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What to Know About the SAT/ACT during COVID-19



The ongoing Coronavirus pandemic has had devastating effects on many aspects of the high school experience for students, and standardized testing is no exception.

Although many colleges have dropped the SAT/ACT testing requirement as part of their admissions process, it is still one of the many ways to convey a sense of academic achievement to any university!

Luckily, preparation for the SAT/ACT has not changed. The same material will be tested under the same formats, but testing will occur on an altered schedule.

Check out the new testing dates alongside some helpful tips for each test!

INFORMATION & TIPS



- The next SAT will be administered on August 29, 2020 and will then be offered monthly except for January, February, and April.
- Although the ACT is usually offered every other month, additional test dates have been added in September (12th, 13th, 19th) and October (10th, 17th, 24th, 25th).



- The SAT is divided into an Evidence-Based Reading/Writing section and Math section and is scored on a 400-1600 scale.
- The ACT is divided into four sections (English, Math, Reading, and Science) which are each scored on a 1-36 scale then averaged to obtain the composite score.



- It is absolutely crucial to remain mindful while taking either test to ensure the best score possible.
- Stress can cause the loss of crucial time on an already timely exam, so relaxation is key.
- It is also helpful to remember that scores are only a single component of any college application!



- While many families are under financial hardship, the SAT and ACT have retained their standard costs.
- The SAT costs \$49.50 or \$64.50 with essay, and the ACT costs \$52 or \$68 with essay.
- If these costs seem out of range, school counselors can often assist with obtaining test fee waivers!

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