

The ACT test is more than a college admissions exam.

The ACT does more than tell students if they are ready for college—it helps them plan for life after high school. They'll get personalized career information and develop a comprehensive profile that tells colleges about their work in high school and their plans for the future. The ACT also shows their strengths and weaknesses in the subject areas tested, so students can better prepare for their future education.

The ACT is the only test with College Readiness Standards.

The College Readiness Standards are sets of statements intended to help you understand what the scores earned on the ACT mean. We have developed College Readiness Benchmark Scores to directly measure College Readiness Standards that are based on actual college performance of students and reflected by specific test scores. Find more on our website at www.act.org/standard/index.html.

The ACT is based on information your students are learning in high school.

Every day your students attend class they're preparing for the ACT. Test questions in the four content areas—English, Mathematics, Reading, Science—are directly related to what they are learning in most of their high school courses. Because the ACT is based on what is taught in high school, students are generally more comfortable with the ACT.

The ACT rewards your students for what they know.

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

There are many ways to help prepare your students for the ACT.

Taking challenging courses in high school is the best way students can prepare for the ACT. It is a good idea for students to become familiar with the test before they take it, and ACT's student website—www.actstudent.org—offers free online practice tests and testing tips for each content area, including the optional Writing Test. ACT also offers tools such as ACT Online Prep™—the online test prep program created by ACT—and other resources to help students get ready for the test.

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Students choose the scores they send to colleges.

When students register for the ACT, they can choose up to four colleges to which they can send their scores for free. If they take the test more than once, they choose which test date results the schools of their choice will receive. ACT sends scores only for the test dates students select.

ACT's Writing Test is optional.

The ACT is a flexible option, saving students time and money, because not all colleges and universities require a writing test for admission. While writing is a very important skill in college, schools use many different methods and approaches in measuring students' writing skills. To find out which colleges will require students to take the writing portion of the ACT, visit www.actstudent.org/writing.

The ACT is a good value.

Preparing for college can be expensive. The ACT provides a good value to students because it offers both a college admissions test and a career planning component for a modest fee (fee waivers also available). In addition, students can make themselves visible to colleges and scholarship agencies across the country. The ACT is the most complete package of services to help students get ready for life beyond high school.

Before You Register

Choosing Your Test Option

Two test options are available:

1. **The ACT (No Writing)**, which is made up of four multiple-choice tests in English, mathematics, reading, and science.
2. **The ACT Plus Writing**, which includes the four multiple-choice tests plus a 30-minute Writing Test. Check www.actstudent.org for a searchable list of colleges that have told us about their policies—whether they require, recommend, or do not need results from the ACT Writing Test.

Choosing Your Test Date

Keep in mind the deadlines of the colleges and scholarship programs you are considering.

You cannot expect to receive your scores from one test date in time to register for the next one.

Retest Restriction

You may take the ACT no more than 12 times total. This restriction applies even if your scores from a test date are cancelled by you or by ACT. See www.actstudent.org for more information.

You may not receive scores from more than one test date per national administration (Saturday, non-Saturday, or rescheduled test date arranged by ACT). If you are admitted and allowed to test a second time, we will report only the scores from the first test. The second set of scores will be cancelled without refund.

When You're Ready to Register

Create Your ACT Web Account

Before you can register, you will need to create your free ACT Web account at www.actstudent.org. This account also allows you to:

- Change your Test Option, Test Date, or Test Center.
- Add, change, or delete college choices.
- Receive e-mail updates from ACT about your registration.
- View your scores at no charge.
- Request and pay for score reports to additional colleges after you test.

Special Circumstances

If any of these situations apply to you, please read the information below BEFORE registering. You may need to follow different instructions.

Do You Need A Fee Waiver? If you cannot afford to pay the basic fee, ask your high school counselor if you are eligible for an ACT Fee Waiver.

Do Your Religious Beliefs Prohibit Saturday Testing?

Non-Saturday test centers are noted at www.actstudent.org.

If a non-Saturday center is scheduled within 50 miles of your home on any test date, register for that center on that test date. (If not, see below.)

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Are you Homebound or Confined on All Test Dates?

Go to www.actstudent.org for information on how to request Arranged Testing.

Do You have a Diagnosed Disability that Requires Test Accommodations?

Before you try to register, click on the "Students with Disabilities" link at www.actstudent.org for information about:

Center Testing #1: Standard Time with Accommodations

Center Testing #2: Extended Time (50% time extension)

Special Testing: For students who require **more** than 50% time extension, need to test over multiple days, or need to test with alternate formats such as Braille, cassettes, audio DVDs, or a reader.

Follow the on-screen instructions to request the type of accommodations you need.

After You Register

Your Admission Ticket

As soon as your test center assignment is confirmed, you will be prompted to print your admission ticket. **You must bring your admission ticket with you to the test center on test day.** It has information you will need to accurately complete your answer document. Otherwise, your scores will be delayed.

Identification Required

Acceptable identification must be presented at check-in or you will not be admitted to test. For detailed information, review your admission ticket or go to www.actstudent.org.

Standby Testing

If you miss the late registration deadline for a test date, you can try to test as a standby on test day.

What You Need to Know

- » You are **not** guaranteed admission.
Check www.actstudent.org to see which centers are scheduled to test on your test date. Test centers admit standbys on a first-come, first-admitted basis and **only** if there is space available after all registered students have been admitted for their test option.
- * Because advance arrangements are required, standby examinees cannot request accommodations.
You will not be able to add, change, or cancel score reports.
Do not bring payment to the test center. We will bill you for all fees due.

What You Must Do

1. Create or log in to your ACT Web account. 2. Write down the ACT ID you are assigned. 3. Download and print the Standby Request Form. 4. Fill out the entire form completely and accurately. If you do not provide an accurate and legible ACT ID, you will not receive scores. 5. Arrive at the test center **before 8:00 a.m.** with your completed form and acceptable identification. You will not be admitted to test without them.

Preparing for Test Day

Go to www.actstudent.org for the following information:

- Preparing for the ACT*, which includes a complete practice test and specific strategies for each test.
- * [Details about permitted and prohibited calculators.](#)
- * Information about ACT Online Prep™ and *The Real ACT Prep Guide*.

Questions?

Click on the "FAQs" link at www.actstudent.org. Use the FAQs to find the answers to questions such as:

- » How can I make changes to my registration?
How can I add, change, or cancel my score report choices?
What should I bring to the test center on test day? What are my options if I miss the test date?

Choose "Send a question by e-mail" if you want to contact specific departments.

Making Changes to Your Registration

You can request and pay for the changes below through your ACT Web account before the registration deadline. If you make the change during the late period, you will need to pay the additional late fee.

Test Center Change: For the same test date.

Test Date Change: If you do not test on your original test date.

Test Option Change: Add or drop the ACT Writing Test.

If you miss the deadline, you can try to make a change on test day. Take your admission ticket to your preferred test center on your preferred test date and tell the test supervisor what change you want to make. If space is available, you will be allowed to make the change, and we will bill you for all fees due.

ACT Fees 2010-2011

You must use a valid American Express, DISCOVER, MasterCard, or VISA (or waiver/voucher, if applicable) to register online. Fees are nonrefundable unless noted with an asterisk.

Basic Fee (includes up to four valid college codes listed when you register)

ACT (No Writing)..... \$33.00
ACT Plus Writing..... \$48.00*

*\$15.00 fee for the Writing Test is refundable if you are absent on test day or you change your Test Option to the ACT (No Writing) before testing begins.

Test center change (for same test date) . . . + \$20.00

Other Fees

Pre-registration by phone

(to retake the test).....Basic Fee + \$12.00

Standby testing.....Basic Fee + \$41.00

Test Date Change additional \$20.00

(For different date only if you do not test on the original date.)

You will be charged the basic fee for your test option plus \$20.00. Your basic fee for the original test date will be promptly refunded.

Late Fee
..... Basic Fee or Test Date Change Fee + \$21.00

Test Information Release (December, April, June test dates only)Basic Fee + \$18.00*

Score Reporting Fees

5th and 6th college codes (if requested before the test date)Basic Fee + \$10.00* each

Additional Score Reports

Click on "Send Your Scores" at www.actstudent.org for fees and delivery options.

"Check our website for information on how to request a refund.