



2008|2009 ACT® at a Glance

The ACT® test contains four curriculum-based, multiple-choice tests that measure academic achievement in the areas of English, mathematics, reading, and science, as well as an optional Writing Test, for which students complete an essay. Learn more at www.act.org.

ACT English Test

75 items, 45 minutes

| Content/Skills | Number of Items |
|--------------------------|-----------------|
| Usage/Mechanics | 40 |
| Punctuation | 10 |
| Grammar and Usage | 12 |
| Sentence Structure | 18 |
| Rhetorical Skills | 35 |
| Strategy | 12 |
| Organization | 11 |
| Style | 12 |
| Total | 75 |

ACT Reading Test

40 items, 35 minutes

| Content Area | Number of Items |
|------------------|-----------------|
| Prose Fiction | 10 |
| Humanities | 10 |
| Social Studies | 10 |
| Natural Sciences | 10 |
| Total | 40 |

ACT Mathematics Test

60 items, 60 minutes

| Content Area | Number of Items |
|----------------------|-----------------|
| Pre-Algebra | 14 |
| Elementary Algebra | 10 |
| Intermediate Algebra | 9 |
| Coordinate Geometry | 9 |
| Plane Geometry | 14 |
| Trigonometry | 4 |
| Total | 60 |

ACT Science Test

40 items, 35 minutes

| Content Area | Format | Number of Items |
|----------------------|------------------------|-----------------|
| Biology | Data Representation | 15 |
| Earth/Space Sciences | | |
| Chemistry | Conflicting Viewpoints | 7 |
| Physics | | |
| Total | | 40 |

ACT Writing Test

The Writing Test is an optional 30-minute essay test that measures writing skills emphasized in high school English classes and in entry-level college composition courses. The test consists of one writing prompt that describes two points of view on an issue, and students are asked to write a response about their position on the issue.

Scoring the ACT Writing Test. Taking the Writing Test does *not* affect students' scores on the multiple-choice tests or their Composite score. Rather, students who took both the English and Writing tests receive two additional scores: a Combined English/Writing score (1–36) and a Writing subscore (2–12) and comments on their essays.

ACT Noncognitive Components

High School Course/Grade Information—To increase the usefulness of ACT results, the High School Course/Grade Information questionnaire asks students about the courses they have completed or plan to take in high school and the grades they have received.

ACT Interest Inventory—The 72-item ACT Interest Inventory is completed when students register for the ACT.

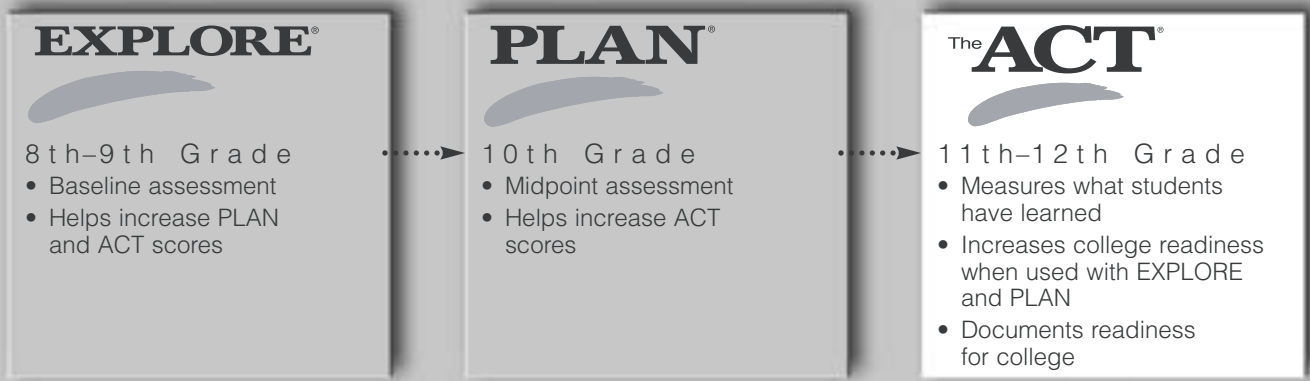
Student Profile Section—The Student Profile Section (SPS) collects responses about students' educational and vocational aspirations, plans, abilities, accomplishments, and needs.

2008|2009 ACT Test Dates

| Test Date | Registration Deadline | Late Fee Required** |
|---------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------|
| September 13, 2008 | August 12, 2008 | August 13–22, 2008 |
| October 25, 2008 | September 19, 2008 | September 20–Oct. 3, 2008 |
| December 13, 2008 | November 7, 2008 | November 8–20, 2008 |
| February 7, 2009* | January 6, 2009 | January 7–16, 2009 |
| April 4, 2009 | February 27, 2009 | February 28–March 13, 2009 |
| June 13, 2009 | May 8, 2009 | May 9–22, 2009 |

* No test centers scheduled in New York for February test date.
 ** If you miss the regular deadline, you can register during the late period, but must pay the additional nonrefundable late fee.

ACT's Longitudinal Assessments



Assessment Component ACT's College Readiness System

- Only curriculum-based, research-validated system available today
- Promotes college enrollment, persistence, and success
- Increases readiness for college or a career
- Built on a common score scale to measure academic progress from grades 8 through 12
- Provides link between scores and skills
- Helps students identify post secondary options

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