



The Junior Great Debate..... ACT or SAT?

With college looming in the future, many juniors are wondering if they should take a nationally administered ACT or just wait and take the free state-administered SAT. While this remains a personal decision, some juniors are choosing to take both. Students can then compare their results from the two platforms and decide which platform would be best for a potential retake! Below you will find a brief comparison of the two exams.

Please check the School Counseling Department webpage for links to free practice materials for both exams. Please remember that the counselors will take care of registering juniors for the free SAT! <http://cmhs-guidance.weebly.com>



- ✓ Used for college admissions decisions
- ✓ Used for dual credit decisions and college course placement
- ✓ Nationally administered standardized test
ACT: \$63.00 ACT + Writing: \$88.00
- ✓ Fee Waivers for 11th/12th grade students who qualify for free/reduced lunch
- ✓ Comprised of tests in the following areas:

English	45 Minutes/75 Questions
Math	60 Minutes/60 Questions
Reading	35 Minutes/40 Questions
Science	35 Minutes/40 Questions
Writing (Optional)	40 Minutes
- ✓ There are 4 subtests scored from 1 to 36
 1. English
 2. Math
 3. Reading
 4. Sciencewith a composite score between 1 and 36
- ✓ **NOT FREE**... ACT is no longer administered for free as part of the junior state assessment.



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SAT: \$55 SAT + Essay: Does not exist!
- ✓ Fee Waivers for 11th/12th grade students who qualify for free/reduced lunch
- ✓ Comprised of tests in the following areas:

Reading	65 Minutes/52 Questions
Writing & Language	35 Minutes/44 Questions
Math (No Calculator)	25 Minutes/20 Questions
Math (With Calculator)	55 Minutes/38 Questions
Essay (Optional)	50 Minutes (only on state SAT)
- ✓ There are 2 sections scored from 200 to 800
 1. Evidence-Based Reading & Writing
 2. Mathwith a total score between 400-1600
- ✓ **FREE**...SAT is the new test administered for free as part of the junior year state assessment and is scheduled to be given on April 12, 2023!