

# WHICH TEST SHOULD YOU TAKE?



1. Do you require testing accommodations?

A. Yes

B. No

2. Do you prefer math/science or reading/writing?

A. Math/Science

B. Reading/Writing

3. Have you taken trigonometry or pre-calculus?

A. Yes

B. No

4. Do you like to focus on details or the big picture?

A. Details

B. Big Picture

5. How frequently do you rely on your calculator for basic math?

A. Often

B. Rarely

**IF YOU ANSWERED  
MOSTLY A**

We recommend the **ACT**.

**IF YOU ANSWERED  
MOSTLY B**

We recommend the **SAT**.

*\*Remember, these are general recommendations. Take a diagnostic SAT and diagnostic ACT to find out which test works best for you.*



# ACT vs. SAT

What are the differences?

## ACT

### English

- Grammar rules (verbs, pronouns, idioms, sentence structure, style, punctuation)

### Math

- Algebra, data analysis, arithmetic, pre-calculus, trigonometry, geometry
- Does NOT provide commonly used formulas for students
- Calculator allowed for 100% of questions

### Reading

- Speed and instant recall in reading comprehension

### Science

- Analyze charts/graphs  
Draw conclusions
- Does not focus on actual scientific knowledge

### Essay

- Write a persuasive argument in response to a specific, modern-day issue
- Optional
- 40 minutes

## SAT

### Writing

- Grammar rules (verbs, pronouns, idioms, sentence structure, style, punctuation)
- Analyze charts/graphs

### Math

- Algebra, data analysis, arithmetic, pre-calculus, trigonometry, geometry
- Provides commonly used formulas for students
- Calculator allowed for only 65% of questions

### Reading

- Drawing inferences and conclusions from evidence
- Founding Documents/Global Conversation passage
- Analyze charts/graphs

### Science

- No Science section

### Essay

- Analyze a given passage and discuss how the author uses evidence and develops their argument
- Optional
- 50 minutes