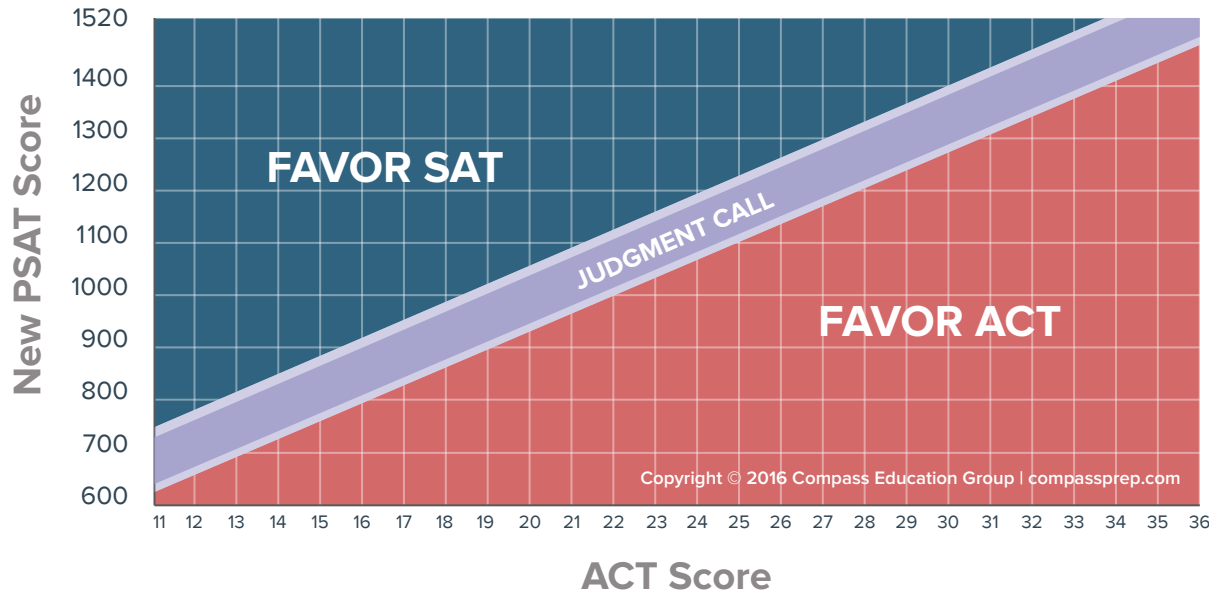


Using PSAT Scores to Compare SAT and ACT

New PSAT results are in! But what do they mean? And how can scores help students determine whether the SAT or ACT should be favored? How do scores compare?



Families and counselors face time-sensitive decisions and need answers now that will inform guidance and preparation. Many juniors wisely took a practice ACT this fall to establish a baseline score. With PSAT scores now available, it's smart to compare scores to see if there is any clear advantage.

Compass has analyzed available research and concordances to create a comparison tool in both chart (above) and table (right) forms. Although most students will likely find their PSAT and ACT scores intersect somewhere in the purple "Judgment Call" band, some outliers may discover that one test is actually better suited to them.

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 PSAT score. The table indicates whether you should favor the ACT or favor the SAT or whether your scores are similar enough that you should make a judgment call based on additional considerations.

Source:

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

ACT	Favor ACT	Judgment Call	Favor SAT
36	<1460	1460-1520	N/A
35	<1440	1440-1520	N/A
34	<1410	1410-1500	>1500
33	<1390	1390-1490	>1490
32	<1360	1360-1470	>1470
31	<1330	1330-1450	>1450
30	<1300	1300-1420	>1420
29	<1270	1270-1390	>1390
28	<1230	1230-1350	>1350
27	<1200	1200-1320	>1320
26	<1170	1170-1290	>1290
25	<1130	1130-1250	>1250
24	<1100	1100-1220	>1220
23	<1070	1070-1190	>1190
22	<1030	1030-1150	>1150
21	<1000	1000-1120	>1120
20	<970	970-1090	>1090
19	<930	930-1050	>1050
18	<890	890-1010	>1010
17	<850	850-970	>970
16	<820	820-940	>940
15	<780	780-900	>900
14	<740	740-860	>860
13	<690	690-810	>810
12	<650	650-770	>770
11	<630	630-750	>750



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