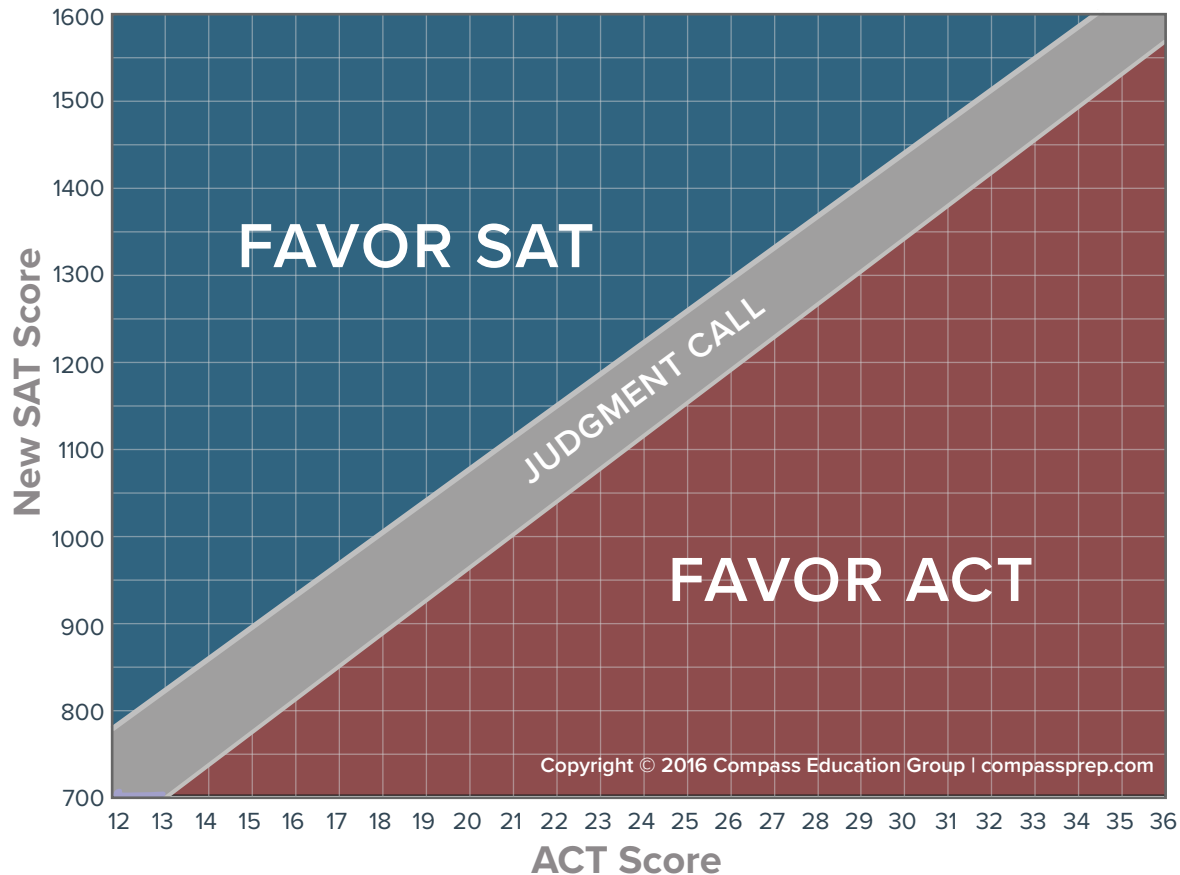


Comparing SAT and ACT Scores

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.

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.

ACT

IF YOUR **SAT** SCORE IS:

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

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

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 | - |

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' analysis.