

You may have heard the news: the SAT® has changed—radically. And while both the ACT and SAT are accepted and equally valued by all four-year US colleges and universities, **MORE STUDENTS ARE TURNING TO THE ACT.**

OF 2015 HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES:



Note: Some students take both tests.

7 REASONS THE ACT® TEST LEADS THE WAY

Here's why more students are taking the ACT.

1 IT'S TRIED AND TRUE ...
Students and colleges have relied on ACT scores for more than 50 years. And our focus has ALWAYS been on how ready students are for college and career, based on what they've learned in high school. That's one reason why more than 3 million students took the ACT last year.

In 2016, the SAT introduced a major shift from testing aptitude to testing how ready students are for college and career. **ACT has *always* done this.**

2 ... BUT EVOLVES WITH THE TIMES.
The ACT tests the skills and abilities students need to be ready for college and career. Ongoing research affects every update we make to the test.

3 IT'S BUILT WITH DIRECT INPUT FROM EDUCATORS.
Every few years, ACT polls **thousands** of US educators on skills and knowledge needed for college-level courses. This ensures that the ACT is continually improved and *always* measures what students need to succeed.

Who guides each test?

- › Nearly 10,000 high school and college educators and business professionals participated in the most recent ACT National Curriculum Survey®.
- › The SAT relies on a group of selected subject matter experts.

4 IT STANDS ALONE IN HELPING STUDENTS PREPARE FOR STEM FUTURES ...
ACT research shows that 49% of students have an interest in STEM (science, technology, engineering, math) college majors and careers.

The SAT *still* does not include a science test or a focus on STEM.

5 ... AND REMAINS THE ONLY COLLEGE ENTRANCE TEST THAT OFFERS A SCIENCE SECTION AND SCORE.

The ACT science test:

- › Contributes to the **ACT STEM score**, which is compared to the ACT STEM Benchmark to indicate readiness for college courses
- › Includes a **STEM ranking** to help students see where they stand against other students' ACT STEM scores

ACT offers test prep resources, such as:

- › *Preparing for the ACT*
- › *The Official ACT Prep Guide*
- › ACT Online Prep™
- › ACT® Kaplan Online Prep Live

6 IT'S STUDENT FRIENDLY.
Taking rigorous high school courses has always been the best way to prepare for the ACT because it's based on what students are learning. But additional practice can help students do their best. ACT offers a range of no-cost and affordable test prep resources at www.actstudent.org.

Students can:

- › Explore career options
- › Share their needs, interests, and career choices with colleges

7 IT'S MORE THAN AN ADMISSIONS EXAM.
ACT knows students are "more than a score" and helps them plan for their futures with tools such as the **ACT Interest Inventory**, the **Student Profile Section**, the **Career Map**, and the **Career Readiness Indicator**.



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