison
- There are links at the end of each comparison to complete the quiz
- Fill out the quiz and submit

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1HqtrRLe_juyvB-EMb1bQbtig70-oc_MWlCp9gsD1TXg/viewform

The SAT or the ACT

The ACT and the SAT are “standardized test used by admission offices across the country in order to help evaluate the rigor of a student’s high school curriculum, assess the differences between teachers of the same course in the school, and make fair decisions about applicants despite the wide variety of grading systems in U.S. high schools,” according to the College Board. These exams test different material and ask questions in different ways and some students will perform better on one test than another. Combined with a student's academic record, both tests are proven, reliable indicators of college success.

SAT

There is some basic information on the SAT, which is divided into three components—Critical Reading, Math and Writing.

Critical Reading tests students’ ability to identify genres, relationships, cause and effect, rhetoric, arguments, main ideas, authors’ purpose, and structure and function. Math tests students’ knowledge of exponents, absolute value, functions, tangent lines, and more. Writing tests

students' mastery of developing and expressing ideas effectively through a writing sample and multiple choice questions.

2400 is a perfect score.

The average score is 1500: 500 Critical Reading, 500 Math, and 500 Writing.

The cost changes yearly, but fee waivers are available (speak to your guidance counselor).

The SAT tests the subject matter learned by students in high school and how well they apply that knowledge—the critical thinking skills necessary to succeed in college. The SAT is offered seven times a year in the United States and six times at international sites. The test:

- Takes three hours and 45 minutes
- Consists of 10 separately timed sections:
 - Three sections test critical reading (70 minutes total)
 - Three sections test mathematics (70 minutes total)
 - Three sections test writing (60 minutes total)
 - One variable (unscored) section tests critical reading, mathematics, or writing (25 minutes total)
- Assesses critical thinking and problem solving skills in three areas:
 - Critical reading
 - Mathematics
 - Writing
- Includes three kinds of questions:
 - Multiple-choice questions
 - Student-produced responses (mathematics only)
 - Essay question
- Is machine-scored, except for the essay

Click here to find out about registration and test dates: <http://sat.collegeboard.org/home>

ACT

The ACT® test assesses high school students' general educational development and their ability to complete college-level work.

Here is what you should know about the ACT, which is divided into five components—English, Math, Reading, Science, and Writing (optional for some schools, but all Montana schools of higher education require it).

English tests students' rhetorical skills and their grasp of grammar, usage, and sentence structure.

Math tests students' knowledge of pre-algebra, intermediate algebra, coordinate geometry, plane geometry, and trigonometry.

Reading asks students to derive meaning from texts, drawing conclusions and comparisons.

Science tests students' interpretation, analysis, evaluation, reasoning, and problem-solving skills.

Writing gives students a chance display their writing skills by addressing the given prompt.

36 is a perfect score. The average composite score is 21: 21 English, 21 Math, 21 Reading, and 21 Science. (The composite score averages each section.)

The cost changes yearly for the test and the writing component is also required. Fee waivers are available (speak to your guidance counselor).

Students with disabilities can apply for testing accommodations.

·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 30 minutes to complete, including a short break (or just over four hours if you are taking the ACT Plus Writing). Actual testing time is 2 hours and 55 minutes (plus 30 minutes if you are taking the ACT Plus Writing).

The ACT is administered on six test dates within the 50 United States and District of Columbia—in September, October, December, February, April, and June. In other locations, the ACT is administered on five test dates—all of the above dates except September.

The basic registration fee includes score reports for up to four college choices, if you list valid codes when you register. The basic registration fee includes score reports for up to four college choices, if you list valid codes when you register.

ACT information related to content of the ACT test dates, test prep solutions, electronic registration, guidance for students, counseling information, research briefs, etc. ACT home page for student-oriented information. Includes information about ACT registration, test preparation, and the college admissions process.

www.actstudent.org. The only Internet-based test prep program created by the developers of the ACT. Features two complete “retired” ACT tests. Includes personalized study plans for each student.

Fee, registration and dates logon to the following link: <http://www.actstudent.org/>



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