Beyond Academics
Preparing for college, careers, and life requires a diverse set of knowledge and skills.

In the early 2000s, it was clear that earning a high school diploma did not ensure readiness for postsecondary experience. In fact, research and policy reports showed the opposite.

While definitions of college and career readiness tend to focus primarily on academic factors, research has actually found that there is more to readiness and success than just academics.

The ACT® Holistic Framework™ was developed based on this research and knowledge. It defines the new standard for preparing students for college and careers and measuring their readiness.

Learn more at act.org/holisticframework
Beyond the Test

ACT is about more than just the ACT® test. We offer a continuum of tools and services designed to give a clearer, more holistic picture of college and career readiness as well as strategies for how to improve. Our products and services are informed by the ACT® Holistic Framework™ and help people of all ages achieve education and workplace success.

- **ACT® Aspire®**
  Maps learner progress on a scale anchored to the ACT test.

- **ACT® Tessera®**
  Measures behavioral skills that contribute to student performance.

- **ACT® Academy™**
  A free online learning tool and test practice program that helps students master the skills they need to improve their ACT scores.

- **PreACT® 8/9**
  Supports 8th-9th graders with an early practice experience for the ACT test and an early indicator of college and career readiness.

- **PreACT®**
  Helps students practice for the ACT test experience and empowers them with valuable data and insights.

- **ACT® Online Prep**
  Helps students prepare to take the ACT test, featuring real questions from previous tests.

- **The Official ACT® Prep Guide**
  An ACT-authorized prep book with three practice tests, each with optional writing, and access to online questions.

- **The ACT®**
  Helps identify students who are at risk of having academic difficulties or dropping out of college.

- **ACT® WorkKeys® Suite**
  A system of assessments, curriculum, and skills profiling that determine, build and measure essential workplace skills.

- **ACT® College Ready**
  Identifies knowledge and skill gaps in math and English and creates a personalized learning path.

- **ACT® WorkKeys® National Career Readiness Certificate®**
  Verifies that the recipient has the foundational skills needed across occupations and industries.