

## What is the Difference between the SAT and the ACT?

	<b>SAT</b>	<b>ACT</b>																										
<b>Cost</b>	\$46 without essay \$60 with essay Late Fee = additional \$29	No-Writing = \$46 Writing = \$62.50 Late Fee = additional \$29.50																										
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<b>Time</b>	3 hours without essay 3 hours and 50 minutes with essay	No-Writing = 2 hours and 55 minutes Writing = 3 hours and 35 minutes																										
<b>Test Sections</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Evidenced-Based Reading and Writing</li> <li>• Mathematics</li> <li>• Essay (Optional)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• English</li> <li>• Math</li> <li>• Reading</li> <li>• Science</li> <li>• Writing (Optional)</li> </ul>																										
<b>Scoring</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ 1 point for each correct answer</li> <li>❖ No point subtracted for wrong or unanswered items.</li> <li>❖ Reading/Writing and Math sections are 200-800 each</li> <li>❖ Essay scoring consists of 3 scores; reading, analysis, and writing each on a 2-8 scale</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Score is based on the number of questions answered correctly</li> <li>❖ There is no penalty for guessing</li> <li>❖ Highest score on each section is 36 (composite score is total score of each section divided by 4)</li> <li>❖ Writing score is reported on a range of 2-12</li> </ul>																										
<b>Test Strategies</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ <u>Easy-to-hard format</u> except in the evidenced-based reading and writing, where questions are ordered according to logic and organization of each passage</li> <li>✓ Make educated guesses if you can rule out 1 or 2 choices</li> <li>✓ Limit your time on any one question as all questions are worth the same amount of points</li> <li>✓ There is <u>NO</u> five minute announcement with this test so the student needs to watch the time they have remaining!</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Not in easy-to-hard format, go through whole section and answer the ones you know first</li> <li>✓ English, Reading, and Science ask for the "best" answer (may be more than one correct answer, pick the BEST one)</li> <li>✓ Mathematics asks for the "correct" answer</li> <li>✓ Answer the easy questions first</li> <li>✓ Use logic on more difficult questions, eliminate as many incorrect answers as you can</li> <li>✓ 5 minute announcement before</li> </ul>																										

\*Indicates the tests offered at Amherst County High School

\*\*\*Students who qualify for a fee waiver are allowed 2 SAT and 2 ACT fee waivers if available (see your counselor)