



MERIT Minutes

"Maximizing Education to Realize Intellectual Transformation"

SAT or ACT? What's the Difference?

Which should you take? Do colleges prefer one over the other?

Nearly every college and university will accept both the SAT and the ACT, so students are generally advised to try both and then focus on which test they perform best on. Here is a quick summary of the differences between them:

SAT	Test	ACT
\$49.50 without essay; \$64.50 with essay	Cost	\$46.00 without essay; \$62.50 with essay
200-800 per 2-part section, section scores are added to yield a total score of 400-1600	Score range	1-36 per section, section scores are averaged to yield a composite score of 1-36.
Reading and Writing, Math (with and without calculator)	Sections	English, Math, Reading, Science
154	# of questions	215
180 minutes	Total testing time, not including breaks and essay	175 minutes
1200 out of 1600	Zell Miller Scholarship score (from one sitting)	Composite score of 26 out of 36
1300-1460	Middle 50% of scores for admitted students at UGA in Class of 2023	30-34
1400-1530	Middle 50% of scores for admitted students at Ga Tech in Class of 2023	31-34
First math part is no-calculator Math questions tend to be longer Math formulas are included	Major differences between tests	Can use calculator on all math questions Includes science section Contains more questions

➔ Colleges generally will use only your best scores in admissions decisions, so don't be afraid to submit both your ACT and SAT scores if you have taken both tests.



Upcoming:

Monday, Dec. 2
at 6:30 PM -
Thomasville
Christmas
Parade

Sat., Dec. 7 -
SAT at TCCHS

Saturday, Dec.
14 - SWAYJ

Friday, Dec. 20
- last day of
school in 2019



TIP: Most colleges superscore - they will combine your best scores across different administrations of the same test.

NEED MORE INFORMATION?

Stop by the TCCHS MERIT Office in E-3 to get your questions answered, or email TCCHS MERIT Coordinator Erin White at ewhite@tcjackets.net, or contact your Guidance Counselor.