

# A Comparison of Major Features for the Michigan College Entrance Exam

The Redesigned  
**SAT**<sup>®</sup>

**ACT**<sup>®1</sup>

Measures a deep understanding of the skills and knowledge that research shows are essential for college and career readiness and success.	<b>PURPOSE OF THE TEST</b>	Curriculum- and standards-based educational and career planning tool that assesses students' academic readiness for college.
Rights-only scoring	<b>SCORING</b>	Rights-only scoring
Results accepted by all four-year colleges and universities in the United States.	<b>WHO ACCEPTS THIS TEST</b>	Results accepted by all four-year colleges and universities in the United States.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Free personalized, world-class practice from Khan Academy<sup>®</sup></li> <li>- Sample questions</li> <li>- 4 full-length practice tests</li> <li>- The Official SAT Question of the Day<sup>™</sup></li> </ul>	<b>PRACTICE MATERIALS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- ACT Question of the Day</li> <li>- Sample test questions</li> </ul>
Yes, for eligible students with documented disabilities	<b>TESTING ACCOMMODATIONS</b>	Yes, for eligible students with documented disabilities
3 hours 50 minutes	<b>TOTAL TESTING TIME</b>	3 hours 35 minutes
3 tests + optional <sup>2</sup> essay	<b>COMPONENTS</b>	4 tests + optional writing test
Mandatory for MI SAT School Day testing, optional off-site 1 prompt, 50 minutes	<b>ESSAY</b>	Optional, 1 prompt, 40 minutes
Composite 400–1600	<b>SCORE RANGE</b>	Composite 1 to 36 Writing domain scores 2–12

**Reading Test:**

- 65 Minutes,  
52 Questions

**Writing and Language Test:**

- 35 Minutes,  
44 Questions

**Math Test:**

- 80 Minutes,  
58 Questions

*Use of a calculator  
on some problems*

**TEST LENGTH  
AND TIMING**

**Reading Test:**

- 35 Minutes,  
40 Questions

**English Test:**

- 45 Minutes,  
75 Questions

**Math Test:**

- 60 Minutes,  
60 Questions

*Use of a calculator  
on all problems*

**Science Test:**

- 35 Minutes,  
40 Questions

**Total Score:**

- Sum of the two section scores

**Section Scores:**

- Evidence-Based Reading and Writing
- Math

**Test Scores:**

- Reading
- Writing and Language
- Math

**SAT Essay Scores:**

- Reading
- Analysis
- Writing

**Cross-Test Scores:**<sup>3</sup>

- Analysis in History/Social Studies
- Analysis in Science

**Subscores:**

- Reading and Writing and Language:
  - Command of Evidence
  - Words in Context
- Writing and Language:
  - Expression of Ideas
  - Standard English Conventions
- Math:
  - Heart of Algebra
  - Problem Solving and Data Analysis
  - Passport to Advanced Math

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**Scale Scores:**

- Composite (overall) score
- English Scale Score and Usage/  
Mechanics and Rhetorical Skills  
Subscores
- Mathematics Scale Score and  
Pre-Algebra/Elem. Algebra, Algebra/  
Coord. Geometry, Plane Geometry/  
Trig. Subscores
- Reading Scale Score and Social  
Studies/Sciences and Arts/Literature  
Subscores
- Science Scale Score
- Combined English/Writing Score  
and Writing Subscore

The student's national percentile ranking is also reported in the composite score as well as in each of the scale and subscores.

The Michigan Department of Education (MDE) has announced that it will transition to using the SAT as part of the Michigan Merit Examination (MME). The state will also offer the PSAT<sup>™</sup> 8/9 and PSAT<sup>™</sup> 10 to ninth- and 10th-grade students free of charge in the spring.

The SAT is accepted at **all Michigan universities** and is already a familiar test to many in the state. The test keeps pace with what colleges are looking for today, focusing on the few durable things that evidence shows matter most for college and career readiness and success. And it reflects what Michigan students are already learning in their classrooms.

1. ACT data was retrieved July 2, 2015, from <http://www.act.org> and <http://www.actstudent.org>.

2. The Essay Component is optional for national administration of the SAT, but it is mandatory for Michigan SAT School Day.

3. Based on selected questions in the Reading, Writing and Language, and Math Tests. *Please note that Analysis in Science and Analysis in History/Social Studies scores are subject to ongoing research.*