

## TAP or ACT/SAT – Making the Choice

In accordance with state law, and in order to be admitted to teacher education at EIU, all teacher education candidates must pass the Basic Skills/Test of Academic Proficiency (TAP) or document an ACT Composite score of 22 or higher on the ACT plus Writing with a Writing score of 16 or higher (if test was taken prior to September 2015, must have a combined English/Writing score of 19 or higher) or a SAT Composite score of 1110 and a minimum score of 26 on Writing and Language Test (Prior to March, 2016, a composite score of 1030 and a minimum score of 450 on Writing). Candidates who have met the ACT or SAT requirements should refer to the document “Process for Substituting ACT/SAT Composite Score for TAP” for additional information. This can be found on the teacher education website <http://eiu.edu/ceps/teached.php>. Candidates who are trying to decide which testing options best meets their needs might find the following information useful.

	<u>ACT/SAT</u>	<u>TAP</u>
<b>Testing Schedule</b>	Offered 5-6 times a year on specific test dates with test results available approximately a month after the test date.	Offered Monday thru Saturday throughout the year at select Pearson VUE Test Centers with test results available within 4 weeks.
<b>Test Registration</b>	Test registration is required (web registration) approximately 5 weeks prior to the test. To register visit: <b>ACT:</b> <a href="http://www.actstudent.org/regist/">http://www.actstudent.org/regist/</a> <b>SAT:</b> <a href="https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/">https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/</a>	Registration is required (web registration) and is based on availability. To register visit <a href="http://www.icts.nesinc.com/">http://www.icts.nesinc.com/</a>
<b>Testing Format</b>	Paper and pencil	Computer based
<b>Cost</b>	\$55-\$60	\$125
<b>Test Setting</b>	Classroom/Auditorium Setting primarily with juniors and seniors in high school	Computer testing lab generally with other college students and adults
<b>Content of Test</b>	<b>ACT:</b> English, Math, Reading, Science Reasoning, Writing <b>New SAT:</b> Reading, Writing & Language, Math	Reading, Language Arts, Mathematics, and Writing
<b>Score Requirements</b>	<b>ACT:</b> • Prior to 9/1/2015: Composite Score of 22 or higher and a minimum score of 19 on the Combined English/Writing portion. • 9/1/2015 and later: Composite Score of 22 or higher and a minimum score of 16 on the Writing portion. • 9/9/2016 and later: Composite Score of 22 or higher and a minimum score of 6 on the Writing portion. <b>SAT:</b> • Prior to 3/1/2016: Composite Score of 1030 with a minimum writing score of 450. • 3/1/2016 and later: Composite score of 1110 and a minimum score of 26 on Writing and Language Test.  Scores from the ACT test without writing cannot be considered and scores cannot be combined across administrations.	Each test area (Reading, Language Arts, etc) is scored separately with a score of 240 or higher (approximately 80% of items correct) required to pass. All 4 test areas must be passed to pass the test as a whole. Results can be combined across administrations.
<b>Retesting</b>	Must take on a regular test date and must take the entire test on each administration.	Must wait a minimum of 30 days between test attempts. Need only retake tests previously not passed.

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