



# What can the ACT do for you?

## Show colleges that you are ready to succeed

More and more selective schools are realizing the value of test scores and again requiring them for admissions. An ACT score can show schools that you are prepared to tackle their curriculum from day one.

## Do your best with the testing format you prefer

Depending on what you are more comfortable with, you can choose **paper and pencil** or **online** testing.

## Connect with colleges and scholarship programs via EOS

The [ACT Educational Opportunity Service](#) helps match you with colleges and other career-related resources aligned with your background and interests.

## Sketch out your educational and career plans in MyACT

The results from your [ACT Interest Inventory](#) create your personal [College Major Map](#) and [Career Map](#) to narrow down options that align with your interests, abilities, and values.

## Put your best score forward with an ACT Superscore

If you take the ACT more than once, your best subject score from each test will be used to create an [official superscore](#) to showcase your best performance.

## Give your application an extra boost with the optional writing test

Demonstrating your writing skills and ability to understand and explore ideas can help you stand out for competitive programs.



## Interested in a STEM program?

The ACT is the only test that includes a unique STEM score, a measure of preparedness for courses in STEM-related majors.

**Colleges want data they can trust — submit your applications with the confidence that comes with including your ACT score.**

## The ACT is more than an admissions exam

In addition to being a college admissions exam, the ACT includes a profile and education/career planning section to help you plan for life after high school. In [MyACT](#) you can complete your interest inventory and see how well your interests align with your planned major. You can also explore schools and majors, or find free online practice tests to help you do your best on the ACT and beyond.

## How to prepare for the ACT

- Take challenging courses
- Study hard
- Visit [act.org/prep](https://act.org/prep) to explore test prep options.
- Stay positive - *you've got this!*

### Go to [actstudent.org](https://actstudent.org) for free resources:

- Practice questions
- Testing tips for each subject
- *Preparing for the ACT* downloadable test prep booklet

## The ACT can help save money on tuition

Your ACT score can increase your chances of earning scholarships that can fuel your future and help with college costs. Even schools that are test optional may still require or recommend an ACT score to qualify for merit awards.

## The ACT shows the range of your knowledge

The four sections of the ACT test — English, math, reading, and science — each make up 25% of the test and 25% of your score, providing a broad and balanced view of your abilities. Other tests have just two sections, with Math and Reading each being 50% of your score.



### Wish you could see your answers alongside the correct answers after taking a test?

With the ACT, you can order your Test Information Release (TIR) question and answer key for three test dates a year. Learn more at [act.org/tir](https://act.org/tir).

## Only the ACT offers support for English Language learners

If you are enrolled in your school's English Learners (EL) program, you may qualify for additional support when taking the ACT. Work with your school counselor to request EL accommodations after you register.

## The ACT offers fee waivers for eligible students

Every student deserves the chance to chart their own course for success. If you have trouble paying for the ACT test, the ACT Fee Waiver Program can help with registration fees, test prep, and more. Check with your school counselor to find out if you are eligible to apply.