



# Why take the ACT?

- Accepted by ALL four-year colleges and universities in the U.S.
- Based on information directly related to high school courses
- Provides many affordable ways to prepare for the tests
- Features an optional Writing Test
- Offers a good value for your money and time

**ACT**<sup>®</sup>

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### Based on what you're learning

Every day you attend class you are preparing for the ACT. The test questions in the four content areas—English, mathematics, reading, and science—are directly related to the information you're studying in high school. The harder you work in school, the more prepared you will be for the test.

For more information about the ACT, test dates, registration, and preparation for the test, go to [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org).

### More than an admissions exam

The ACT does more than tell you if you're ready for college—it helps you plan for life after high school. By answering questions about your interests, courses, and preferences, you develop a profile of your work in high school and your career choices. This profile tells colleges what areas of study you're interested in. The ACT also shows your strengths and weaknesses in the subject areas tested, so you will be better prepared for your future education.

### Rewards for what you know

The ACT is the only college admissions test that is based on your correct number of answers—with no penalty for guessing. Do your best, and be sure to mark an answer to every question!

### Choose the scores you send to colleges

When you register for the ACT, you can choose up to four colleges to which you can send your scores for free. If you take the test more than once, you can choose the test date results the colleges will receive. ACT sends scores **only** for the test date you select.

### Optional Writing Test

Because not all colleges require a writing test for admission, ACT offers you a choice of taking the Writing Test, saving you time and money. Writing is an important skill for college, but schools use many different methods to measure your writing skills. Find out which colleges require you to take the writing portion of the ACT at [www.actstudent.org/writing](http://www.actstudent.org/writing).

### Many ways to prepare

Taking challenging courses in high school is the best way to prepare for the ACT. The ACT student website—[www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org)—offers free online practice tests (including the optional Writing Test) and testing tips for each content area. *Preparing for the ACT*, available for free from our website, includes test information, complete practice tests, and a writing prompt with sample essays. ACT Online Prep™ is another tool to help you get ready, and it's the only prep program created by ACT.

### A good value

Preparing for college can be expensive. The ACT offers you a good value because it is an admissions test *and* a career-planning tool for one modest price. In addition, you can make yourself visible to colleges and scholarship agencies across the country by taking the ACT. It's a complete package of services to help you get ready for life beyond high school.

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