




College Admission Test Prep

Two Ways to Improve Your Score

Unless your score *far exceeds* the average at all of your prospective schools, you will want to dedicate some time to prepping before you take an official test. **Improving your score by even a hundred points on the SAT or 1 point on the ACT can significantly boost your chances of admission at many schools.** – Princeton Review

	ACT®	SAT
What are my practice options?	ACT Academy	Khan Academy
How much does it cost?	Free	Free
What are some features of each practice option?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Online • Educational games to drive mastery of content • Full-length practice tests • Section practice tests • Personalized study plan 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Online • Interactive problems • Video lessons • Full-length practice tests • Personalized study plan • Instant SAT Essay feedback
How can I raise my score?	ACT recommends practicing at least 30 minutes per day, 2-3 days a week; a sample schedule is on the website.	20 hours on Khan Academy was associated with an average 115-point increase from the PSAT/NMSQT to the SAT.
How do I get started practicing?	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Sign in to www.academy.act.org <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Click “Sign In.” Enter a username and password of your choosing and enter the campus Class Code provided by your counselor or coach. Check “I’m here to practice for the ACT.” Share Your Scores <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Enter your ACT or PreACT test score(s) on the Dashboard OR take quizzes to get a personalized practice plan. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Sign in to www.khanacademy.org/sat <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Click “Start Practicing.” Enter your class code or log-in with your existing username and password. Link your accounts. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> When prompted, agree to link your Khan Academy and College Board accounts. Send Your Scores <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Log in to your College Board account, and hit “Send” to send your scores for a personalized practice plan.
What is the total score range?	<p><u>Total score range: 1-36</u></p> <p>Each section uses a scale of 1-36. Your total score is the average of your four section scores.</p> <p>The optional Writing section uses a <u>scale of 2-12</u> and does not count toward your final score.</p>	<p><u>Total score range: 400-1600</u></p> <p>The Evidence-Based Reading and Writing (ERW) and Math (M) sections each use a scale of 200-800 and are combined for a total score.</p> <p>The optional Essay uses <u>three separate scales of 1-8</u> and does not count toward your final score.</p>
What are the 2019 mean/average scores?	<p>National – Composite: 20.9</p> <p>Texas – Composite: 20.5</p>	<p>National – Total: 1059, ERW: 531, M: 528</p> <p>Texas – Total: 1022, ERW: 515, M: 507</p>

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Why take the test?	Colleges use ACT scores to make admissions decisions and to offer merit-based scholarships	Colleges use ACT scores to make admissions decisions and to offer merit-based scholarships
How long is the test?	3 hrs. 15 min without Writing 3 hrs. 35 min with Writing	3 hrs. without Essay 3 hrs. 50 min with Essay
What is the order of sections? How much time is allotted per section?	1. English: 45 min 2. Math Calculator: 60 min 3. Reading: 35 min 4. Science: 35 min 5. Writing (optional): 40 min	1. Reading: 65 min 2. Writing and Language: 35 min 3. Math No Calculator: 25 min 4. Math Calculator: 55 min 5. Essay (optional): 50 min
How many questions are in each section?	English: 75 questions Math: 60 questions Reading: 40 questions Science: 40 questions Writing (optional): 1 essay	Reading: 52 questions Writing and Language: 44 questions Math No Calculator: 20 questions Math Calculator: 38 questions Essay (optional): 1 essay
How much does the test cost?	\$50.50 without Writing \$67.50 with Writing Note: FWISD students take one ACT at no charge and fee waivers are available for additional tests.	\$46.50 without Essay \$64.50 with Essay Note: FWISD students take one SAT at no charge and fee waivers are available for additional tests.
Who Accepts Scores?	Accepted by all colleges and universities in the United States	Accepted by all colleges and universities in the United States

Tips for the FWISD Testing Timeline

9th Grade:

- Students who are taking Pre-AP English or Math should practice the PSAT/NMSQT prior to testing in **October** of their 9th grade year.

10th Grade:

- All students should practice the PSAT prior to testing in **October** of their 10th grade year.
- Upon receiving test scores, students should sign-up for personalized test practice via Khan Academy.

11th Grade:

- Students should practice the PSAT prior to testing in **October** of their 11th grade year.
- Upon receiving test scores, students should sign-up for personalized test practice via Khan Academy (www.satpractice.org) to prepare for the **School Day SAT** in **March**.
- Students should practice the ACT via ACT Academy (www.academy.act.org) to prepare for the **School Day ACT** in **March**.

12th Grade:

- Students may re-test for the ACT and/or SAT as needed by registering for the test in the Go Center located on their high school campus. Fee waivers are available for students in grades 11 and 12.

My Class Code is: _____
 (Provided by campus Counselor or College & Career Readiness Coach)