

# Comparing ACT and SAT Scores



Scores on the ACT cannot be directly converted to SAT scores – they are different tests. However, a “concordance” can be developed that matches comparable performance on the two exams by comparing thousands of students who took both tests at approximately the same time. Colleges and the NCAA use tables like the ones below to evaluate applicants who have taken different tests. ACT and the College Board have developed concordance tables comparing ACT and SAT scores. One table shows the concordance between the ACT Composite score and the sum of SAT Critical Reading and Math scores, while the other shows the concordance between the ACT combined English/Writing score and the SAT Writing core. An ACT Composite score alone should not be directly converted into a 600-2400 SAT score, because the Composite score does not include the essay.

Some universities, such as the University of California and the Cal State system, have their own methods of concordance tables for matching up SAT and ACT scores.

<b>Concordance between ACT Composite Score and SAT Critical Reading and Math</b>		<b>Concordance between ACT Combined English/Writing and SAT Writing Score</b>	
<b>ACT Composite</b>	<b>SAT CR+ M</b>	<b>ACT English/Writing</b>	<b>SAT Writing</b>
36	1600	36	800
35	1560	35	800
34	1510	34	770
33	1460	33	740
32	1420	32	720
31	1380	31	690
30	1340	30	670
29	1300	29	650
28	1260	28	630
27	1220	27	610
26	1190	26	590
25	1150	25	570
24	1110	24	550
23	1070	23	530
22	1030	22	510
21	990	21	490
20	950	20	470
19	910	19	450
18	870	18	430
17	830	17	420
16	790	16	400
15	740	15	380
14	690	14	360
13	640	13	340
12	590	12	330
11	530	11	310

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