

New ACT vs Digital SAT: What Are the Main Differences?

	DSAT	New ACT (as of Sept. 2025)
Administration Format	Computer-Adaptive Exam	Choice of Digital Exam or Paper Booklet, Pencil
Length of exam	2 hours, 14 minutes	2 hours, 5 minutes (without science)
Total # of questions/tasks	98 Questions	131 questions, 171 questions with optional science
Sections	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reading and Writing Module 1 • Reading and Writing Module 2 • Math Module 1 • Math Module 2 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • English • Math • Reading • Science (optional) • Writing (optional essay)
Questions per section	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reading and Writing: 54 (27/module) • Math: 44 (22/module) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • English: 50 • Math: 45 • Reading: 36 • Science: 40 • Writing: 1
Time per section (in minutes)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reading and Writing: 32/module • Math Module: 35/module 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • English: 35 • Math: 50 • Reading: 40 • Science: 40 • Writing: 40
Time per question	Approximately 65 seconds	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • English: approx. 42 seconds • Math and Reading: approx. 67 seconds • Science: approx. 60 seconds
Guessing penalty	None	None
Score range	400-1600	1-36
What you can use on the exam	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Built into digital testing application: graphing calculator, countdown clock, question flagger, annotator, math reference sheet • Provided by test taker: pencil and snacks 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Built into digital testing application: graphing calculator, color contrast, magnification, line readers, highlighting and review marks • Provided by test taker: pencil and snacks