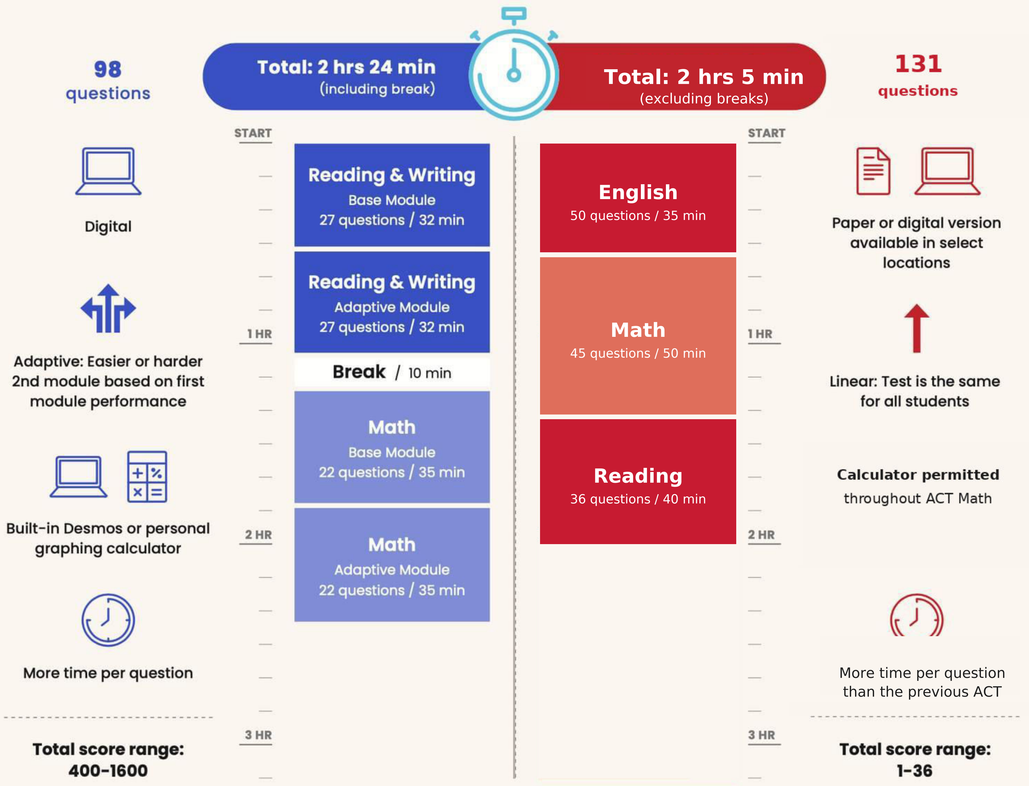
SAT VS ACT

SAT HIGHLIGHTS

Shorter reading passages
More difficult text complexity, more vocabulary
Fewer math topics, but more in depth
Students use their own devices (tablets and computers)

ACT HIGHLIGHTS

Shorter, streamlined English and Reading
More time per question in each core section
Science optional; excluded from composite
Composite: English + Math + Reading



SAT & ACT Percentiles

Current percentile ranks (not score concordance)

Each column uses its own test-taking population; equal percentiles do not imply equivalent scores.

ACT composite	Percentile
36	99+
35	99
34	99
33	98
32	97
31	96
30	94
29	93
28	91
27	89
26	86
25	83
24	80
23	77
22	72
21	68
20	63
19	58
18	52
17	47
16	41
15	34
14	28
13	20
12	13
11	6
10	2
9	1
8	1
7	1
6	1
5	1
4	1
3	1
2	1
1	1

SAT total	Percentile
1600	99+
1590	99+
1580	99+
1570	99+
1560	99+
1550	99
1540	99
1530	99
1520	98
1510	98
1500	97
1490	97
1480	97
1470	96
1460	96
1450	95
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1430	94
1420	94
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1270	82
1260	81
1250	80
1240	79
1230	78
1220	77
1210	76
1200	75
1190	74
1180	72
1170	71
1160	70
1150	69
1140	67
1130	66
1120	65
1110	63
1100	62
1090	60
1080	59
1070	58
1060	56
1050	55
1040	53
1030	52
1020	50
1010	48
1000	47

SAT total	Percentile
990	45
980	44
970	42
960	41
950	39
940	38
930	36
920	35
910	33
900	32
890	30
880	29
870	27
860	26
850	24
840	23
830	21
820	20
810	18
800	17
790	16
780	14
770	13
760	12
750	11
740	10
730	9
720	8
710	7
700	6
690	5
680	5
670	4
660	4
650	3
640	3
630	3
620	2
610	2
600	2
590	2
580	2
570	1
560	1
550	1
540	1
530	1
520	1
510	1
500	1
490	<1
480	<1
470	<1
460	<1
450	<1
440	<1
430	<1
420	<1
410	<1
400	<1

ACT: 2026-27 national composite ranks (2024-26 graduates). SAT: College Board user-group percentiles.

Sources: act.org/scores/national-ranks | research.collegeboard.org/reports/sat-suite/understanding-scores/sat

Percentile ranks are NOT an ACT-SAT concordance or a direct score conversion.