

## Preparing for the SAT or the ACT

### Test prep workshops

Kaplan Test Preparation. [www.kaptest.com](http://www.kaptest.com). 1-800-KAPTEST. Classroom sessions cost approximately \$699-899. There is also an on-line option that costs less and private tutors available.

Sylvan Learning. [www.sylvanlearning.com](http://www.sylvanlearning.com). 1-800-EDUCATE. Local office: 290-6877 or email at [info@sylvantucson.com](mailto:info@sylvantucson.com).

### On-line Resources

[www.collegeboard.com/quickstart](http://www.collegeboard.com/quickstart) Provides free practice and explains correct answers on the PSAT.

<http://www.actstudent.org/plan/index.html> Interprets and uses your results on the PLAN test.

[www.collegeboard.com/satprep](http://www.collegeboard.com/satprep) Free test directions and practice questions. Official SAT practice test.

[www.collegeboard.com/satonlinecourse](http://www.collegeboard.com/satonlinecourse) Official SAT online course with interactive instruction.

[www.actstudent.org/testprep](http://www.actstudent.org/testprep) Costs 19.95 for a year, but does have some free resources.

[www.collegeboard.com/student/testing/sat/prep\\_one/prep\\_one.html](http://www.collegeboard.com/student/testing/sat/prep_one/prep_one.html) List of official SAT prep resources.

[www.testprepreview.com](http://www.testprepreview.com)

[www.princetonreview.com](http://www.princetonreview.com)

[www.eKnowledge.com/NFL](http://www.eKnowledge.com/NFL) Free SAT/ACT prep course for TUSD students. Enter the Sponsorship Code number 8ACEE9445 and then enter Tucson Unified School District as name of school. You can order the SAT/ACT Powerprep DVD or CD ROM free of charge (\$200 Value).

## SAT vs. ACT

### SAT I

### ACT

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| <p>Designed to measure academic <b>aptitude</b> in terms of verbal, written, and numerical reasoning.</p> <p>Critical Reading:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sentence completions</li> <li>Passage Based               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Vocabulary in context</li> <li>Literal Comprehension</li> <li>Extended Reasoning</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Writing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Write an essay taking a position on an issue</li> <li>Multiple choice questions on standard written English               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Improving sentences</li> <li>Identifying sentence errors</li> <li>Improving paragraphs</li> </ul> </li> </ul> | <p>Designed to measure academic <b>achievement</b> in the areas of English, mathematics, reading, and science reasoning.</p> <p>English:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Usage/Mechanics               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Punctuation</li> <li>Basic grammar/usage</li> <li>Sentence structure</li> </ul> </li> <li>Rhetorical Skills               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Strategy</li> <li>Organization</li> <li>Style</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Reading:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Prose Fiction</li> <li>Humanities</li> <li>Social Studies</li> <li>Natural Sciences</li> </ul> <p>Writing (optional):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Write on essay taking a position on an issue</li> </ul> |
| <p>Mathematics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Numbers and Operations</li> <li>Algebra and Functions</li> <li>Geometry and Measurement</li> <li>Data Analysis, Statistics, and Probability</li> </ul>  | <p>Mathematics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pre-Algebra</li> <li>Elementary Algebra</li> <li>Intermediate Algebra</li> <li>Coordinate Geometry</li> <li>Plane Geometry</li> <li>Trigonometry</li> </ul>   |
|  | <p>Science:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Biology</li> <li>Earth/Space Sciences</li> <li>Chemistry</li> <li>Physics</li> </ul>  |
| <p>Small penalty for wrong answers.</p>  | <p>No penalty for guessing.</p>  |