**Subject Line:** **5 reasons to take the ACT junior year**

Dear **[Student]**,

It’s a good idea to take the ACT® test for the first time in the fall or early spring of your junior year. Doing this will show you where you are doing well and uncover areas where you can improve.

**Advantages to testing your junior year:**

* You’ve completed most of the coursework that’s reflected on the test.
* You can use test scores to influence the classes you take during your senior year. (For example, if you score low in a particular subject, you will have time to schedule additional coursework to help you learn and improve in that area.)
* Colleges will know your interests and scores and will have time to contact you during the summer before your senior year. Many colleges send information about admission, advanced placement, scholarships, and special programs to prospective students during this time.
* You will have information about yourself and the schools you’re interested in attending before you go on campus visits, which will help you focus during those visits.
* You will have a chance to retest if you feel your scores didn’t accurately reflect your ability.

If you want to improve your score, consider testing again before you start your senior year. The format of the test, the types of questions on it, and the environment will be fresh in your mind.

[Read the full article](http://www.act.org/content/act/en/students-and-parents/college-planning-articles/taking-the-act-junior-year.html) for more testing tips.

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