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### Are Test Like the ACT and the SAT Effective?

The SAT is a standardized test that are taken all across the world. The SATs started in 1926 and has been around ever since. The name of the test has been changed a couple of time, all explain what the test is. The test is to test students on their basic knowledge of Writing, Reading and Mathematics. Scores for the SAT range from 400 to 1600, while they used to have a maximum score of 2400. The ACT is also a standardized test that is taken across the world. The ACT is not much more different than the SAT, the ACT focuses on all the same subjects except the ACT has an additional section which is science. The ACT test scores range from one to 36. The SAT and the ACT are based on what they expect student have learned in school, what they are capable of knowing on their own and whether or not it is accurate information coming from students taking these tests.

Standardized test help scale students on how much they have learned throughout their years of school. These tests can be taken once a student enters high school but most students wait until about the end their tenth-grade year to start taking these tests and take them up into about the beginning of their twelfth-grade year. These tests essentially tell students if they have the chance to get to the college of their dreams or if they'll have to settle for a school that will accept their test scores.

Schools have started to see that test scores are not all that great to base what a student is knowledgeable of (Rooney). Student tend to run out of time when it comes the sections on the test, and when the test sections are multiple choice instead of just leaving questions unanswered student tend to guess an answer therefore giving them a 25% chance of getting the question right. Some student fall asleep during the test and end up waking up toward the end and go straight to guess what the answers are to the questions instead of actually going through and reading everything and doing the work.

The SAT and ACT tend to come off a bit unfair to African Americans as well, putting them at higher risk to not do as well as a White person would. IT has been proven that whites score averages tend to be higher than. Studies show that males also have a tendency to score less and females do on the SAT and ACT. With black people, supposedly are culturally and educationally diverse than most white people therefore giving them a disadvantage when it comes to the test taking and preparation for the SAT and ACT (Howard).

Should a couple of tests be to determine where a student stands academically though their whole high school career

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