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2019–2020 ACT

COUNSELOR'S

GUIDE

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HELP YOUR **STUDENTS** GET ANYWHERE

Like you, we're driven by student success.

Because this is our driving force, ACT products and services are constantly improving. ACT is transforming how people learn, measure progress, and navigate their individual paths to education and workplace success. Since you're busy, we put this guide together to make understanding all things ACT as simple as possible.

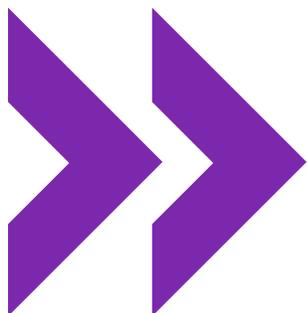


WHAT'S NEW

for 2019-2020

We continuously strive to make improvements to the ACT® test that align with our mission. When we focus on updates that will help more students achieve education and workplace success we help more individuals reach their full potential.

Here's what's new for the ACT in 2019-20:



ACT FEE WAIVER PROGRAM – A family's income should not determine his or her educational or career opportunities. During the 2019-2020 school year, ACT will expand its ACT test fee waiver program to late fee expenses if applicable.

As a reminder, the ACT Fee Waiver covers the registration fee for either the ACT with or without writing, one report to the student's high school, and up to six college choices at the time of registration. After registration, students can request up to an additional 20 regular score reports for free.

Additional Benefits: Students registering with a fee waiver receive free access to ACT® Online Prep™ and ACT® Rapid Review™-All Access. ACT offers a Request for Waiver or Deferral of College Admission Application Fee form. Students qualifying for the ACT Fee Waiver can use this form as part of their application process.

STUDENT INFORMATION – In the 2019-2020 school year, updates will be made to non-test questions including updating the gender field to be more inclusive for all students. In addition, students are no longer required to inform whether or not they are a legal resident of the state.

WHAT'S NEW FOR 2019-2020

ACT® ACADEMY™ – The free, online resource to practice for the ACT now contains a patent-pending application to provide students with improved personalized learning resources. While using ACT Academy, the program gathers learner data in real time, applies results immediately, and delivers a list of ACT Academy resources based on the identified areas of needs for that student.

ACT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM – ACT introduced a new Scholarship program in 2019, giving away more than \$50,000 in scholarships. This year, ACT will give more students the opportunity for a chance to participate in the ACT Scholarship Giveaway program. Details about the program and scholarship amounts will be released soon. Information about the scholarship will be available at act.org/scholarshipgiveaway.



ACT is committed to helping all students succeed in their educational journey. Students from low-income families face a series of unique challenges and barriers that can reduce their access to higher education, and sending ACT scores to the colleges they aspire to attend should not be one of them.

– **SUZANA DELANGHE**, ACT Chief Commercial Officer

For more information on these updates and more, Visit us at actstudent.org



TEST DATES & FEES

2019-2020

2019 Test Dates Registration Deadline ** Late Registration Deadline	SEPT 14	OCT 26	DEC 14	Register at act.org
	AUG 16	SEP 20	NOV 8	
	AUG 30	OCT 4	NOV 22	

2020 Test Dates Registration Deadline ** Late Registration Deadline	FEB 8	APR 4	JUN 13	JUL 18*
	JAN 10	FEB 28	MAY 8	JUN 19
	JAN 17	MAR 13	MAY 22	JUN 26

*No test centers are scheduled in New York for the July test date.

**All material sent by mail must be RECEIVED by the late registration deadline, regardless of postmark date.

2019-20 TEST FEES⁺

ACT **\$52.00** | ACT with writing **\$68.00**

Counselors can order Fee Waivers for the ACT test and other support materials at act.org/the-act/supportmaterials

+ Students unable to afford the test fee may be eligible to receive an ACT Fee Waiver. The ACT Fee Waiver covers the registration fees for either the ACT (no writing) or the ACT with writing. The waiver covers one report to your high school and up to six college choices. After registration, you can request up to an additional 20 regular score reports for free. In addition, students utilizing a fee waiver also receive access to ACT[®] Online Prep[™] and ACT[®] Rapid Review[™] - All Access for free.



WHY CHECK YES on EOS

When you register for the ACT, make sure to sign up for the ACT Educational Opportunity Service (EOS). **Here are three reasons to check yes on EOS:**

1



CONNECT WITH COLLEGES

EOS broadens your college search by introducing you to more colleges. On average, students who check yes have their names selected by more than 16 colleges.

2



FIND SCHOLARSHIPS & FINANCIAL AID

Groups that oversee scholarships and other forms of financial aid use EOS to connect with students.

3



MOST STUDENTS USE IT

In 2017-18, about 71% of ACT-tested high school students opted in to EOS. **It's free** and, if you change your mind, you can switch your preferences online.

ACT[®] SCHOLARSHIP GIVEAWAY

Win Big!

GET TO COLLEGE
**FOR A LOT
LESS**

LEARN MORE ON
AUGUST 23

We're giving away **thousands** in scholarships and prizes this school year, because nothing makes us happier than seeing students succeed.

Students Will Win Big!

We will be giving more students more opportunities for a chance to win scholarships, plus tons of additional prizes.

Stay Tuned to Learn More

Details will be released on August 23 and available on act.org/scholarshipgiveaway

Learn more at act.org/scholarshipgiveaway



8 REASONS TO CHOOSE THE ACT[®] TEST

1

Know which questions count

On the SAT[®], time might be spent on a question without knowing it doesn't count toward the final score. This is not the case on the ACT.

5

No penalty for guessing

ACT has never had a penalty for guessing, so when possible, try not to leave an answer blank.

2

ACT subject scores are balanced

Math is half of the SAT score. The ACT math section is only 25% of the test and 25% of the overall score.

6

Calculators are allowed on the entire math test

ACT lets you use your calculator for the entire math section! That is not true on the SAT.

3

You have access to English learner supports only with the ACT

ACT provides accommodations to U.S. students who are English learners. Test results are college reportable.

7

The material has already been covered

The test is designed so by the end of the junior year, it's likely the material seen on the test has been covered.

4

Increase potential for scholarships

A school counselor found, after 10 years of students taking both the ACT and SAT, that more scholarships favored the ACT.

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FREE test prep

ACT[®] Academy[™] is the go-to place to get the most comprehensive, FREE, personalized practice for the ACT.

Find out more at act.org/student

COMPARISON OF THE ACT TO THE SAT*

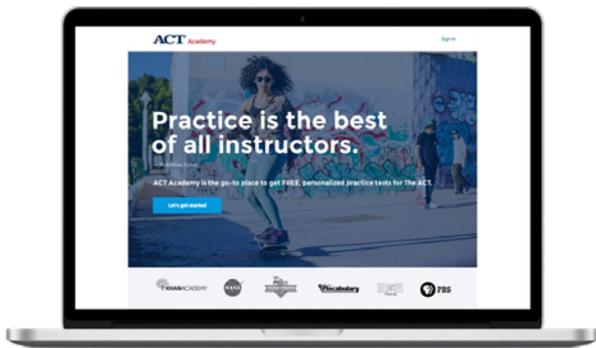
	ACT	SAT
Accepted at all US colleges	✓	✓
Calculator allowed for entire math test	✓	✗
Essay is optional	✓	✓
No penalty for guessing	✓	✓
Free daily practice questions	✓	✓
Free comprehensive test practice	✓	✓
Test fees waived for eligible students	✓	✓
Fee waiver students eligible for college application fee waiver	✓	✓
Free score reports	✓	✓
All tests 1 hour or less	✓	✗
Measures what you learn in high school	✓	✓
You always know which questions count	✓	✗
Testing time	2 hours 55 minutes + 40-minute essay (optional)	3 hours + 50-minute essay (optional)
Structure	4 tests + optional writing test	3 tests + optional essay
Longest test	1 hour	1 hour 20 minutes
Shortest test	35 minutes	35 minutes
Score range	Composite 1-36 (writing domain scores: 2-12)	Composite 400-1600 (SAT Essay: reported in 3 dimensions, each 2-8)

*Based on publicly released SAT information.



TEST PREP STARTS HERE

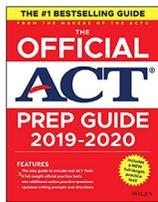
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ACT Academy – A FREE online ACT test prep tool for students, with personalized, self-guided plans based on test results from the PreACT® and the ACT® test, as well as official ACT practice tests.
act.org/academy

FINISH STRONG

ACT PREP GUIDE



Test prep book from the makers of the ACT test

ACT ONLINE PREP



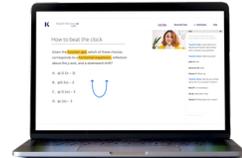
Online prep for the ACT—anytime, anywhere

ACT PREP PACK



Bundles Prep Guide + Online Prep

ACT RAPID REVIEW



Provides a range of test prep content and delivery options

act.org/prep

Help students get prepared and confident for the ACT test. Our resources are delivered by the official test makers and designed for every learning style.

	PREPARING FOR THE ACT® TEST (BOOKLET)	ACT® ACADEMY™	ACT® RAPID REVIEW™
 DESCRIPTION	Helpful hints and test-taking strategies, as well as one complete practice ACT.	The online learning resource includes a test prep program with a full-length practice test and quizzes for each subject test. Find a sample study plan, and the best resources to strengthen skills.	An official teaching partner of the ACT, Kaplan's team of teachers helps students gain the confidence they need for test day. ACT Rapid Review offers last-minute prep just in time.
 WHY CHOOSE THIS OPTION	Get an introduction to the format and layout of the test.	Practice quizzes provide personalized learning resources to build academic skills.	Receive last-minute test prep and learn from Kaplan teachers to build test day confidence.
 FORMAT	 Download	 Online	 Online
 PRICE	FREE	FREE	Starting at \$40.00*

THE OFFICIAL ACT PREP GUIDE	ACT ONLINE PREP	ACT PREP PACK	 DESCRIPTION
<p>The only guide written by the makers of the test. The comprehensive guide provides information from registration through results and includes FIVE full-length practice tests and 400 online practice questions.</p>	<p>An online comprehensive resource to prepare students for the test. A personalized learning path will guide students, track progress, and build confidence with each practice session.</p>	<p>By bundling two popular options, the prep pack delivers SEVEN full-length practice tests and more than 2,400 online practice questions.</p>	
<p>A comprehensive guide to fully prepare for the test in book format.</p>	<p>The 6 month unlimited access subscription provides ample opportunity to prepare for the test and interact with thousands of practice items.</p>	<p>The bundled option delivers the best value.</p>	 WHY CHOOSE THIS OPTION
 Book	 Online & Mobile	 Book, Online & Mobile	 FORMAT
\$34.95	\$39.95*	\$59.95	 PRICE

* Students utilizing a Fee Waiver for registration will receive free access to ACT Rapid Review – All Access and ACT Online Prep.
 +Additional free prep resources such as webinars, a free study guide, and practice questions are available at act.org/prep.



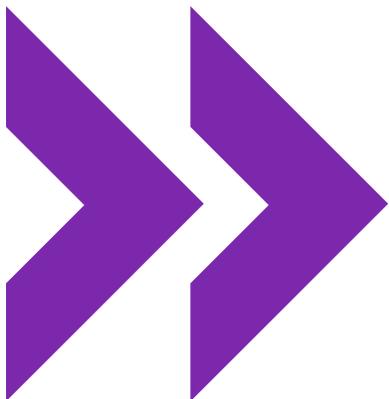
BECAUSE PRACTICE MAKES **POSSIBLE**

Absolutely free, personalized practice for the ACT.

ACT Academy is a free online learning tool designed to help your students get the best score possible on the ACT test through video lessons, interactive practice questions, and full-length practice tests.

- Aggregates the most comprehensive collection of learning resources for students
- Personalized resources
- A full-length practice test, ACT test section quizzes
- Educational games and videos to drive mastery of content

Encourage your students to visit act.org/academy



ACT RAPID REVIEW

LAST MINUTE PREP WITH **BEST-IN-CLASS** TEACHERS

Kaplan's highest-rated teachers will lead students through what to study—and how to study it—**for effective last-minute preparation.**

RAPID REVIEW ALL ACCESS

Get Rapid Review Live and On Demand to cover all the bases and save \$16. Study with Kaplan's team of expert ACT teachers in interactive, live sessions and reinforce the learning with On Demand lessons.

RAPID REVIEW ON DEMAND

Prep with on-demand videos led by Kaplan's expert teachers. Cover every topic that's tested on the ACT. With access for 6 months, students can set the pace and schedule.

RAPID REVIEW LIVE

Study with Kaplan's team of expert ACT teachers in interactive, live sessions. Cover every topic—Intro and Advanced for Math/Science and English/Reading and students can ask questions along the way. Plus, the same lessons can be reviewed again for additional prep.

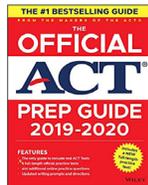
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ACT TEST PREP

THE OFFICIAL GUIDE FROM THE **OFFICIAL** TEST MAKERS

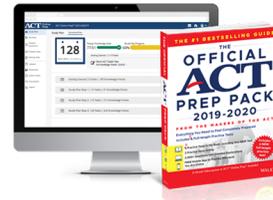
THE OFFICIAL ACT® PREP GUIDE 2019-2020



THIS STUDY GUIDE PROVIDES:

- 5 full-length practice tests, including one NEW full-length practice test with optional writing test (215 questions)
- 400 online practice questions – build practice sets based on question type, difficulty level, and more
- Updated writing prompts and directions
- Practice tests use real ACT test forms from previous years
- Tips on how to do your best preparing for the test
- Helpful advice for test day

THE OFFICIAL ACT® PREP PACK 2019-2020



THIS PACKAGE INCLUDES:

- The official 2019-2020 ACT Prep Guide book
- 6-month access to ACT Online Prep™
- 7 genuine, full-length multiple choice practice tests and writing prompts (five in book and two online)
- 2,400+ additional online practice questions
- Mobile app for on-the-go learning
- Game center to further test knowledge
- Customizable flashcard sets for individual review needs
- Structured or adaptive learning plans
- Daily goals and tracking to help maintain focus
- Advice and guidance for test day

PREPARATION MADE PERSONAL

With personalized learning paths for all four ACT subject areas, **ACT Online Prep** is an interactive, online program for on-the-go ACT test practice.

- **GET READY** – It’s a great way to prepare for the ACT, especially since it’s built by the test makers themselves.
- **GET COMFORTABLE** – The practice questions and tests are taken from previous ACT tests, which familiarizes students with the format.
- **GET CONFIDENT** – As your students see scores and percentages change with each course and practice session, they’ll know they’re getting the hang of it.

ACT ONLINE PREP PROVIDES:

- A free mobile app
- ACT practice tests
- A personalized learning path with daily goals and progress tracking
- Customized flashcards
- A game center to further test knowledge

Why Test Prep?

Even one point on an ACT Composite score can make a difference in receiving scholarships and gaining admission to a student's college of choice. Their coursework already prepares them to take the ACT, but additional practice can help your students feel comfortable, confident, and **ready to do their absolute best.**



CAREER-READY SKILLS

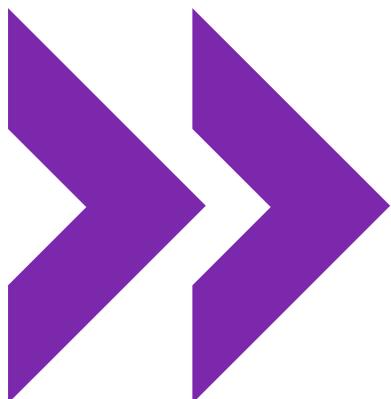
Whether their plans after high school include an internship, working during college, or going straight into the workforce, students can **showcase their skills to employers** of all kinds with **ACT® WorkKeys®**.

More than ever, people are entering the workforce unprepared. After taking WorkKeys, your students will understand their strengths, weaknesses, and how they stack up to what employers expect.

If your students complete the three WorkKeys assessments—Applied Math, Graphic Literacy, and Workplace Documents—they can earn the ACT® WorkKeys® National Career Readiness Certificate® (NCRC®).

With WorkKeys, the student is in control—they can take it on their own time, as many times as they want, and only share scores with employers when they're ready.

Learn more at act.org/workforce



ABOUT OUR SOLUTIONS

ACT embraces a holistic approach to readiness, emphasizing the importance of developing and measuring both academic and social and emotional learning skills. From top to bottom, **we help students find their fit and plan for their future.**

ACT ACADEMY Grades 9-12

ACT Academy is the go-to place to get FREE, personalized practice for the ACT and build academic skills

Learn more at act.org/academy

PREMIUM TEST PREP All Grades preparing for the ACT

Gain confidence and be ready for the ACT test

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THE ACT TEST Grades 11-12

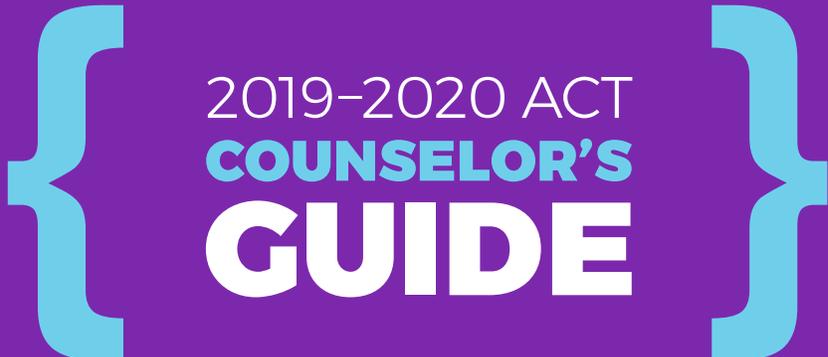
College admissions exam and career planning

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ACT WORKKEYS Grade 12

Measure and build workplace skills while earning a career credential

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