

Compare ACT & SAT Scores



The ACT and SAT are different tests that measure similar but distinct constructs. The ACT measures achievement related to high school curricula, while the SAT measures general verbal and quantitative reasoning.

ACT and the College Board have completed a concordance study that is designed to examine the relationship between two scores on the ACT and SAT. These concordance tables do not equate scores, but rather provide a tool for finding comparable scores. (Understanding concordance (<http://www.act.org/aap/concordance/understand.html>))

Table 1 Concordance between ACT Composite Score and Sum of SAT Critical Reading and Mathematics Scores

SAT CR+M (Score Range)	ACT Composite Score	SAT CR+M (Single Score)
1600	36	1600
1540–1590	35	1560
1490–1530	34	1510
1440–1480	33	1460
1400–1430	32	1420
1360–1390	31	1380
1330–1350	30	1340
1290–1320	29	1300
1250–1280	28	1260
1210–1240	27	1220
1170–1200	26	1190
1130–1160	25	1150
1090–1120	24	1110
1050–1080	23	1070
1020–1040	22	1030

980–1010	21	990
940–970	20	950
900–930	19	910
860–890	18	870
820–850	17	830
770–810	16	790
720–760	15	740
670–710	14	690
620–660	13	640
560–610	12	590
510–550	11	530

Table 2 Concordance between ACT Combined English/Writing Score and SAT Writing Score

SAT Writing (Score Range)	ACT English/Writing Score	SAT Writing (Single Score)
800	36	800
800	35	800
770–790	34	770
730–760	33	740
710–720	32	720
690–700	31	690
660–680	30	670
640–650	29	650
620–630	28	630
610	27	610
590–600	26	590
570–580	25	570
550–560	24	550

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530–540	23	530
510–520	22	510
480–500	21	490
470	20	470
450–460	19	450
430–440	18	430
410–420	17	420
390–400	16	400
380	15	380
360–370	14	360
340–350	13	340
320–330	12	330
300–310	11	310

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Related Links

- ACT–SAT Concordance Reference Sheet (<http://www.act.org/aap/concordance/pdf/reference.pdf>)
- ACT/College Board Joint Statement and Tables (<http://www.act.org/aap/concordance/pdf/report.pdf>)
- Estimated Relationship between ACT Composite Score and SAT CR+M+W Score (<http://www.act.org/aap/concordance/estimate.html>)