

ACT®–SAT® Concordance: A Tool for Comparing Scores

The ACT® college readiness assessment 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 (producers of the SAT) 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.

You can also find the concordance tables and guidelines for proper use on our website at www.act.org/aap/concordance.

ACT Composite Score	SAT Score Critical Reading + Math (Single Score)	SAT Score Critical Reading + Math (Score Range)	ACT Score Combined English/Writing	SAT Score Writing (Single Score)	SAT Score Writing (Score Range)
36	1600	1600	36	800	800
35	1560	1540–1590	35	800	800
34	1510	1490–1530	34	770	770–790
33	1460	1440–1480	33	740	730–760
32	1420	1400–1430	32	720	710–720
31	1380	1360–1390	31	690	690–700
30	1340	1330–1350	30	670	660–680
29	1300	1290–1320	29	650	640–650
28	1260	1250–1280	28	630	620–630
27	1220	1210–1240	27	610	610
26	1190	1170–1200	26	590	590–600
25	1150	1130–1160	25	570	570–580
24	1110	1090–1120	24	550	550–560
23	1070	1050–1080	23	530	530–540
22	1030	1020–1040	22	510	510–520
21	990	980–1010	21	490	480–500
20	950	940–970	20	470	470
19	910	900–930	19	450	450–460
18	870	860–890	18	430	430–440
17	830	820–850	17	420	410–420
16	790	770–810	16	400	390–400
15	740	720–760	15	380	380
14	690	670–710	14	360	360–370
13	640	620–660	13	340	340–350
12	590	560–610	12	330	320–330
11	530	510–550	11	310	300–310



Estimated Relationship Between ACT Composite Score and SAT CR+M+W Score

In addition, ACT is providing an ESTIMATED Relationship Table for institutions that also use the SAT (Critical Reading + Math + Writing) Score. This table provides a score on the SAT that is similar to an ACT Composite score. The values given are a very accurate representation of what you might get from a concordance table.

ACT Composite Score	SAT Score Critical Reading + Math + Writing (Single Score)	SAT Score Critical Reading + Math + Writing (Score Range)
36	2390	2380–2400
35	2330	2290–2370
34	2250	2220–2280
33	2180	2140–2210
32	2120	2080–2130
31	2060	2020–2070
30	2000	1980–2010
29	1940	1920–1970
28	1880	1860–1910
27	1820	1800–1850
26	1770	1740–1790
25	1710	1680–1730
24	1650	1620–1670
23	1590	1560–1610
22	1530	1510–1550
21	1470	1450–1500
20	1410	1390–1440
19	1350	1330–1380
18	1290	1270–1320
17	1230	1210–1260
16	1170	1140–1200
15	1100	1060–1130
14	1020	990–1050
13	950	910–980
12	870	820–900
11	780	750–810

ACT College Readiness Benchmark Scores

The ACT is the only test with College Readiness Benchmarks directly measuring the ACT College Readiness Standards. The Benchmarks are based on actual college performance of students and reflected by specific test scores.

College Course/Course Area	ACT Test	Benchmark Score
English Composition	English	18
Algebra	Mathematics	22
Social Sciences	Reading	22
Biology	Science	23

An ACT College Readiness Benchmark score is the minimum score needed on an ACT subject area test to indicate a 50 percent chance of obtaining a B or higher or about a 75 percent chance of obtaining a C or higher in the corresponding credit-bearing college courses. These scores were empirically derived based on the actual performance of students in college. ACT College Readiness Standards are subject-based knowledge/skills statements that are informed by the ACT National Curriculum Survey®, directly measured by the ACT, and grouped by ACT score range. They may be found at www.act.org/standard/instruct/index.html.

