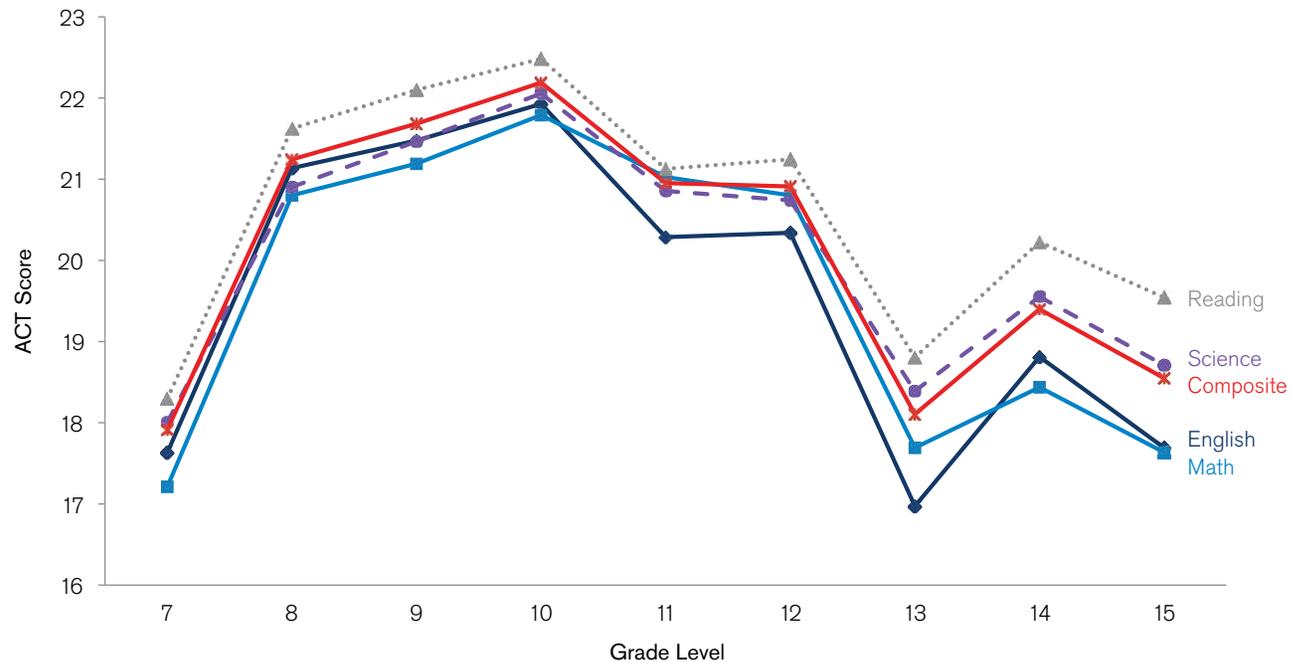


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Of all students who took the ACT during the 2012–13 academic year, students in tenth grade received higher scores on all tests, on average, than any other grade level.

## Average ACT Scores by Grade at Time of Testing

ACT Scores by Grade on Date of Testing, 2012–13 School Year



Note: Data come from over 2.72 million students who took The ACT during the 2012–13 academic year. Students are asked to indicate present grade when they register for the test.

Although most students take The ACT® during their junior or senior years of high school, many others choose to take the assessment earlier or later than those years. During the 2012–13 school year, students who reported they were in eleventh grade at the time of testing made up roughly 55% of ACT test takers, and approximately 37% of test takers reported being in twelfth grade. About 8% of students indicated that they were in another grade when they took The ACT.

Of all students who took The ACT in 2012–13, tenth-grade students received the highest average scores on all subject tests as well as the highest average Composite score (22.2). However, tenth graders made up approximately 3% of ACT test-takers. The largest grade-level group, eleventh grade, had an average Composite score of 21.

More research is necessary to learn more about the reasons for lower test scores in eleventh and twelfth grades when compared with average test scores in eighth, ninth, and tenth grades. ■