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Digital SAT vs. Enhanced ACT: At a Glance (2026)

Feature	Digital SAT	Enhanced ACT (New for 2025/26)
Total Time	2 Hours 14 Minutes	2 Hours 5 Minutes (Core)
Structure	2 Sections: Reading & Writing, Math	3 Core Sections: English, Math, Reading
Adaptivity	Multistage Adaptive (Module 2 difficulty changes based on Module 1)	Linear (Fixed difficulty for all students)
Science	No separate section (Data analysis built-in)	Optional (Reports separately, not in Composite)
Calculator	Allowed for entire Math section (Built-in Desmos)	Allowed for entire Math section (Bring your own)
Format	100% Digital (via Bluebook app)	Paper or Digital (Student choice)
Question Style	Short passages (1 question per passage)	Longer passages (Multiple questions per passage)

Section Breakdown & Timing

1. Verbal Sections (Reading & Writing)

The Digital SAT combines Reading and Writing into one section, while the Enhanced ACT keeps them separate but has significantly reduced the question count to allow more time per item.

- **Digital SAT (Reading & Writing):**
 - **Timing:** 64 minutes (two 32-minute modules).
 - **Questions:** 54 questions total (~71 seconds per question).
 - **Passages:** Very short (25–150 words). One question per passage.
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- **Enhanced ACT (English & Reading):**
 - **English:** 35 minutes for 50 questions (~42 seconds per question). Focuses on grammar and usage.
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 - **Reading:** 40 minutes for 36 questions (~67 seconds per question). Focuses on comprehension and main ideas.
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2. Math Sections

The ACT recently reduced its answer choices from 5 to 4, making it more similar to the SAT.

- **Digital SAT Math:**
 - **Timing:** 70 minutes (two 35-minute modules).
 - **Questions:** 44 questions (~95 seconds per question).
 - **Style:** Mixture of multiple-choice (75%) and "student-produced responses" (25% grid-ins).
- **Enhanced ACT Math:**
 - **Timing:** 50 minutes.
 - **Questions:** 45 questions (~67 seconds per question).
 - **Style: 100% Multiple-Choice** (Now only 4 answer choices per question).

3. The Science Factor

- **SAT:** There is no Science section. Scientific reasoning is tested through charts and data interpretation within the Reading and Math sections.
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- **ACT:** The Science section is now **Optional**. It takes **40 minutes** for 40 questions. If taken, it provides a separate Science score and a "STEM" score but does **not** affect your 1–36 Composite score.

Key "Workaround" Strategy & Insights

Choose the Digital SAT if:

- **You are a "Thinker":** You prefer having more time to analyze a single, complex question.
- **You love Tech:** You are comfortable with the Desmos graphing calculator and digital-only interfaces.
- **You dislike long reading:** You prefer switching topics frequently rather than staying focused on a 700-word essay.

Choose the Enhanced ACT if:

- **You are a "Processor":** You can move quickly through straightforward questions.
- **You prefer Paper:** You find it easier to underline and annotate physical test booklets (the ACT is the only remaining paper option).
- **You are strong in Science:** A high separate Science score can be a massive advantage for STEM/Pre-Med applicants.