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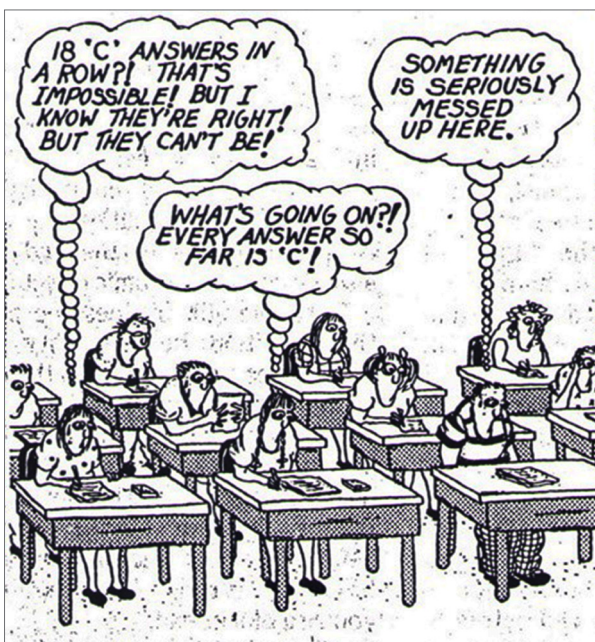
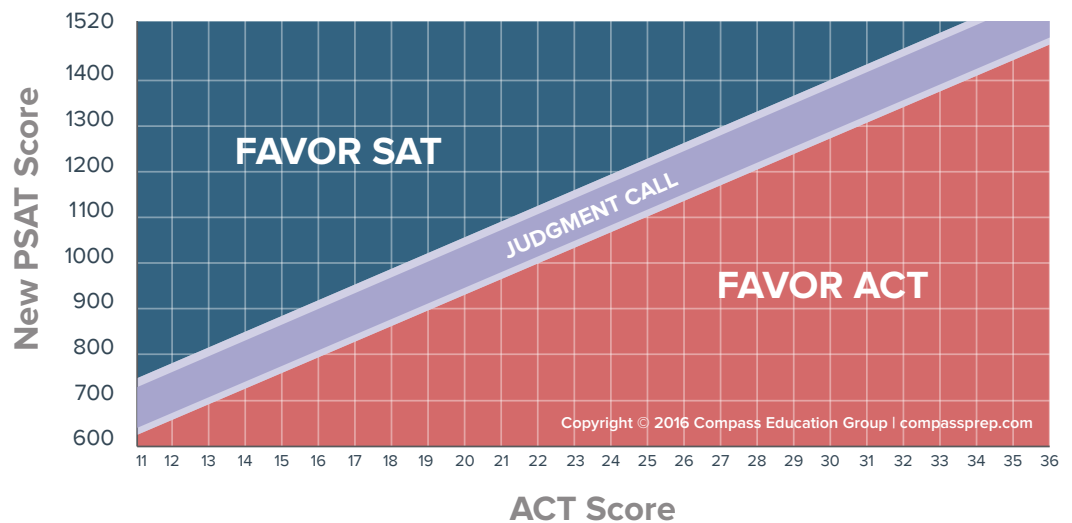
SAT VS. ACT

USING YOUR PSAT SCORES FOR GOOD, NOT EVIL. First things first: don't stress about your PSAT score. PSAT scores are not sent to colleges, nor are they exact in determining how well you will test on either the SAT or the ACT. The PSAT serves as a mere starting point. Think of it like a game, with the PSAT serving as level 1. How will you level up? The PSAT can help you determine how much tutoring, studying, or practice you will need to earn the score you want. I emphasize the word "earn" here because, unless you have already received a perfect score, there is room for improvement. With the redesigned test beginning in March, it's important to put the time into studying for the exam, especially if you are more familiar with the old SAT. For more information about the new SAT, [click here](#).

SCORE COMPARISON. The chart on the right uses students' PSAT scores to predict how students will score on the SAT versus the ACT. A majority of students find their scores situated in the purple space labeled "Judgment Call," meaning the expected results for either exam are fairly comparable. Don't hesitate to take test-specific practice exams in your spare time. You might see improvement in one test over the other.

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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?



PRACTICE TESTS & PROBLEM AREAS. There are countless resources for students hoping to take the SAT and ACT. Check out www.collegeboard.org (SAT) or www.act.org/student (ACT) for free practice problems and full-length tests. Some test prep companies will also offer free practice tests online; just make sure to research the company before you take the test. Popular test prep companies include: Kaplan, The Princeton Review, Compass, Top Test Prep, PowerScore, and Revolution Prep, just to name a few. Before choosing a test prep company, make sure what they offer is right for you. How many students are in a typical class? How expensive is one-on-one tutoring? How long is each class meeting? Do they guarantee improvement? Research before you commit and you can potentially save a lot of unnecessary time and money. 🦋

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES.

Compass Test Prep: *Using PSAT Scores* • Services

The Princeton Review: *SAT* • *ACT* • *SAT vs. ACT Article*

SI Counseling Center: *Home Page*

Link: *Colleges that don't emphasize standardized testing in their admissions.*