

Data-Driven Actions for Student Success



ACT's College and Career Readiness System

Longitudinal Assessments			Instruction
<p>EXPLORE</p> <p>8th–9th Grade</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Baseline assessment Helps increase PLAN and ACT scores Documents if students are on track for college 	<p>PLAN</p> <p>10th Grade</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Midpoint assessment Helps increase ACT scores Documents if students are on track for college 	<p>The ACT</p> <p>11th–12th Grade</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Measures what students have learned Increases college readiness when used with EXPLORE and PLAN Documents readiness for college 	<p>QualityCore</p> <p>9th–12th Grade Instructional Improvement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> End-of-course assessments Research-based educator resources Aligned formative item pool For 12 high school courses Based on empirical research Helps improve college readiness for all students by ensuring high school courses are focused on essential postsecondary skills
Score Scale			
1–25			
1–32			
1–36			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Only curriculum-based, research-validated system available today Increases readiness for college or a career Provides link between scores and skills Promotes college enrollment, persistence, and success Built on a common score scale to measure academic progress from grades 8 through 12 Helps students identify postsecondary options 			

2010–2011 ACT Test Dates

United States, U.S. Territories, Puerto Rico, and Canada

Test Date	Registration (regular fee)	Late Registration***
September 11, 2010*	August 6, 2010	August 7–20, 2010
October 23, 2010	September 17, 2010	September 18–October 1, 2010
December 11, 2010	November 5, 2010	November 6–19, 2010
February 12, 2011**	January 7, 2011	January 8–21, 2011
April 9, 2011	March 4, 2011	March 5–18, 2011
June 11, 2011	May 6, 2011	May 7–20, 2011

*The September test date is offered only within the 50 United States and D.C.
 **No test centers are scheduled in New York for the February test date.
 ***If you miss the regular deadline, you can register during the late period, but must pay the additional nonrefundable late fee.

ACT College Readiness Benchmark Scores

Test	College Course(s)	EXPLORE		PLAN	The ACT
		Grade 8	Grade 9		
English	English Composition	13	14	15	18
Math	Algebra	17	18	19	22
Reading	Social Sciences	15	16	17	21
Science	Biology	20	20	21	24

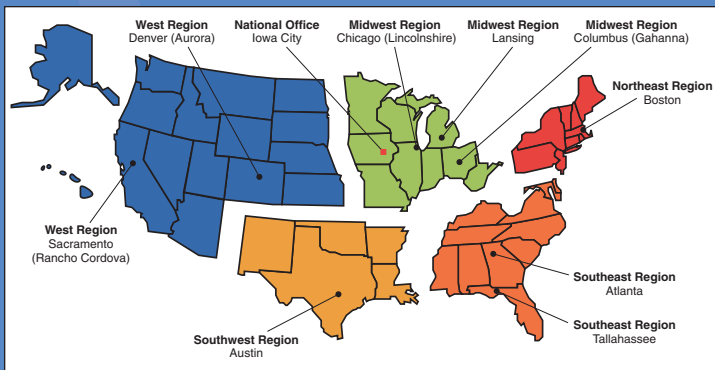
■ A benchmark score is the minimum score needed on an ACT subject area test to indicate a 50% chance of obtaining a B or higher or a 75% chance of obtaining a C or higher in the corresponding credit-bearing courses.
 ■ For more information on the **College Readiness Benchmark Scores** visit www.act.org/research/policymakers/pdf/benchmarks.pdf

Why should your school be an ACT test center?

- By taking the test at their high school or in the area, students will:
- Be able to take the ACT in a familiar environment, close to home.
 - Be more comfortable taking the ACT.
- Your school can benefit, too—You can:
- Demonstrate your commitment to college readiness.
 - Encourage students to go to college.

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ACT College Readiness Standards

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ACT College Readiness Benchmarks

www.act.org/research/policymakers/pdf/benchmarks.pdf

ACT Research—Policymakers

www.act.org/research/policymakers/index.html

ACT Research—Educators

www.act.org/research/services/index.html

ACT's Longitudinal Assessments

Content Detail

	Score Scales		
	EXPLORE 1–25	PLAN 1–32	The ACT 1–36

English Test Content and Number of Items

	EXPLORE	PLAN	The ACT
Punctuation	6	7	10
Grammar and Usage	8	9	12
Sentence Structure	11	14	18
Strategy	5	6	12
Organization	5	7	11
Style	5	7	12
Total	40 30 minutes	50 30 minutes	75 45 minutes

Mathematics Test Content and Number of Items

	EXPLORE	PLAN	The ACT
Pre-Algebra	10	14	14
Elementary Algebra	9	8	10
Intermediate Algebra	—	—	9
Geometry	7	—	—
Coordinate Geometry	—	7	9
Plane Geometry	—	11	14
Statistics/Probability	4	—	—
Trigonometry	—	—	4
Total	30 30 minutes	40 40 minutes	60 60 minutes

Reading Test Content and Number of Items

	EXPLORE	PLAN	The ACT
Prose Fiction	10	8	10
Humanities	10	9	10
Social Sciences	10	8	10
Natural Sciences	—	—	10
Total	30 30 minutes	25 20 minutes	40 35 minutes

Science Test Content and Number of Items

	EXPLORE	PLAN	The ACT
Data Representation	12	10	15
Research Summaries	10	14	18
Conflicting Viewpoints	6	6	7
Total	28 30 minutes	30 25 minutes	40 35 minutes

Optional Writing Test (the ACT only)—30 minutes

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