



Why are students taking The ACT®?

**The ACT is more than a college admissions test.
Taking the test:**

- Lets students know if they are on track for college
- Provides students with a measure of their skills in English, math, reading, and science
- Points out students' academic strengths and areas for improvement
- Identifies how students can prepare to succeed in college or a career
- Enables students to develop personalized career information
- Develops comprehensive profiles that tells colleges about students' work in high school and plans for the future
- Allows students to connect with colleges and scholarship agencies that may be interested in them

The **ACT**®

The ACT rewards your student for what he or she knows

The ACT is the only college admissions test that is based on the number of correct answers—with no penalty for guessing. Tell your student to do his or her best, and mark an answer to every question.

Test results

Your student will receive a score report that explains what the test scores mean, as well as the results from his or her career interest inventory with recommendations for careers that fit your student's interests.

There are many ways to prepare your student for The ACT

Taking challenging courses in high school is the best way to prepare for The ACT. It's a good idea to become familiar with the test before taking it. ACT offers free online practice tests and testing tips for each content area, including the optional Writing Test. Additional test prep tools can be found at www.actstudent.org.

Preparing for college

Now is a critical time to talk with your student about the future. Taking The ACT is an important step toward making college a reality for students and preparing them for skills they will need in a career.

Scores from The ACT are accepted by **all** four-year colleges and universities in the United States, including Ivy League schools.

Your student can choose to have scores sent to up to four colleges for free. Additional score reports may be sent at a later date for a fee. It is to your student's benefit to send scores for free so schools can provide information about how to make college a reality.

Common questions about The ACT

When will your student take The ACT?

The school will announce the time, date, and place.

What if your student has a disability?

Accommodations are available if your student has a diagnosed physical and/or learning disability. See your school counselor for details.

What should your student bring on test day?

- Identification or other documents, as instructed by a teacher or the school
- Three sharpened soft-lead (No. 2) pencils with good erasers
- A watch for pacing during the test (no alarm notifications, please)
- Calculator for the Math Test (not required). Visit www.actstudent.org for a list of approved calculators.

Are there sample test questions that my student can see?

Yes. To see sample test questions, go to www.actstudent.org

Should your student guess?

It's better to guess than to leave an answer blank because there are no deductions for incorrect answers.

Learn more about other ACT education and college planning resources for students at www.actstudent.org.

Tips for taking The ACT

- Carefully read the instruction booklet
- Be sure to answer every question
- Mark the answer folder carefully
- Read all possible answers before choosing one
- Eliminate every wrong answer, then pick the one that's best and move on
- Don't spend too much time on any single question
- Follow directions exactly, and don't be afraid to ask questions
- Recheck work if a section is completed before time is called

