



WHY TAKE THE ACT?

Every day your students attend class they're preparing for the ACT.

The ACT[®] Test...

- Is accepted by **all** US colleges and universities
- Has an optional writing test
- Can increase students' chances of earning new or better scholarships
- Includes an educational and career planning component
- Provides four free score reports for each student*
- Helps students show their readiness with a STEM score

*If ordered at time of registration

THE ACT MEASURES WHAT MATTERS

IT'S THE LINK BETWEEN HIGH SCHOOL CURRICULUM AND COLLEGE PERFORMANCE

The ACT assesses the skills students should be learning every day, with research-backed alignment among:

WHAT SCHOOLS TEACH



OPTIONAL WRITING TEST

Since not all colleges and universities require a writing test for admission, ACT allows students to choose whether to take the writing test.

WHAT WE MEASURE



STEM READINESS

Students can show their readiness for college level courses with a STEM score, a measure of preparedness for courses in STEM-related majors.

STUDENT PERFORMANCE IN COLLEGE COURSES



CURRICULUM BASED

ACT test questions are directly related to what students learn in most of their high school courses. Because the ACT is based on high school curriculum, students may feel more comfortable taking the ACT.

MANY WAYS TO PREPARE

The best way to prepare for the test is to take challenging courses in high school and study hard. Encourage your students to become familiar with the test before they take it. ACT provides many free resources, including practice questions, testing tips, complete practice tests, and more at actstudent.org.

MAJOR AND CAREER EXPLORATION INFORMATION

The ACT gives students valuable information to help them plan for life after high school. Students receive a list of majors and occupations to look into based on their interests or careers they are considering. Through exploration, students find occupations they might otherwise have missed.

Visit act.org/explore-careers for more information about using these results.

STANDARDS BASED

The ACT aligns with the ACT College and Career Readiness Standards, which help students understand what their scores mean. Students can see how prepared they are for college by comparing their scores to the ACT College Readiness Benchmark scores. The Benchmarks, based on ACT test scores and actual college performance of students, are measures that show the likelihood of college success in a subject if students score at or above the Benchmark.

For more information about the ACT and additional resources for educational professionals visit act.org/aap/resources

