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- 2) [Master the SAT](#) by Brian McElroy
- 3) [Download Bluebook App](#) - College Board
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- 5) [Official SAT Practice Tests \(Paper and Digital\)](#) - College Board
- 6) [SAT Suite Question Bank aka Educator Question Bank](#) - College Board
- 7) [1600.lol](#), [satquestionbank.org](#), [satslayer.org](#) - Official SAT Suite Question Bank questions in much better organized, alternate formats, with login options to save your work, built-in timer, and DESMOS, all of which are missing from the official CB question bank.
- 8) [DESMOS official user guide](#)
- 9) [ACT Action Plan](#) - McElroy Tutoring (The ACT is taken by ~1.4 million students per year.)
- 10) [Master the ACT](#) by Brian McElroy
- 11) [76 Official SAT PDFs and 105 Official ACT PDFs](#) - McElroy Tutoring
- 12) [ACT Resources](#) - Flathead High School (Kalispell, MT)
- 13) [SAT Score-Use Practices by Participating Institution \(2015\)](#) - College Board
- 14) [Top 417 American Colleges and Universities Master Spreadsheet](#) - compiled and edited by Brian McElroy - **DISCLAIMER: THIS INFORMATION IS NOT GUARANTEED TO BE 100% CURRENT. PLEASE SPEAK TO YOUR HIGH SCHOOL'S COLLEGE COUNSELOR, VISIT THE OFFICIAL COLLEGE WEBSITES, AND/OR CALL OR EMAIL UNIVERSITIES DIRECTLY TO VERIFY CURRENT TESTING POLICIES (test required, test optional, test blind, best sitting, superscore, all scores, etc.), WHICH CAN CHANGE WITH LITTLE OR EVEN ZERO NOTICE.**
- 15) [Digital SAT Content Specifications PDF](#) - College Board
- 16) [ACT English Standards PDF](#) - ACT
- 17) [ACT Math Standards PDF](#) - ACT
- 18) [ACT Reading Standards PDF](#) - ACT
- 19) [ACT Science Standards PDF](#) - ACT (now an optional section)
- 20) [SAT / ACT Percentiles and Conversions, Updated for 2026 & the Digital SAT](#) - McElroy Tutoring
- 21) [SAT Percentiles 2026](#) - College Board
- 22) [ACT Score National Ranks and Percentiles](#) - ACT
- 23) [ACT Score National Ranks and Percentiles PDF](#) - ACT
- 24) [ACT Content Overview and Percentages](#) - screenshot of ACT website
- 25) [ACT.org](#) - Official ACT home page
- 26) [collegeboard.org](#) - Official SAT home page
- 27) [SAT and ACT Test Dates, 2025-2026 Academic Year](#) - McElroy Tutoring
- 28) [Brian's Blog](#) - McElroy Tutoring
- 29) [Is the SAT really not "Curved," as the College Board claims?](#) - McElroy Tutoring
- 30) [The New Digital SAT \(DSAT\) is Here: Everything You Need to Know](#) - McElroy Tutoring
- 31) [DSAT Question Type Frequency Pie Chart](#) - McElroy Tutoring
- 32) [College Board, ACT Inc, ETS, GMAC, and LSAC: an Insider's Review](#) - McElroy Tutoring

- 33) [Big 5 Testing Companies: My Insider Ratings](#) - McElroy Tutoring
- 34) [The Great SAT vs. ACT Debate, Revisited](#) - McElroy Tutoring (also covers changes to the new "Enhanced ACT" with optional Science + digital testing option)
- 35) [ACT / SAT Concordance Tables](#) - ACT (Note that 38% composite on the SAT = 52% on the ACT!)
- 36) [ACT / SAT Concordance Tables](#) - SAT (same tables)
- 37) [Recommended Books and Materials for the Digital SAT](#) - Amazon (Brian McElroy)
- 38) [Recommended Books and Materials for the "Enhanced" ACT](#) - Amazon (Brian McElroy)
- 39) [Colorado State High School Graduation Requirements](#) / "Menu of Options" - Colorado Department of Education ([backup link via WayBack Machine](#))

Requirements: 18+ English ACT (53%) plus 19+ Math ACT (64%), 470+ Reading / Writing SAT (36%) plus 480+ Math SAT (46%), Accuplacer, ACT WorkKeys, 2+ English AP plus 2+ Math AP, ASVAB, Concurrent Enrollment, District Capstone Project, Industry Certificate, International Baccalaureate (IB), Collaboratively developed, standards-based performance assessment

Please note that the average percentile score required to graduate high school in Colorado via the ACT is **58.5%**, while the average percentile score required to qualify via the SAT is just **41%**.

In addition to the conclusions we can glean from the percentile and concordance tables, this is another clear indicator of the significant difficulty and competitiveness gap between the two exams--and another reason to take advantage of Colorado's free statewide School-Day SAT on Tuesday 4/14/26.

As the numbers clearly demonstrate, the SAT is technically the "harder" test -- but given that Colorado's SAT score cutoffs are much lower than its ACT score cutoffs, percentile-wise, the statewide SAT still provides students with a great opportunity to meet their graduation requirement well in advance of their graduation date.

In sum: test early, and test often. Start preparing as early as possible. Take advantage of free, official practice tests (see links above!) and other trustworthy, established test-prep resources, as well as any free statewide exams.

Also consider the ACT (both paper and digital options) as a superior, easier alternative to the SAT (digital only): start by taking an official practice test in both, and seeing which score is higher.

Good luck!