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[WAC 181-01-0025](#)

Per RCW [28A.410.220](#) individuals seeking admission to a state approved educator preparation program may submit evidence of a score on an assessment deemed of equal rigor by the professional educator standards board, such as the SAT or ACT, in lieu of the WEST-B. Acceptable alternative assessments and scores shall be approved and posted by the board and be no lower than the national average for that assessment as set by the professional educator standards board.

Candidates entering a Washington approved teaching preparation program may substitute a passing score on one or more sections of the SAT or ACT for the equivalent passing scores on the WEST-B. The adopted passing scores for SAT and ACT are listed below.

Cut Score Comparison Table

Subject	WEST-B	SAT	ACT
Math	PASS	515 (Prior to 3/2016) 530 (After 3/2016)	22
Reading	PASS	500(prior to 3/2016) 27 (after 3/2016)	22
Writing Writing and Language Test (New SAT section)	PASS	490(prior to 3/2016) 28 (After 3/2016)	8 (2/2005 to 8/2015) 23 (9/2015)

- The SAT writing test was added in 2005. This means no writing score will be accepted for SAT before 2005.
- SAT Score reports prior to October 2004 will have "verbal" scores which are the critical reading scores. If the score reports are from

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October 1996 to September 2004, then the verbal scores are the same as the reading scores beyond 2004. Use those scores to see if the candidate has satisfied the requirement.

- SAT scores that equal or exceed the cut scores in the table above meet the entrance criteria, regardless of when the test was taken.
- SAT October 2004 and later score reports will have critical reading, mathematics and writing scores listed if the candidate took the tests.
- SAT new test started administration March 2016.
- Concordance Table used to determine new scores for candidates taking new SAT test.
- All ACT scores that equal or exceed the cut scores in the table above meet the entrance criteria, regardless of when the test was taken.
- ACT Writing was added Feb. 2005 so no ACT writing score will be accepted before Feb. 2005.
- ACT Reading was added Oct. 1989. No ACT reading score will be accepted before Oct. 1989.
- ACT Writing subsection was updated and a new version was administered September 2015. (see score as of 9/2015)

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