

# About the ACT



Most colleges accept the ACT in lieu of the SAT. One great advantage is that you can take the test several times and choose which score to submit. In February 2005 an optional 30 minute essay was added to the ACT. Some schools may require the essay, so be sure to ask before you take the test.

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

## **Why take it?**

*Many colleges and universities accept it (check with your schools to see what tests they want)*

## **How is it scored?**

*A composite score between 1 and 36 is given based on the average of 4 sections*

## **How long is it?**

*Actual testing time is 2 hours and 55 minutes; but with the added 30 minute Writing Test, total testing time is 3 hours, 30 minutes*

## **When should you take it?**

*Check Web site for dates offered*

## **How to register?**

*Visit [www.act.org](http://www.act.org) or see your school counselor*

## **ACT Section by Section:**

### **ENGLISH**

- 75 multiple-choice questions
- 45 minute section

### **MATH**

- 60 multiple-choice questions
- 60 minute section

### **READING**

- 40 multiple-choice questions
- 35 minute section

### **SCIENCE**

- 40 multiple-choice questions
- 35 minute section

### **WRITING**

- 1 optional essay
- 30 minute section