

Division of Curriculum and Instruction Department of Guidance Services

## **SAT/ACT COMPARISONS**

SAT	ACT
Cost: \$47.00 (per test) includes writing test, additional \$24.00 for late registration	<b>Cost:</b> \$33.00 (per test) \$48.00 Plus Writing \$21.00 for late reg.
General Information  Non-multiple choice questions included Guessing penalty Questions go from easy to hard in most sections Measures academic achievement in Critical Reading, Mathematics and Writing Testing Time Approximately 3 hours & 45 minutes	General Information  Intirely multiple choice  No guessing penalty Easy & hard questions mixed within sections Measures academic achievement in English, Reading, Science (plus optional writing test) Testing Time Approximately 3 hours (3 hours & 45 minutes including writing test)
Test Contents CRITICAL READING Critical Reading Sentence Level Reading	Test Contents  ENGLISH  Usage/Mechanics (Punctuation, Grammar & Sentence Structure) Rhetorical Skills (Strategy, & Style)
MATHEMATICS  Number & Operations Algebra I, II, & Functions Geometry Statistics, Probability & Data Analysis  WRITING Multiple Choice Grammar Usage	MATHEMATICS Pre-Algebra, Elementary Algebra, Intermediate Algebra, Geometry (Coordinate &Plane), Trigonometry  READING Humanities, Natural Science, Prose Fiction, Social Studies SCIENCE Includes Biology, Chemistry, Physics, & Earth/Space sciences WRITING (optional) A student's scores on the Writing Test have no effect on the score of any ACT Assessment Test or the Composite. Writing Skills
Scoring Critical Reading 200 – 800 Mathematics 200 – 800 Writing 200 – 800 Maximum Score 2400	Scoring English 1 – 36 Mathematics 1 – 36 Reading 1 – 36 Science 1 – 36 Maximum Score 1 – 36 Writing (Optional): Two scores reported Combined English/Writing Score 1 – 36 Writing test subscore 2 - 12