**SAT and ACT Test Prep**

**SAT & ACT TEST PREP MOCKS AND GROUP CLASSES – 2020/21**

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**SAT CLASSES start 12/5/20 and 3/6/21**

**ACT CLASS starts 1/9/21**

**Mock SAT – 12/5, 2/6, 2/27, 3/6, 4/10, and 5/8**

**Mock ACT – 12/5, 1/9, 2/6, 3/13, 4/10, and 5/8**

**NEW SELF-DIRECTED CLASSES OFFERED THIS YEAR ($125.00) -**The test prep program is offering self-directed online test prep created by Applerouth. This is an excellent course that covers all the content offered through the usual group class as well as tips and strategies for the official tests. Mock test results provide a solid study guide. Applerouth tutors are available to assist self-directed students with any questions during the course. One mock test is included in the self-directed class. Class licenses expire 7/31/21. Register at [PTSA's MemberHub Store](https://westpotomacptsa.new.memberhub.store/store).

**Should I take the SAT or ACT?**  
Now that **all 4-year accredited colleges and universities accept both tests equally and without bias,**your best and only way to know for sure is to try out both tests!  
  
The SAT and ACT are like “Coke and Pepsi,” in that there’s not an unequivocally "better" option, and the content even overlaps by 90%. It's the scoring, structure, and timing that vary.  
  
**Some factors to consider:**  
The ACT tests slightly tougher Math, yet it allows the use of a calculator on ALL, not just 1/2, of the math, which helps with the ACT's couple of Statistics and Trigonometry problems that may appear. The ACT does not, however, have any Grid-In’s like the SAT does, nor does it have a No-Calculator section like the SAT.  
  
Some students find the SAT's Reading passages to be more archaic, and even some SAT Math problems to be wordy, making both sections tougher to understand if you don’t consider yourself an avid reader. The ACT is less wordy overall, and its passages more current, as well as more straightforwardly written.  
  
**The S.T.E.M. Myth:**Yes, the ACT has what it calls a "Science" section, but the ACT isn’t a “test only for the S.T.E.M.-strong students.” The Science section is actually just another Critical Reading section, relying merely on the use of passage reading and graph interpretation, much like the SAT’s inevitable Science-based passage in its Reading section! You don’t need any Science knowledge or background to excel in ACT “Science!”  
  
**Timing:**The SAT allows 21 more seconds per question (70 sec/question) than the ACT does (49 sec/question), but this becomes an almost moot point, due to the SAT’s longer Reading passages.  
  
**Scoring:**The ACT's score is 1/4 Math, because it's 1 of 4 sections (English, Math, Reading, and Science) which get averaged together, out of a maximum of 36 points per section. The highest possible ACT score is a 36.  
  
Conversely, the SAT's score is 1/2 Math, because Math is 1 of just 2 SAT sections (Math and EBRW: Evidence-Based Reading and Writing, a.k.a Verbal), each of out 800, which instead get added together, for a maximum of 1600 points.  
  
Therefore, students who shine in Math can amplify their score more via the SAT, since it's 1/2 Math, and students who prefer the Humanities often get a better score on the ACT.

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Check out Applerouth’s [“Back-To-School Bookshelf”](https://www.applerouth.com/backtoschool) with their most popular handouts and information on the SAT and ACT – including test accommodations!

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Scholarships - ***WPHS student need-based scholarships for mocks and classes are available through the College and Career Center Specialist, Liz Carter,*** [***eecarter@fcps.edu***](mailto:eecarter@fcps.edu)***.***