Comparing PSAT and ACT Scores

PSAT scores can be compared to ACT scores in order to determine whether a student should favor the SAT or ACT.

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

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; determine whether you should favor the SAT or ACT or whether your scores are close enough that you should make a judgment call based on additional circumstances.

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

If you are comparing your performance on the SAT to an actual or practice ACT, see: compassprep.com/comparing-act-and-new-sat-scores/