

# SAT VS. ACT CONTENT COMPARISON

	ACT (paper)	SAT (digital)
English/ Writing & Language	75 questions/5 passages Rhetoric and Standard English Conventions  36 seconds per question	54 questions/Two 32-minute adaptive* modules  Four Categories: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Information and Ideas</li> <li>• Craft and Structure</li> <li>• Expression of Ideas</li> <li>• Standard English Conventions</li> </ul>
Reading	40 questions 4 long passages <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prose, Social Science, Humanities, Natural Science</li> </ul> 52.5 seconds per question	One paragraph per question. Each paragraph is between 20-150 words.  71 seconds per question
Math	60 questions Algebra, Geometry, Trigonometry, Exponents  60 seconds per question	44 questions/Two 35-minute adaptive* modules Arithmetic, Algebra I & II, Functions, Geometry, Statistics & Probability, Trigonometry  95 seconds per question
Science	7 passages/5 questions each Charts/Graphs, Experiments, Opposing Opinions  52.5 seconds per question	Charts/Graphs included in the Verbal and Math Sections
Essay	Persuasive Essay (often school-related) 40 minutes Optional	
Score	36 points per section Composite Score= average of all 4 sections	Verbal = 800 points Math = 800 points Total Score = Verbal plus Math, 1600 points

\*First module of each section contains a mix of easy, medium, and hard questions. Based on how students perform on the first module, the second module of questions will either be more or less difficult.