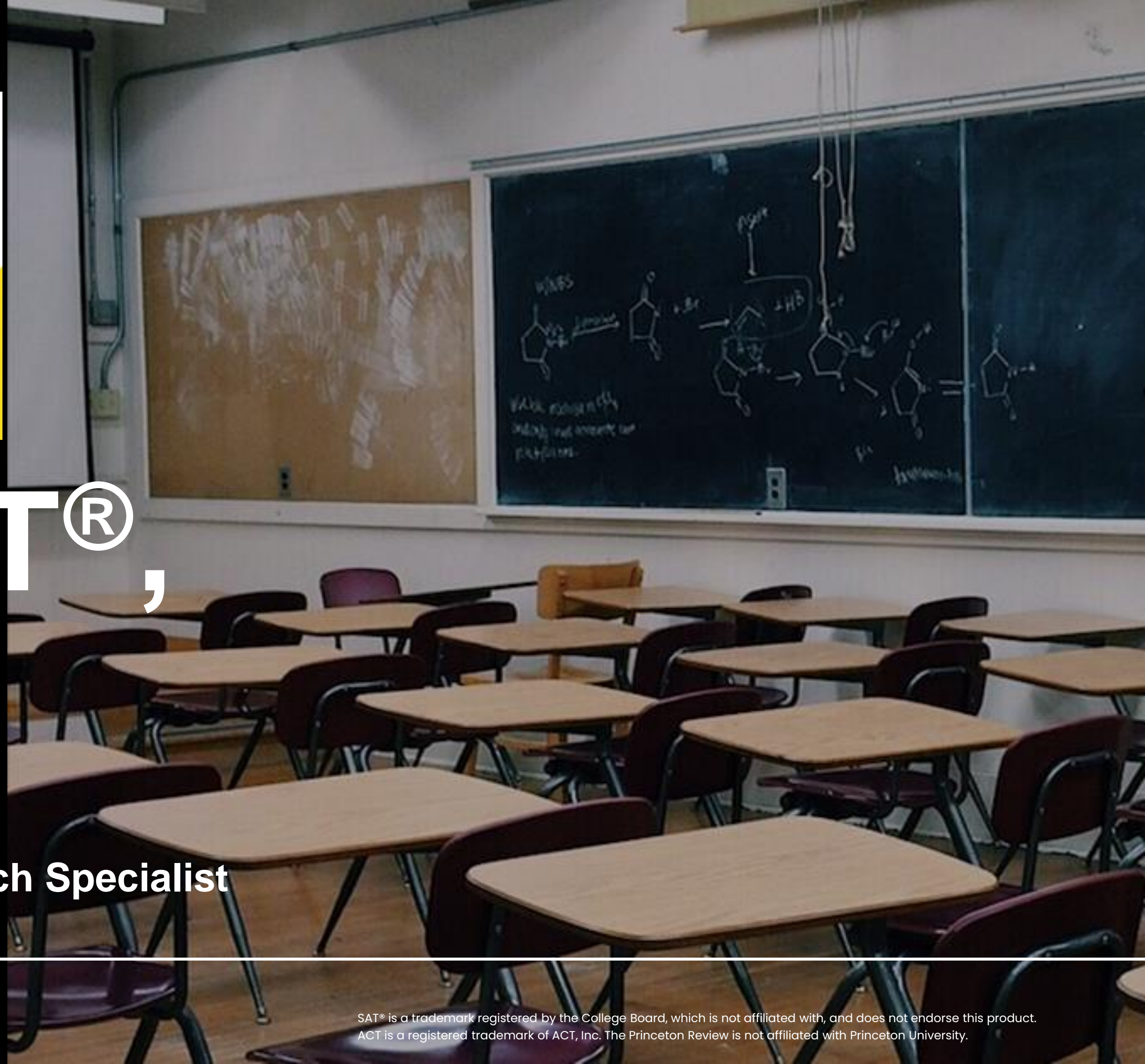




# SAT<sup>®</sup>, ACT<sup>®</sup>, or Both?

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# SAT, ACT, OR BOTH?

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**Truths  
and  
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**Similarities  
and  
Differences**

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**Improving  
Your  
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# TRUTHS AND MISCONCEPTIONS



**The SAT and the ACT serve  
the exact same purpose:**

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***They are college  
admissions exams***

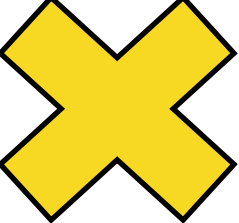
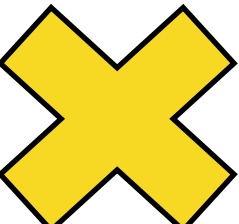
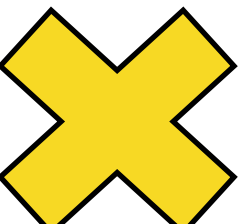


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# DO SAT & ACT SCORES STILL MATTER?

In *The Best 389 Colleges*:

**93% OF SCHOOLS  
WILL STILL WANT TO SEE  
HIGH TEST SCORES  
IF STUDENTS SUBMIT THEM**

# WHAT DO STANDARDIZED TESTS MEASURE?

<b>Do College Admissions Tests Like the SAT &amp; ACT...</b>	<b>True</b>	<b>False</b>
<b>Measure your intelligence?</b>		
<b>Reflect your high school GPA?</b>		
<b>Predict your college GPA?</b>		
<b>Test what you've learned in high school?</b>		

# STANDARDIZED TESTS ARE COMPLETELY DIFFERENT FROM YOUR HIGH SCHOOL TESTS

<b>HIGH SCHOOL TESTS</b>
Limited Subject Matter
Content Knowledge
Plenty of Time
Partial Credit or Extra Credit
Human Graded
One Element of Overall Grade

<b>STANDARDIZED TESTS</b>
Years of Material
Testing Strategy
Rigorously Timed
Right or Wrong Answers
Machine Graded
Only Your Final Score Matters



**Should I take  
the SAT or ACT?**

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**Know your basic task on  
the SAT or ACT  
will be the same**





# SIMILARITIES AND DIFFERENCES

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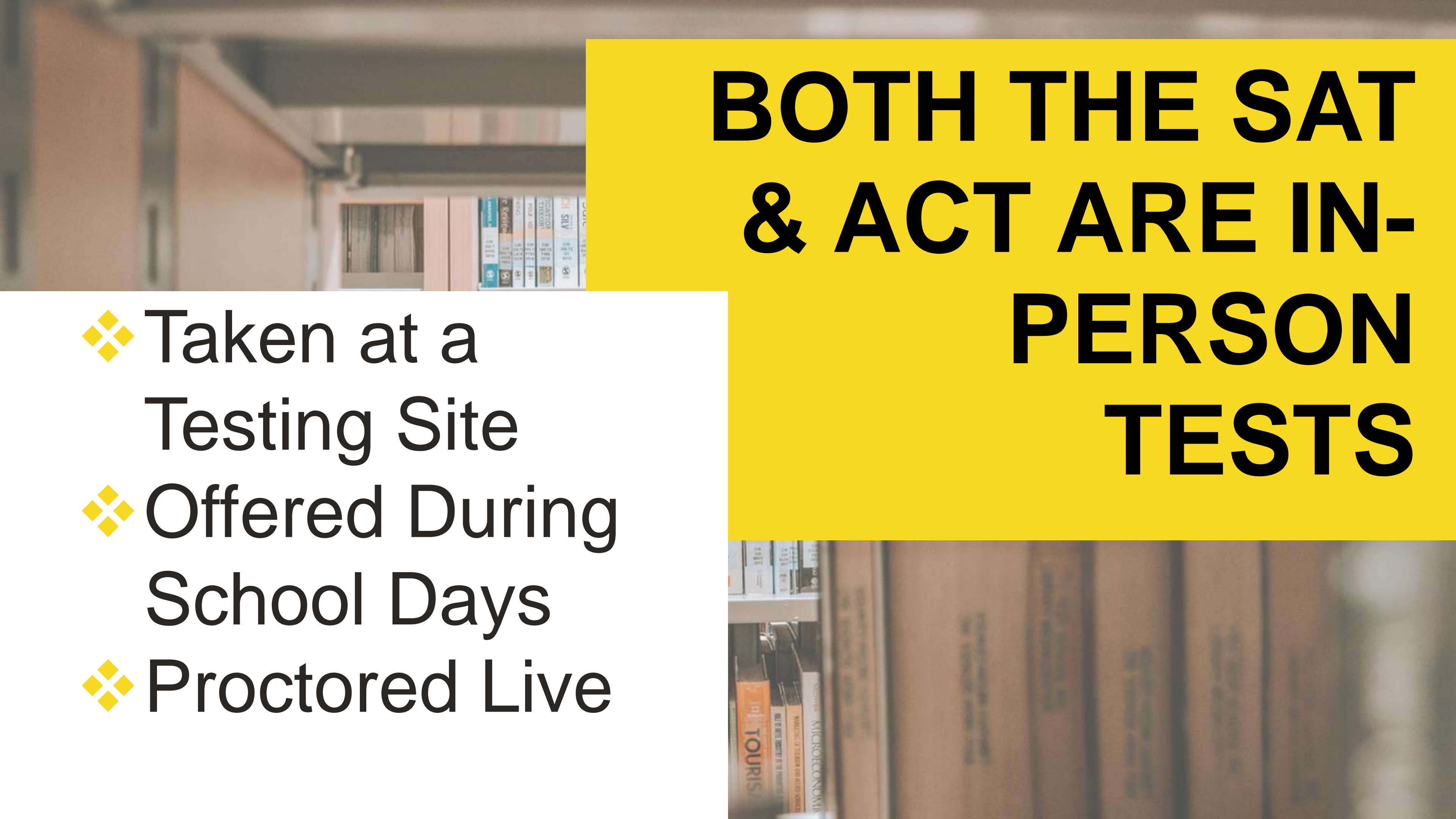
**THE SAT IS GOING**

***DIGITAL***

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**NOT**

**ONLINE**



# **BOTH THE SAT & ACT ARE IN- PERSON TESTS**

- ❖ Taken at a Testing Site
- ❖ Offered During School Days
- ❖ Proctored Live



# **BOTH THE SAT AND ACT REQUIRE STUDENTS TO:**

- ❖ **Analyze reading passages**
- ❖ **Edit and revise writing**
- ❖ **Solve high school math**
- ❖ **Analyze scientific data**

# SAT & ACT

## SECTION-BY-SECTION

### SAT SECTIONS

Reading and Writing (Module One)	27 Questions	32 Minutes
Reading and Writing (Module Two)	27 Questions	32 Minutes
Math (Module One)	22 Questions	35 Minutes
Math (Module Two)	22 Questions	35 Minutes

### ACT SECTIONS

English	75 questions	45 minutes
Math	60 questions	60 minutes
Reading	40 questions	35 minutes
Science	40 questions	35 minutes

# THE SAT IS A COMPUTER ADAPTIVE TEST

## FIRST MODULE

Mix of Easy, Medium,  
and Hard Questions

DO BETTER

## SECOND MODULE

More difficult overall

DO WORSE

## SECOND MODULE

Less difficult overall

# WHAT IS A GOOD SCORE?

**A GOOD SCORE**  
**IS THE SCORE THAT**  
**GETS YOU INTO YOUR**  
**DREAM COLLEGE**

# WHERE WILL YOUR SCORES TAKE YOU?

<b>SCHOOL</b>	<b>SAT 25%</b>	<b>SAT 75%*</b>	<b>ACT 25%</b>	<b>ACT 75%*</b>
<b>Colorado State University</b>	1070	1290	23	29
<b>Duke University</b>	1450	1570	33	35
<b>Scripps College</b>	1390	1510	32	34
<b>The University of Notre Dame</b>	1420	1550	32	35
<b>University of Connecticut</b>	1210	1390	26	31
<b>University of Oregon</b>	1080	1290	22	28

\* SAT scores are reflective of the Evidence Based Reading & Writing and Math scores. The data is self-reported from the schools and represents data during the 2021-2022 school year. \* ACT scores are reflective of the Composite ACT score and are self-reported from the schools and represent data during the 2021-2022 school year.

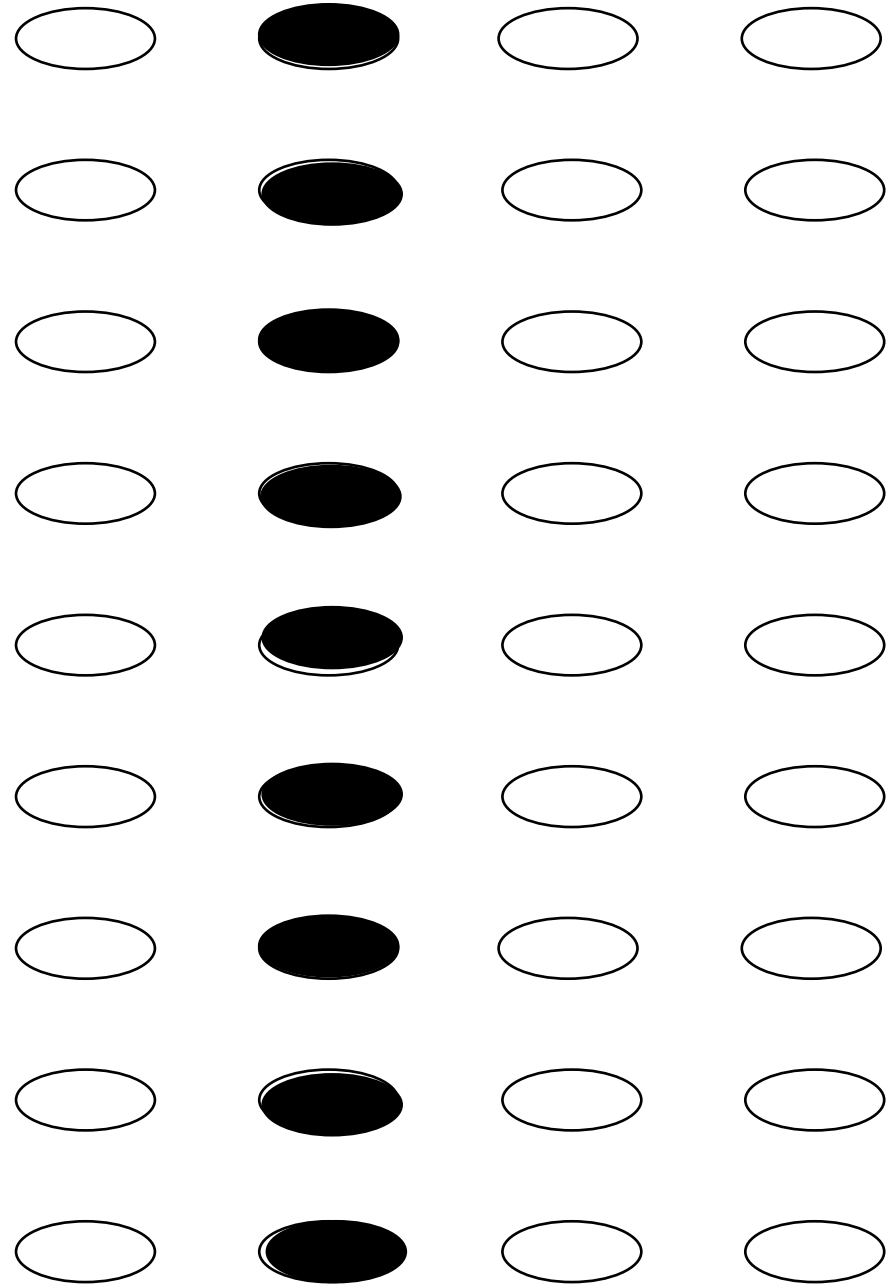




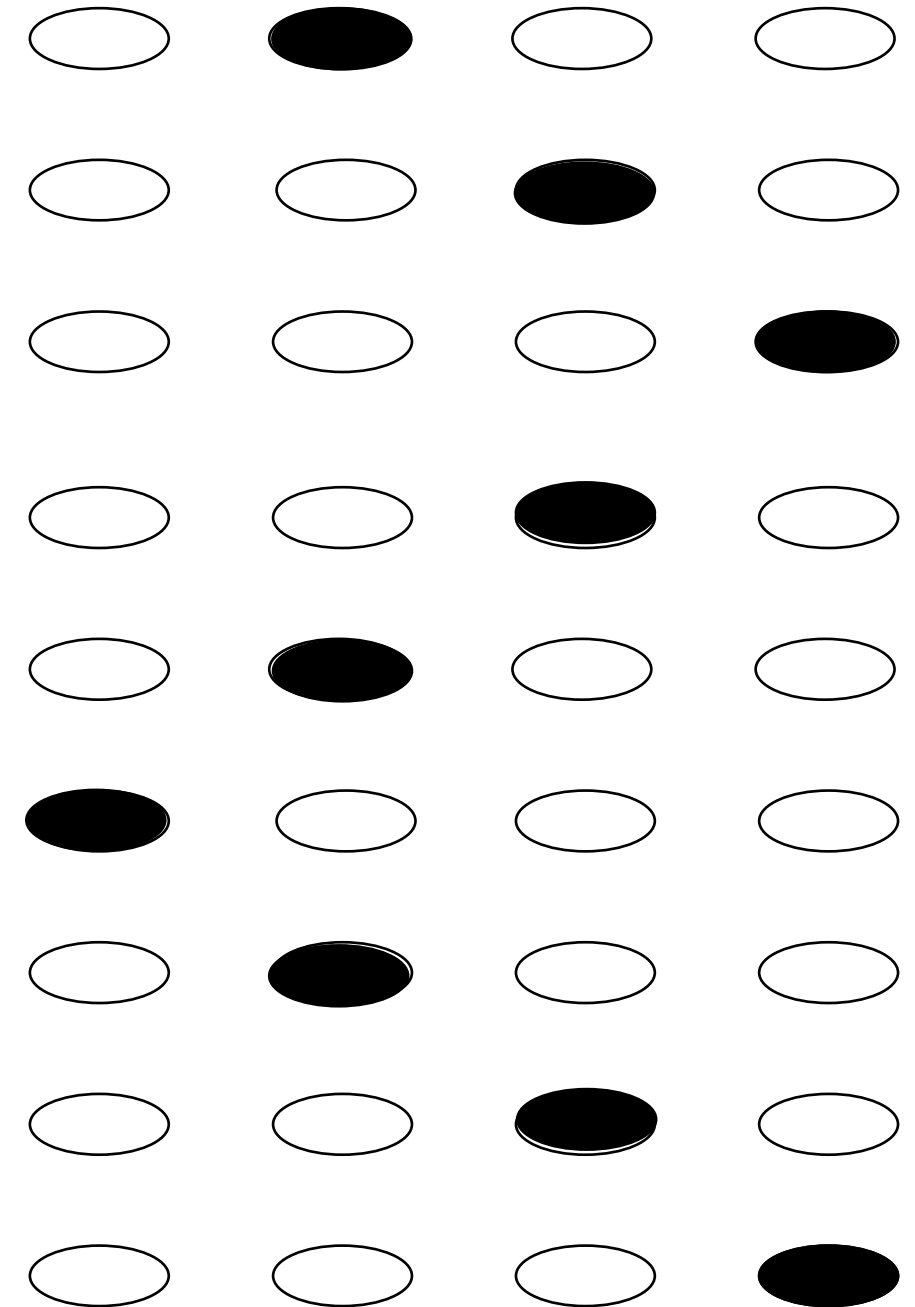
# IMPROVING YOUR SCORES



# LETTER OF THE DAY



**SCORES HIGHER**



**SCORES LOWER**

# READING STRATEGY

On both the SAT and ACT, you will see reading questions with answer choices that--

~~A. use extreme language like “never” or “always” or “all”~~

~~B. recycle phrases directly from the passage~~

~~C. say something true but is not explicitly in the passage~~

**D.** is an answer you might not love

but is still the **BEST ANSWER**

or perhaps **LEAST BAD** answer

# GRAMMAR STRATEGY

From The Princeton Review's [Digital SAT Practice Test Online](#)

French philosopher Denis Diderot was the chief editor of the *Encyclopédie*, which was completed by 1772. Motivated by the principles of the enlightenment, the writers of the *Encyclopédie* \_\_\_\_\_ to compile all of the world's knowledge in a single resource available to the ordinary person.

Which choice completes the text so that it conforms to the conventions of Standard English?

- A. attempted
- B. are attempting
- C. will attempt
- D. attempt

# MATH STRATEGY

From The Princeton Review's [ACT Practice Test Online](#)

24. A rectangular rug has an area of 80 square feet, and its width is exactly 2 feet shorter than its length. What is the length, in feet, of the rug?

$$L-2=W$$

$$L \times W = 80$$

A. 8

B. 10  $-2=8$

$$10 \times 8 = 80$$

C. 16  $-2=14$

$$16 \times 14 = 224$$

D. 18

E. 36

Plug

In

The

Answers!

# PLANNING YOUR PREP

## SAT DATES 2023-2024

August 26, 2023

October 7, 2023

November 4, 2023

December 2, 2023

March 9, 2024 (Digital ONLY)

May 4, 2024 (Digital ONLY)

June 1, 2024 (Digital ONLY)

## ACT DATES 2023-2024

September 9, 2023

October 28, 2023

December 9, 2023

February 10, 2024

April 13, 2024

June 8, 2024

July 13, 2024

# PLANNING YOUR PREP

## JUNIOR YEAR

### August

- PSAT Prep

### September

- PSAT Prep

### October

- PSAT Administration

### November

- PSAT Scores Released

### December

- Sign Up for Test Prep

### January

- Start SAT/ACT Prep

### February

- SAT/ACT Prep

### March

- First SAT Exam/AP Prep

### April

- First ACT Exam/AP Prep

### May

- AP Exams

### June

- Second SAT Exam

### July

- Second ACT Exam

## SENIOR YEAR

**DONE WITH TESTING!!! Work on College Applications**

The background of the image shows a stack of AP prep books. The top book is 'Crack AP Physics 2' with a blue cover. Below it is 'AP English Language' with a white cover. Other books with yellow covers are visible at the bottom. A yellow banner is overlaid on the top left, and a white box with a yellow border is on the right side.

# THERE ARE MANY WAYS TO PREP

- ❖ **Take a Practice Test**
- ❖ **Buy a Prep Book**
- ❖ **Self-Prep Online**
- ❖ **Take a Course**
- ❖ **Work with a Tutor**



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