



College Entrance Assessment Selection Form

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Previously, you received a letter outlining the option for students to choose either the ACT or SAT college entrance assessment. Students in their 3rd year of high school may select one option at no cost to you. All tests will be administered during the school day and all Aiken County students are encouraged to participate in one of the assessments. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact your school counselor.

Please place a check in the box beside your choice and complete the information below.

Check One	College Entrance Assessments
<input type="checkbox"/>	ACT - I want my son/daughter to take the ACT for free.
<input type="checkbox"/>	SAT - I want my son/daughter to take the SAT for free.
<input type="checkbox"/>	My son's/daughter's Individualized Education Program (IEP) team determined, and agreed in writing, that taking either of these assessments would not be aligned with his/her program of study and he/she should not take either assessment.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Even though administration of the ACT or the SAT to my son/daughter is free, I do not want my student tested.

Student Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____
(Please Print **Last Name** and **Full First Name**)

Print: Parent or Guardian Name _____

Parent or Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____

Please return this form to the Guidance Office as soon as possible but no later than **October 30, 2017**

ACT or SAT? Summary Overview

	SAT	ACT
Purpose	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For college admissions and merit-based scholarships 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For college admissions and merit-based scholarships
Test Content	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reading Writing & Language Math Essay 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> English Math Reading Essay Science Reasoning
Math Content	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Arithmetic Algebra I & II Geometry, Trigonometry and Data Analysis 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Arithmetic Algebra I & II Geometry and Trigonometry
Science	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No science content 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 science section testing critical thinking skills (not specific science knowledge)
Reading	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Five Reading passages 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Four Reading passages
Calculator Use	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Some math questions do not allow you to use a calculator. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A calculator is allowed on all math questions.
Duration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3 hours, 50 minutes (with essay) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3 hours, 40 minutes (with essay)
Scoring	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scored on a scale of 400–1600 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scored on a scale of 1-36
Incorrect Answers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No penalty for incorrect answers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No penalty for incorrect answers

On which test will I do better?

The ACT is designed to evaluate overall educational development whereas the SAT is designed to evaluate a student's general thinking and problem-solving abilities. The ACT may include more grammar and punctuation, whereas the SAT includes more vocabulary. Both tests are approximately the same duration and neither test penalizes a test-taker for incorrect answers.

Each test has a somewhat different structure, so the very best way to determine which test is better suited for you is to take a practice test of each. That way you can receive an actual score and compare the results on both tests to make a determination regarding which is most appropriate for you. You may also ask your counselor for help in determining the best test for you during your 11th grade IGP meeting.