

5 Reasons to Take BOTH the SAT and ACT

Want to increase your college admissions options but cut down on stress? Learn why taking both the SAT and ACT exams is a smart choice.

1. You'll Give More Information to the Admissions Committee

Why take both the SAT and ACT
Princeton University's dean of admissions is on record as saying:
“...more information is always better. If students choose one or the other, that’s fine, because some of the most selective schools are reporting that as much as a quarter (or more!) of their enrolled students submitted scores for both exams.

School % frosh enrolled in fall 2016 that submitted ACT AND SAT scores

Stanford University	31%
Harvard College	16%
Yale University	19%
Princeton University	18%
MIT	26%
University of Chicago	16%
Cal Tech	28%

That said, most colleges require EITHER the SAT or ACT, and many offer score choice, allowing you to report only your best scores on either exam.



2. You Can Prep More Efficiently

You’re applying to competitive schools and crafting a stellar college application—which means you’ll likely end up taking the SAT or ACT more than once to get the scores you want. If you start by taking both tests, you’ll be able to make an informed decision about which one best displays your strengths, and work on raising those scores.

3. You Can Cut Down on Stress!

Knowing you have more than one option will lower your stress level—helping you perform better on test day.

4. You Might Cut Down the Number of Tests You Need to Take

Some schools require applicants to submit scores from EITHER the ACT OR the SAT plus 2 to 3 SAT Subject tests. If you plan to take the SAT, taking the ACT too will cover you just in case something goes wrong on one of the SAT Subject tests.

5. You'll Have More Options

Considering both tests gives you a lot more flexibility when it comes to choosing test dates.

What’s the downside? More time and more cost in prep. You’ll need to invest time to get into your reach schools, but we’ll make sure you prep efficiently, and we have excellent options to help you prep for both cost-effectively.

If you would like more info, call us at 5108 2798.

Are you looking for strategic college advice based on your personality and goals? Our College Counselors will help you find, apply and get accepted to your dream school.