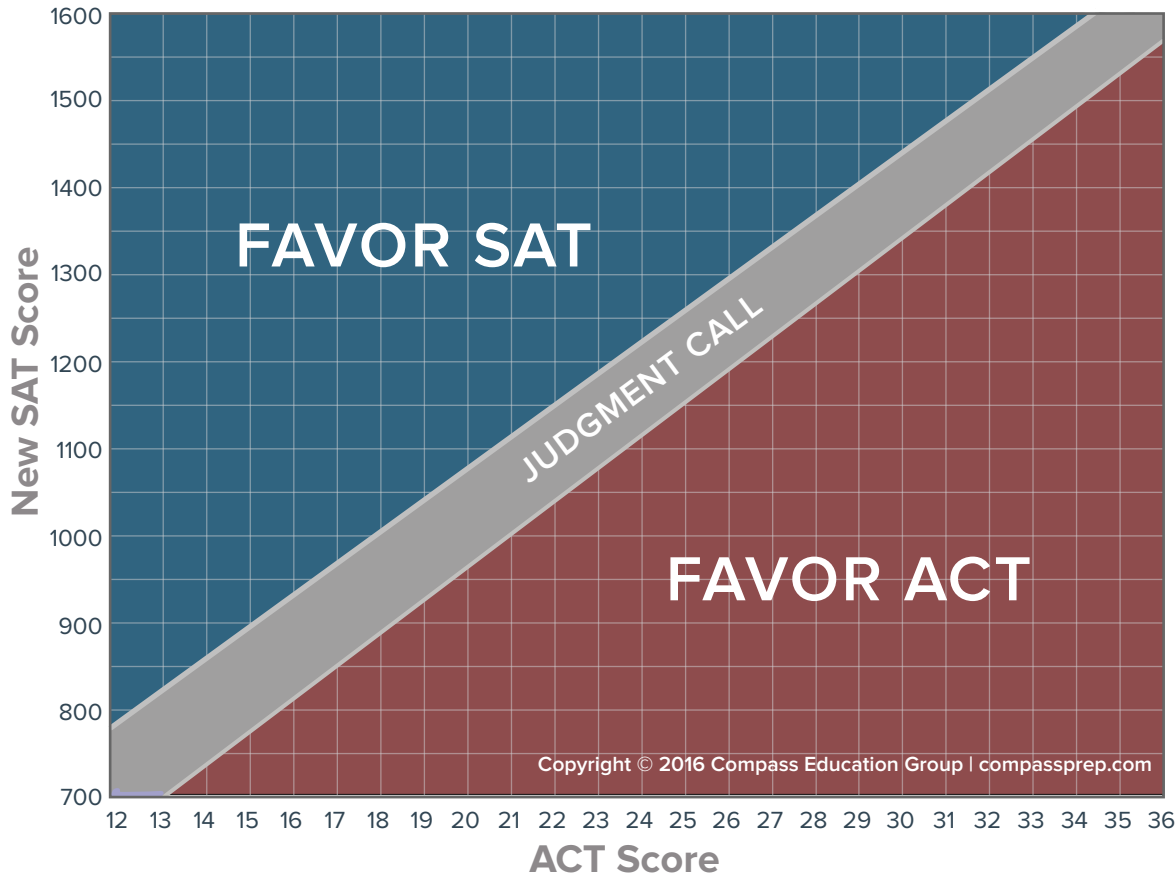


Comparing SAT and ACT Scores

New concordance tables are out! But what do they mean? And how can scores help students determine whether the SAT or ACT should be favored?



Compass has analyzed available research and concordances to create a comparison tool in both chart (above) and table (right) forms. Although many students will find that their SAT and ACT scores intersect somewhere in the gray “Judgment Call” band, some may discover that one test is actually better suited to their skills.

ACT	IF YOUR SAT SCORE IS:		
36	<1550	1550–1600	
35	<1520	1520–1590	>1590
34	<1490	1490–1560	>1560
33	<1450	1450–1550	>1550
32	<1420	1420–1510	>1510
31	<1390	1390–1480	>1480
30	<1350	1350–1440	>1440
29	<1310	1310–1410	>1410
28	<1280	1280–1380	>1380
27	<1240	1240–1340	>1340
26	<1200	1200–1300	>1300
25	<1160	1160–1270	>1270
24	<1130	1130–1230	>1230
23	<1100	1100–1190	>1190
22	<1060	1060–1150	>1150
21	<1020	1020–1120	>1120
20	<980	980–1090	>1090
19	<940	940–1050	>1050
18	<900	900–1010	>1010
17	<860	860–970	>970
16	<810	810–930	>930
15	<770	770–890	>890
14	<720	720–840	>840
13	<680	680–800	>800
12	<620	620–740	>740

If you are comparing your performance on the PSAT to an actual or practice ACT, see:

compassprep.com/using-psat-scores-to-compare-sat-and-act/

Instructions:

In the table to the right, find the row with your ACT score in the left column and then find the column that contains your SAT score; determine whether you should favor the SAT or ACT or whether your scores are close enough that you should make a judgment call based on additional circumstances.

Source:

College Board and ACT concordances for SAT and ACT; Compass data analysis and research.

CONCORDANCE: SAT to ACT

New SAT	Old SAT	ACT	New SAT	Old SAT	ACT	New SAT	Old SAT	ACT
1600	2390	36	1200	1670	25	800	1060	14
1590	2370	35	1190	1650	24	790	1040	14
1580	2350	35	1180	1640	24	780	1030	14
1570	2330	35	1170	1620	24	770	1010	14
1560	2300	35	1160	1610	24	760	990	14
1550	2280	34	1150	1590	23	750	980	13
1540	2260	34	1140	1570	23	740	960	13
1530	2230	34	1130	1560	23	730	950	13
1520	2210	34	1120	1540	22	720	930	13
1510	2190	33	1110	1530	22	710	910	12
1500	2170	33	1100	1510	22	700	900	12
1490	2150	33	1090	1490	21	690	880	12
1480	2130	32	1080	1480	21	680	870	12
1470	2110	32	1070	1460	21	670	860	12
1460	2090	32	1060	1450	21	660	850	12
1450	2080	32	1050	1430	20	650	840	12
1440	2060	31	1040	1420	20	640	830	12
1430	2040	31	1030	1400	20	630	820	12
1420	2020	31	1020	1390	20	620	810	11
1410	2000	30	1010	1370	19	610	800	11
1400	1990	30	1000	1360	19	600	790	11
1390	1970	30	990	1340	19	590	780	11
1380	1950	29	980	1330	19	580	770	11
1370	1930	29	970	1310	18	570	760	11
1360	1920	29	960	1300	18	560	750	11
1350	1900	29	950	1280	18	550	740	-
1340	1880	28	940	1270	18	540	730	-
1330	1870	28	930	1250	17	530	730	-
1320	1850	28	920	1240	17	520	720	-
1310	1840	28	910	1220	17	510	710	-
1300	1820	27	900	1210	17	500	700	-
1290	1810	27	890	1200	16	490	690	-
1280	1790	27	880	1180	16	480	680	-
1270	1780	26	870	1170	16	470	670	-
1260	1760	26	860	1150	16	460	660	-
1250	1750	26	850	1140	15	450	650	-
1240	1730	26	840	1120	15	440	640	-
1230	1710	25	830	1110	15	430	630	-
1220	1700	25	820	1090	15	420	620	-
1210	1680	25	810	1070	15	410	610	-
						400	600	-

CONCORDANCE: ACT to SAT

ACT	New SAT	Old SAT
36	1600	2390
35	1570	2330
34	1540	2260
33	1500	2170
32	1470	2110
31	1430	2040
30	1400	1990
29	1360	1920
28	1320	1850
27	1290	1810
26	1260	1760
25	1220	1700
24	1180	1640
23	1140	1570
22	1110	1530
21	1070	1460
20	1030	1400
19	990	1340
18	950	1280
17	910	1220
16	870	1170
15	830	1110
14	780	1030
13	740	960
12	680	870
11	590	780

For lower scores, there is not enough data to produce a valid concordance between new SAT and ACT scores.

Concordances based on College Board's concordance tables, released May 9, 2016, and Compass Education's analysis.