

Assessing Academic Growth for College and Career Readiness

The **ACT**[®]



for your state

Benefits for Students

- Accepted for college admissions and course placement at all 4-year colleges and universities in the U.S. and the NCAA
- Exposes students to the full range of postsecondary options
- Encourages students to take rigorous college-prep coursework
- Measures the knowledge and skills critical to college and career success
- Promotes exploration of careers and college majors that match students' interests

Additional Benefits

- Curriculum-based educational and career planning tool that assesses progress towards state and college readiness standards
- Promotes educational and career planning
- Proven to reduce college remediation rates
- Correlates with increases in college enrollment, persistence, and success
- Comparability of performance across states
- Increased opportunities for minority, middle and low income, and male students
- Economic Impact – Students with a bachelor's degree earn almost \$1,000,000 more over their lifetime than students with a high school diploma, resulting in a higher taxable income, which results in lower expenditures on welfare and other assistance programs.¹

¹ United States Department of Labor—2004

State Standards Match Reports

State Standards Match Reports provide user-friendly information about how ACT's tests align with your state's standards. Find your state standards match report at:

<http://www.act.org/education/statematch/>

Additional benefits of statewide administration can be found at:

www.act.org/stateservices/

Statewide Testing Program Features

- Allows for use of state IDs
- Weekday administration
- Expanded range of accommodations to maximize participation
- Has been approved for use in state models for NCLB and AYP accountability
- Aggregate reporting
- **Quick turnaround**—Results and follow-up materials shipped in 3–8 weeks
- Aligned with ACT's College and Career Readiness System—a longitudinal growth model for grades 8–12

Powerful Predictor

Empirically derived College Readiness Benchmarks developed to predict first-year postsecondary success.

Statewide use of the ACT[®]

The red states have adopted statewide use of The ACT.

