

A Comparison of Major Features for the Michigan College Entrance Exam

The Redesigned
SAT[®]

ACT^{®1}

Measures a deep understanding of the skills and knowledge that research shows are essential for college and career readiness and success.	PURPOSE OF THE TEST	Curriculum- and standards-based educational and career planning tool that assesses students' academic readiness for college.
Rights-only scoring	NO PENALTY FOR GUESSING	Rights-only scoring
Results accepted by all four-year colleges and universities in the United States.	WHO ACCEPTS THIS TEST	Results accepted by all four-year colleges and universities in the United States.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Free personalized, world-class practice from Khan Academy[®] – Sample questions – 4 full-length practice tests – The Official SAT Question of the Day[™] 	FREE PRACTICE MATERIALS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – ACT Question of the Day – Sample test questions
Yes, for eligible students with documented disabilities	TESTING ACCOMMODATIONS	Yes, for eligible students with documented disabilities
3 hours 50 minutes	TOTAL TESTING TIME	3 hours 35 minutes
3 tests + optional ² essay	COMPONENTS	4 tests + optional writing test
Mandatory for MI SAT School Day testing, optional off-site 1 prompt, 50 minutes	ESSAY	Optional, 1 prompt, 40 minutes
Composite 400–1600	SCORE RANGE	Composite 1 to 36 Writing domain scores 2–12

Reading Test:

- 65 Minutes,
52 Questions

Writing and Language Test:

- 35 Minutes,
44 Questions

Math Test:

- 80 Minutes,
58 Questions

*Use of a calculator
on some problems*

Reading Test:

- 35 Minutes,
40 Questions

English Test:

- 45 Minutes,
75 Questions

Math Test:

- 60 Minutes,
60 Questions

*Use of a calculator
on all problems*

Science Test:

- 35 Minutes,
40 Questions

**TEST LENGTH
AND TIMING**

Total Score:

- Sum of the two section scores

Section Scores:

- Evidence-Based Reading and Writing
- Math

Test Scores:

- Reading
- Writing and Language
- Math

SAT Essay Scores:

- Reading
- Analysis
- Writing

Cross-Test Scores:³

- Analysis in History/Social Studies
- Analysis in Science

Subscores:

- Reading and Writing and Language:
 - Command of Evidence
 - Words in Context
- Writing and Language:
 - Expression of Ideas
 - Standard English Conventions
- Math:
 - Heart of Algebra
 - Problem Solving and Data Analysis
 - Passport to Advanced Math

**INFORMATION
MADE
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Scale Scores:

- Composite (overall) score
- English Scale Score and Usage/
Mechanics and Rhetorical Skills
Subscores
- Mathematics Scale Score and
Pre-Algebra/Elem. Algebra, Algebra/
Coord. Geometry, Plane Geometry/
Trig. Subscores
- Reading Scale Score and Social
Studies/Sciences and Arts/Literature
Subscores
- Science Scale Score
- Combined English/Writing Score
and Writing Subscore

The student's national percentile ranking is also reported in the composite score as well as in each of the scale and subscores.

The Michigan Department of Education (MDE) has announced that it will transition to using the SAT as part of the Michigan Merit Examination (MME). The state will also offer the PSAT™ 8/9 and PSAT™ 10 to ninth- and 10th-grade students free of charge in the spring.

The SAT is accepted at **all Michigan universities** and is already a familiar test to many in the state. The test keeps pace with what colleges are looking for today, focusing on the few durable things that evidence shows matter most for college and career readiness and success. And it reflects what Michigan students are already learning in their classrooms.

1. ACT data was retrieved July 2, 2015, from <http://www.act.org> and <http://www.actstudent.org>.
 2. The Essay Component is optional for national administration of the SAT, but it is mandatory for Michigan SAT School Day.
 3. Based on selected questions in the Reading, Writing and Language, and Math Tests. *Please note that Analysis in Science and Analysis in History/Social Studies scores are subject to ongoing research.*