

ISBE Basic Skills Requirement- ACT and SAT Super Scoring Explained

Students must meet the Illinois State Board of Education's basic skills requirement by passing the TAP test or meeting a minimum ACT or SAT score.

Effective July 2017, a minimum composite score for either the ACT or SAT may be achieved by combining multiple sub-scores from multiple previous test dates. Students must still meet the minimum writing portion.

ACT

ACT rules- Combine the highest English, Math, Reading and Science score, across multiple test reports, to develop a new averaged super score. The averaged super score must be 22 or higher (averages of 21.5 will round up to 22). Students must still achieve a passing writing score and also send it to ISBE.

Example: Ryan received a 21 composite score on ACT test A and ACT test B.

Test A	
English	19
Science	19
Math	19
Reading	25

Test B	
English	21
Science	22
Math	20
Reading	20

When combining his highest scores, highlighted above, Ryan's composite average would equal 22 and meet the requirement. (Writing score would still need to be met)

*ACT total of English, Math, Reading and Science scores, from multiple tests, must total **86 points** to meet the minimum super score composite average of 22, along with a passing score on a writing test, to meet the test of basic skills minimum.*

SAT

SAT rules- Add together the highest Evidence-based reading and writing score and math score, from multiple tests. The total composite must be higher than 1110 and a minimum score of 26 on writing and language test. **(Based on the current SAT test format)**

Example: Megan received a 1090 on SAT test A and a 1080 on ACT test B.

Test A	
EB Reading and Writing	590
Math	500

Test B	
EB Reading and Writing	540
Math	540

When combining her highest scores, highlighted above, Megan's composite average would equal 1130 and meet the requirement. (Writing score would still need to be met and sent)

SAT total of Evidence-based reading and writing score and Math score, from multiple tests must total **1110** to meet the minimum along with passing writing portion to meet the test of basic skills.

Sending Scores to meet requirements (Must meet ISBE and ISU requirement)

- **Students must create an ISBE ELIS account (completed during PBA orientation) and then send officials score reports needed to meet the super score. These score reports are to be sent directly to ISBE, for uploading to the students ELIS account. Students must then e-mail licensure@isbe.net to notify ISBE that they would like their scores super scored.**
 - **Meeting the test of basic skills requirement is an ISBE requirement for licensure and must be completed, by the student, before student teaching. Confirmation of received scores is visible within a student's ELIS account under the educator/testing section.**
- **Students will also need to meet ISU requirements to complete the basic skills milestone in Gateway 1. To meet this requirement, ISU must have proof of all scores, receipt of scores sent to ISBE and request form to use ACT or SAT scores.**

• Please note: ISBE is the final determiner on if super scored tests meet the basic skills legal requirements.
