

PSAT/SAT/ACT Comparison

| PSAT | SAT | ACT |
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| 1520 point scale | 1600 point scale | 36 point scale |
| 2 hours & 45 minutes | 3 hours (plus 50 min. optional essay) | 2 hours & 55 minutes (plus 40 min. optional essay) |
| 4 sections: Reading, Writing & Language, Math (no calculator), & Math (calculator) | 5 sections: Reading, Writing & Language, Math (no calculator), Math (calculator), & Essay | 5 sections: English, Math, Reading, Science, & Essay |
| slower pace: more time per question | slower pace: more time per question | faster pace: less time per question |
| no penalty for wrong answers: answer every question! | no penalty for wrong answers: answer every question! | no penalty for wrong answers: answer every question! |
| no essay | essay optional* last section; 50 min. | essay optional* last section; 40 min. |
| N/A | essay: analyze an argument | essay: compare and contrast 3 different viewpoints |
| no science section, but science emphasized on verbal sections | no science section, but science emphasized on verbal sections | science section |
| advanced algebra and higher-level math | advanced algebra and higher-level math | algebra and higher-level math |
| vocabulary-in-context questions | vocabulary-in-context questions | one or two vocabulary-in-context questions |

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*Many universities require the essay for admission. Read your prospective colleges' requirements carefully.

SAT/ACT Score Conversion Chart

| SAT | ACT |
|------|-----|
| 1600 | 36 |
| 1590 | 35 |
| 1580 | 35 |
| 1570 | 35 |
| 1560 | 35 |
| 1550 | 34 |
| 1540 | 34 |
| 1530 | 34 |
| 1520 | 34 |
| 1510 | 33 |
| 1500 | 33 |
| 1490 | 33 |
| 1480 | 32 |
| 1470 | 32 |
| 1460 | 32 |
| 1450 | 32 |
| 1440 | 31 |
| 1430 | 31 |
| 1420 | 31 |
| 1410 | 30 |
| 1400 | 30 |
| 1390 | 30 |
| 1380 | 29 |
| 1370 | 29 |
| 1360 | 29 |
| 1350 | 29 |
| 1340 | 28 |

| SAT | ACT |
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| 1330 | 28 |
| 1320 | 28 |
| 1310 | 28 |
| 1300 | 27 |
| 1290 | 27 |
| 1280 | 27 |
| 1270 | 26 |
| 1260 | 26 |
| 1250 | 26 |
| 1240 | 26 |
| 1230 | 25 |
| 1220 | 25 |
| 1210 | 25 |
| 1200 | 25 |
| 1190 | 24 |
| 1180 | 24 |
| 1170 | 24 |
| 1160 | 24 |
| 1150 | 23 |
| 1140 | 23 |
| 1130 | 23 |
| 1120 | 22 |
| 1110 | 22 |
| 1100 | 22 |
| 1090 | 21 |
| 1080 | 21 |
| 1070 | 21 |

| SAT | ACT |
|------|-----|
| 1060 | 21 |
| 1050 | 20 |
| 1040 | 20 |
| 1030 | 20 |
| 1020 | 20 |
| 1010 | 19 |
| 1000 | 19 |
| 990 | 19 |
| 980 | 19 |
| 970 | 18 |
| 960 | 18 |
| 950 | 18 |
| 940 | 18 |
| 930 | 17 |
| 920 | 17 |
| 910 | 17 |
| 900 | 17 |
| 890 | 16 |
| 880 | 16 |
| 870 | 16 |
| 860 | 16 |
| 850 | 15 |
| 840 | 15 |
| 830 | 15 |
| 820 | 15 |
| 810 | 15 |
| 800 | 14 |

| SAT | ACT |
|-----|-----|
| 790 | 14 |
| 780 | 14 |
| 770 | 14 |
| 760 | 14 |
| 750 | 13 |
| 740 | 13 |
| 730 | 13 |
| 720 | 13 |
| 710 | 12 |
| 700 | 12 |
| 690 | 12 |
| 680 | 12 |
| 670 | 12 |
| 660 | 12 |
| 650 | 12 |
| 640 | 12 |
| 630 | 12 |
| 620 | 11 |
| 610 | 11 |
| 600 | 11 |
| 590 | 11 |
| 580 | 11 |
| 570 | 11 |
| 560 | 11 |