

The **ACT**[®]



THE ACT INSTITUTIONAL DATA QUESTIONNAIRE

Get Your Message Out to Millions of High School Students

What is the ACT Institutional Data Questionnaire?

The ACT Institutional Data Questionnaire (IDQ) is a free survey that provides institutions of higher learning across the United States the opportunity to share information about themselves with millions of prospective students. The IDQ contains information on more than 3,400 two-year and four-year colleges and universities.

How Do Students Get This Information?

The ACT website (www.actstudent.org) gives students your official decision about requiring or recommending the ACT Writing Test. Through the ACT score reports and ACT services such as DISCOVER[®], you have the opportunity to get up-to-date information in students' hands, at no cost to your institution. This brochure provides a sample of the ACT Student Report, along with a description of the data on the report that comes from your IDQ response.

How Can I Be Sure My Institution Is Providing Students the Most Up-to-Date Information?

Every January, ACT invites you to update your Institutional Data Questionnaire. As the IDQ contact for your institution, you play a critical role in providing comprehensive, accurate information for millions of high school students, their counselors, and their families.

The IDQ collects important information about your college including:

- enrollment
- admissions
- costs
- financial aid
- student affairs
- academic programs

If you want to present students with the best information available about your campus, be sure to complete the ACT Institutional Data Questionnaire each year.

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How Is Your Data Used?

Your information contributes to three resources that influence students' college plans and career decisions.

1. The **DISCOVER** career planning program from ACT

Using the DISCOVER program, high school students—and users of any age—can find help preparing for college, career/technical training, and employment. Your IDQ data becomes part of the Schools section of DISCOVER, where users search for and retrieve details about colleges that meet their needs. For more information, visit www.act.org/discover.

2. The **ACT Writing Test**

When you complete the IDQ, you record your college's official decision about requiring or recommending the ACT Writing Test for admission. Students then can view your decision online. To see this feature, go to www.actstudent.org and select the "Writing Test option" link.

3. The **ACT Student Report**

Information about students' college choices is prominently displayed on the front page of the report in the section called "Your College Planning." This college planning information is provided for the first four choices students list as score recipients when they take the ACT. A sample of the report is on the next page.

What Information About My College Does ACT Provide On the Student Report?

The categories of information displayed on the ACT student report are listed below. Compare the lettered sections to the corresponding sections on the "Your College Planning" portion of the sample ACT report on the next page.

A	Contact Information for Your College
B	High School Class Rank of the Majority of Your First-Year Students
C	ACT Composite Score Range of Your First-Year Students
D	High School Grade Point Average of Your First-Year Students
E	Do you offer the program of study the student prefers?
F	Your approximate annual in-state tuition and fees Your approximate annual out-of-state tuition and fees
G	Percentage of your first-year students receiving need-based financial aid Percentage of your first-year students receiving merit-based financial aid

SAMPLE

The ACT® Plus Writing Student Report

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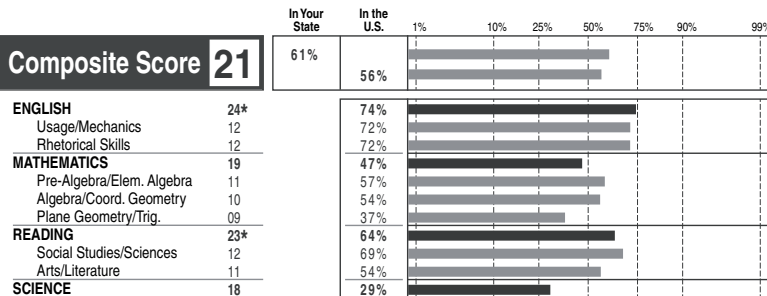
STUDENT'S NAME: ANN C TAYLOR
HIGH SCHOOL NAME: WHEAT RIDGE SR HIGH SCHOOL
HIGH SCHOOL CODE: 067-890

ACT ID: -54116290
SSN: XXX-XX-2007
TEST DATE & LOCATION: APR 2008 NATIONAL



Your ACT Scores

Rank: Approximate percent of ACT-tested students at or below your score



- ACT® test scores and the Composite score range from 1 to 36; subscores range from 1 to 18.
- Your Composite score is the average of your scores on the four subject area tests. Subscores do not necessarily add up to your score for a subject area test.
- Your ranks tell you the approximate percentages of recent high school graduates in the U.S. and your state who took the ACT and received scores that are the same as or lower than yours. A rank of 70, for example, means that 70% of students received scores that are the same as or lower than your score.
- Your test scores are only estimates, not precise measures, of your educational development. You will find more information about interpreting your scores in the booklet you received with this report and at www.actstudent.org.

COMBINED ENGLISH/Writing 25
Writing (score range 2 to 12) 10

The Combined English/Writing score ranges from 1 to 36 and is a combined measure of the Writing and English tests. The Writing score ranges from 2 to 12. Your ranks for these two scores are based on recent ACT-tested students who took the Writing test.

COMMENTS ON YOUR ESSAY: YOUR ESSAY SHOWED RECOGNITION OF THE COMPLEXITY OF THE ISSUE BY PARTIALLY EVALUATING ITS IMPLICATIONS. GENERAL STATEMENTS IN YOUR ESSAY WERE WELL SUPPORTED WITH SPECIFIC REASONS, EXAMPLES, AND DETAILS. SOME VARIED SENTENCE STRUCTURES AND PRECISE WORD CHOICE ADDED CLARITY AND INTEREST TO YOUR WRITING.

*Your College Readiness: If your scores are at or above the following ACT benchmark scores, you will likely be ready for first-year college courses—English 18, Mathematics 22, Reading 21, Science 24.



Looking for more information about your individual strengths and test preparation? Go to www.actstudent.org.

Your College Reports

At your direction, your scores from this test date are being reported to the colleges shown below. College planning information is provided for the first four choices you listed when you registered or tested. (Fifth and sixth choices, if any, appear just above your first choice.) Your GPA was calculated from the grades you reported. To view additional college planning information or to send additional reports, visit www.actstudent.org.

College Name and Code	What is the profile of enrolled 1st-year students at this college?			Is the program of study you prefer offered?	What are the approximate annual tuition and fees?		What percent of 1st-year students receive financial aid based on:	
	High School Class Rank	ACT Composite Score	High School Grade Point Average		In-state	Out-of-state	Need?	Merit?
UNIVERSITY OF OMEGA OMEGA CO 800/498-6068 www.omega.edu	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	
ALPHA UNIVERSITY UNIVERSITY CENTER IA 319/337-1000 www.alpha.edu								
BETA COMMUNITY COLLEGE CLARKSTON CO 800/498-6481 www.betacc.edu								
MAGNA COLLEGE PLAINVIEW OH 800/525-6926 www.magna.edu								

Your Information

Your Class Rank	Your Composite Score	Your Calculated GPA	Your Selected Major
TOP 25%	21	3.29	BUSINESS & MGMT, GEN

Check with colleges for recent changes in information. A dash (—) indicates information was not provided or could not be calculated. *Comprehensive fee including room and board. © 2008 by ACT, Inc. All rights reserved.

How Do I Complete the IDQ?

ACT provides a Web-based service for completing the IDQ. To assist you, we take your current IDQ data and display it on the same page you will use to enter new information. When possible, we also include data from your institution's submissions to the federal government's Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS).

What If I Am a First-Time User?

Our online questionnaire starts with general information about the service. We also provide an online Help section that answers your technical questions. You can access Help from any IDQ Web page. And ACT staff can assist you by phone or through the e-mail address listed below.

What If I Need Other Departments to Complete Sections of the IDQ?

You do not have to complete the IDQ by yourself. You can share your login information with appropriate staff at your college from Admissions, Financial Aid, Housing, Student Services, or other departments, allowing them to complete sections of the IDQ. The IDQ system saves your data as you move from page to page. Each user should use the LOGOUT button at the top of the screen to leave the IDQ.

How Do I Submit My Updates?

Whether you complete the IDQ yourself, or have other departments contribute, as the IDQ contact at your institution you control when to submit your updates. When all the updates have been made and you have reviewed all sections of the IDQ, use the "Submit All Data" button.

How Can I Contact ACT?

Our staff is trained to help you complete all sections of the questionnaire. If you need assistance, please call or e-mail us at the contact information below.

ACT Institutional Services
P.O. Box 168
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