



# WHY TAKE THE ACT?

You may not realize it, but you have been preparing to take the ACT<sup>®</sup> test for years. The ACT has always been about what students learn in high school.

## The ACT<sup>®</sup> Test...

- Is accepted by **all** US colleges and universities
- Has an optional writing test
- Is the nation's most-taken college entrance exam
- Includes an educational and career planning component
- Provides four free score reports\*
- Is scored based on correct answers only

\*If ordered at time of registration

# THERE ARE MANY REASONS TO TAKE THE ACT TEST



## Accepted by All US Colleges

The ACT is accepted for admission to **all** colleges and universities in the United States, including all Ivy League schools.



## No Penalty for Guessing

Your ACT scores are based on the number of correct answers, with no deductions for incorrect answers. Do your best, and be sure to mark an answer to every question.



## Based on What You Learn in School

The ACT test has always been about what you learn in high school core courses. Students frequently tell us that they feel more comfortable taking the ACT since it is directly related to what they learn in most of their high school courses.

## A good value

Preparing for college can be expensive. The ACT is a good value because it offers a college admissions test, college course placement, and a career planning component for one modest fee. And 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.

## How to prepare for the ACT

Take challenging courses

Study hard

Go to [actstudent.org](https://actstudent.org) for free resources:

- Practice questions
- Testing tips for each subject
- *Preparing for the ACT*, downloadable test prep booklet

## Optional writing test

Since not all colleges and universities require a writing test for admission, ACT offers students the choice to take the writing test—it's optional. Check to see if the schools you are interested in require the ACT with writing by visiting [actstudent.org/writing](https://actstudent.org/writing).

## More than an admissions exam

In addition to being a college admissions exam, the ACT includes a profile and education/career planning section to help you plan for life after high school. You will receive personalized career information and develop a comprehensive profile that tells colleges about your work in high school and future plans. You can also see your strengths and weaknesses in the subject areas tested to help direct your future education.

## You choose which scores to send

If you take the ACT more than once, you can select which test date results you would like to send to the schools of your choice. Scores are only sent for the test dates you select. When registering for the ACT, you can select up to four colleges to send your scores to for free.



For more information about the ACT and preparation resources visit [actstudent.org](https://actstudent.org).