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**2024/2025**

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**TEST**

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# 2024/2025 Test Dates

SEP.  
14

OCT.  
26

DEC.  
14

FEB.  
8

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APR.  
5

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JUN.  
14

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JUL.  
12

\* Registration for the April - July test dates will open in late 2024/early 2025.

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

Register  
online at  
[act.org/bts](https://act.org/bts).



## Fee Waivers

Fee waivers cover the basic registration fees and provide free access to The Official ACT® Self-Paced Course, Powered by Kaplan® and your Test Information Release (TIR) on select test dates. Check with your school counselor to see if you are eligible to apply. Qualified students can request up to four fee waivers for the ACT test from their counselor.

Students who have taken the ACT with a fee waiver can send an unlimited number of score reports for free including their ACT Superscore or scores from any individual test, even those taken previously during the ACT National Test and State and District Testing.



# The ACT<sup>®</sup> Test Is Evolving

Starting in April 2025, students who choose to test online will have more flexibility and choice, experience a shorter test, and get more time to respond to each question. Here's a summary of what's changing:

What We've Heard From You	How the ACT Test Is Improving	What Does This Mean for Your Testing Experience?
"The test is too long. I need more time!"	We're glad you asked: <i>*deep breath*</i>	A test that's more manageable and less stressful so you can shine, while also maintaining the integrity and rigor of the ACT that colleges rely on and trust to aid in the admissions process and place you into the right courses.
	We've reduced the number of questions overall (44 fewer questions to be exact).	
	We've reduced the test length from 195 minutes to 125 minutes.	
	You get more time per question.	
"The science section scares me."	We've reduced the number of math question answer choices from 5 to 4.	You get more choice and more flexibility, allowing you to tailor your experience to fit your needs. This gives you more control over your testing experience.
	You can now choose to take the ACT with or without science.	
"I want to show off my science and math skills for my major."	Your score report will include a science score and a STEM score if you choose to take the science section.	If you're planning to major in science or STEM, or take science courses in college, you still have the option of taking the ACT with science to showcase your skills and work towards your future goals.
"I don't want to test on a computer. I still want paper!"	The choice is still yours! The ACT is available via paper/pencil or online.	You can test the way you feel most comfortable and show off your best performance.  <i>Note: If you choose to test online, these enhancements will be made available beginning with the April 2025 ACT test. These enhancements to the test will take effect, regardless of testing mode, beginning with the September 2025 ACT test.</i>

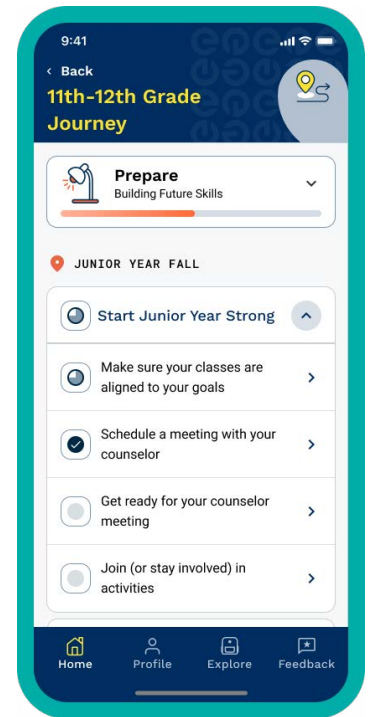
LEARN MORE AND FIND THE LATEST UPDATES AT [ACT.ORG/ACTENHANCEMENTS](https://ACT.ORG/ACTENHANCEMENTS)

# Explore The Encourage<sup>®</sup> App

Encourage is a comprehensive exploration and planning tool that empowers students to understand their choices for life after high school and helps them make informed decisions about their futures. The Encourage app provides step-by-step guidance to help them set and achieve college and career goals.



[ENCOURAGEME.COM](https://ENCOURAGEME.COM)



Take control of your future as you set goals for after high school – whatever they may be! The Encourage app combines goal setting and milestone tracking with resources for exploration, career planning, and paying for college. We provide the support, tools, and advice to help you define your goals, outline your personal journey, set milestones, and help prepare you for success.

## Future planning at your fingertips

**Prepare:** Build skills you will carry with you to graduation and beyond.

**Explore:** Discover opportunities based on the future you want.

**Apply:** Be informed and organized as you complete your college applications.

**Decide & Transition:** Stay on track for your next step after high school.

**Finance:** Learn how to make college affordable.



# Top Ten Reasons To Choose The ACT Test

## 1 Show colleges that you are ready to succeed

More and more selective schools are realizing the value of test scores and again requiring them for admissions. An ACT score can show schools that you are prepared to tackle their curriculum from day one.

## 2 Connect with colleges and scholarship programs via EOS

The **ACT Educational Opportunity Service** helps match you with colleges and other career-related resources aligned with your background and interests.

## 3 Put your best score forward with an ACT Superscore

If you take the ACT more than once, your best subject score from each test will be used to create an **official superscore** to showcase your best performance.

## 4 Do your best with the testing format you prefer

Depending on what you are more comfortable with, you can choose **paper and pencil** or **online testing**.

## 5 Sketch out your educational and career plans in MyACT

The results from your **ACT Interest Inventory** create your personal **College Major Map** and **Career Map** to narrow down options that align with your interests, abilities, and values.



## Interested in a STEM program?

The ACT is the only test that includes a unique STEM score, a measure of preparedness for courses in STEM-related majors.



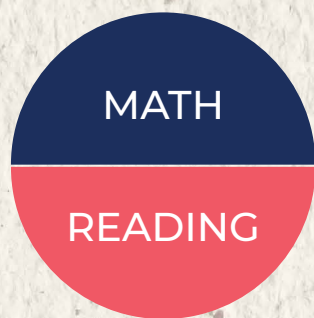
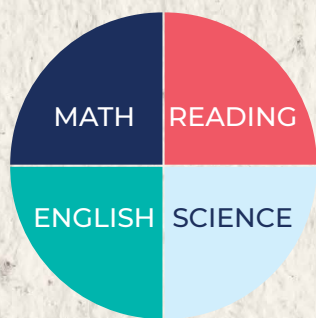
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## Give your application an extra boost with the optional writing test

Demonstrating your writing skills and ability to understand and explore ideas can help you stand out for competitive programs.

## The ACT shows the range of your knowledge

The four sections of the ACT test — English, math, reading, and science — each make up 25% of the test and 25% of your score, providing a broad and balanced view of your abilities. Other tests have just two sections, with Math and Reading each being 50% of your score.



## The ACT offers fee waivers for eligible students

Every student deserves the chance to chart their own course for success. If you have trouble paying for the ACT test, the ACT Fee Waiver Program can help with registration fees, test prep, and more. Check with your school counselor to find out if you are eligible to apply.

## The ACT can help save money on tuition

Your ACT score can increase your chances of earning scholarships that can fuel your future and help with college costs. Even schools that are test optional may still require or recommend an ACT score to qualify for merit awards.

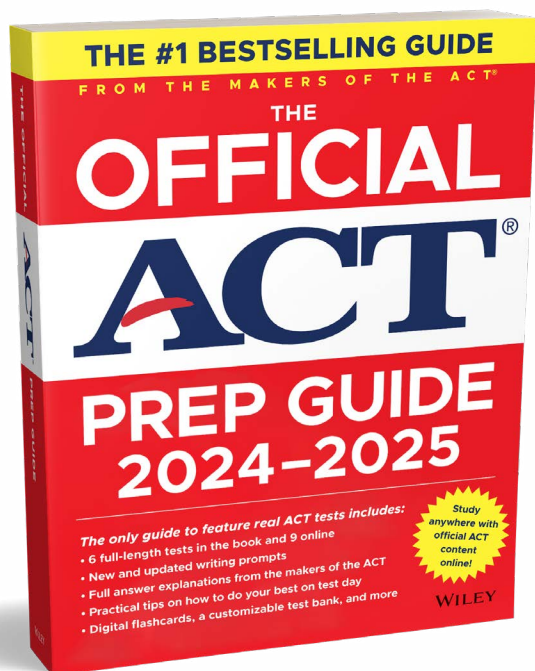
## Only the ACT offers support for English Language learners

If you are enrolled in your school's English Learners (EL) program, you may qualify for additional support when taking the ACT. Work with your school counselor to request EL accommodations after you register.

## Wish you could see your answers alongside the correct answers after taking a test?

With the ACT, you can order your Test Information Release (TIR) question and answer key for three test dates a year. Learn more at [act.org/tir](https://act.org/tir).

# The Official ACT® Prep Guide



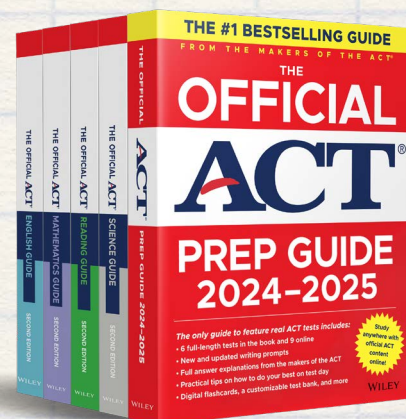
The Official ACT Prep Guide is the bestselling resource for students getting ready to take the ACT. You'll learn what to expect on test day, understand the types of questions you will encounter when taking the ACT, and adopt test-taking strategies that are right for you.

**In addition to being full of expert advice from the test's creators, the guide offers:**

- Practical tips and strategies for boosting your score on the English, math, reading, science, and (optional) writing tests
- Nine total practice tests — all six in the book are also online with THREE digital bonus tests
- 400+ online flashcards to ensure you're mastering key concepts
- A customizable online test bank
- Expert advice on how to mentally and physically prepare for your test

## The Official ACT Prep and Subject Guides 2024-2025 Complete Set

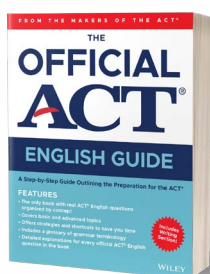
Everything students need to do their best on the ACT test. The Official ACT Prep & Subject Guides 2024-2025 Complete Set is the only study resource including official practice questions and full explanations covering all sections of the ACT. This set delivers maximum practice in one convenient package — and helps you save big on prep.





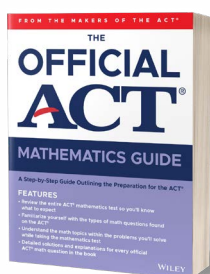
# The Official ACT<sup>®</sup> Subject Guides

The Official ACT Subject Guides are individual prep books perfect for students who are looking for subject-specific guidance and practice to improve their test scores.



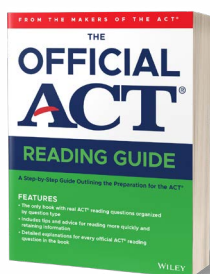
## Official ACT English Guide

- Learn time management strategies
- Review the glossary to study grammatical terms covered on the ACT<sup>®</sup> test
- Access ACT writing prompts and more than 150 official ACT English questions with detailed solutions and explanations



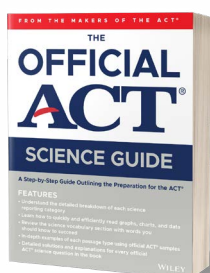
## Official ACT Math Guide

- Learn problem-solving techniques
- Understand how to identify the basic math concept found in each question
- Access more than 130 official ACT math questions with detailed solutions and explanations



## Official ACT Reading Guide

- Learn how to read faster and retain information
- Understand the best way to approach reading each passage
- Access more than 150 official ACT reading questions with detailed solutions and explanations



## Official ACT Science Guide

- Learn how to quickly and efficiently read graphs, charts, and data
- Review the vocabulary section to study terms covered in the science section
- Access official ACT science questions with detailed solutions and explanations

# Test Prep Options

## The Official ACT® Self-Paced Course

Powered by Kaplan

The Official ACT® Self-Paced Course offers official test content and test-day strategies anywhere, anytime with on-demand tutorials led by an expert teacher. The course is organized with over 30 video lessons that include all official ACT practice questions, plus additional guided and independent practice items. The course also allows students to track and measure progress throughout, with five full-length official practice tests included.

Students who register for the ACT test with a fee waiver get 1 year of free access to The Official ACT® Self-Paced Course.

### Features:

- Over 30 short video lessons including ACT official content
- 2,000 ACT test questions to practice and gain confidence
- Five full-length ACT practice tests to get familiar with the test format
- Built-in course syllabus

## The Official ACT® Live Online Classes

Powered by Kaplan

Students learn test content and test-day strategies in a virtual classroom led by an expert from Kaplan who can answer questions and adapt to student needs in real time.

### Features:

- 16 hours of live online instruction
- Flexible class options
- Off-camera teachers for additional support
- Access to everything in The Official ACT Self-Paced Course, including 30 short, self-paced video lessons, 2,000 ACT test questions, and five full-length ACT practice tests

## The Official ACT® Tutoring

Powered by Kaplan







Students get a personal guide to ACT success with individual sessions packed with test strategies. With Official ACT Tutoring, students will learn test content and test-day strategies in individual sessions led by an expert from Kaplan, who will adapt to their needs in real time, answer questions, and provide personalized recommendations.

### Features:

- 5 hours of private, one-on-one tutoring with an expert, online tutor
- Access to on-demand video lessons you can watch anytime
- 5 official ACT practice tests
- A customizable question bank with 2,000+ official ACT questions
- Personalized homework assigned by your tutor



# ACT Test Prep Comparison Chart

	PREPARING FOR THE ACT® TEST (Booklet)	THE OFFICIAL ACT PREP GUIDE	THE OFFICIAL ACT SUBJECT GUIDES	THE OFFICIAL ACT PREP GUIDE SET (Best Value)
 <p><b>Description</b></p>	<p>Helpful hints and test-taking strategies, as well as one complete practice ACT.</p>	<p>Real test questions and detailed explanations for every answer to help students get familiar with the format so they can approach the ACT with confidence.</p>	<p>Step-by-step information for each section test, allowing students to familiarize themselves with the types of questions they can expect to see on test day.</p>	<p>The go-to resource for students who want to improve their ACT scores and increase their confidence across all sections.</p>
 <p><b>Why Choose This Option</b></p>	<p>An introduction to the format and layout of the test.</p>	<p>A comprehensive guide to fully prepare for the test in book format.</p>	<p>Concept-based outlines for the section students plan to focus on.</p>	<p>Save over \$30 on this prep combo that offers both comprehensive and subject-specific tips and strategies.</p>
 <p><b>Format</b></p>	 <p>Download</p>	 <p>Book &amp; Online Features</p>	 <p>Book</p>	 <p>Book &amp; Online Features</p>
 <p><b>Price</b></p>	<p><b>FREE</b></p>	<p><b>\$39.95</b></p>	<p><b>\$20.95</b> each</p>	<p><b>\$89.95</b></p>

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	THE OFFICIAL <b>ACT SELF-PACED COURSE</b> Powered by Kaplan	THE OFFICIAL <b>ACT LIVE ONLINE CLASS</b> Powered by Kaplan	THE OFFICIAL <b>ACT TUTORING</b> Powered by Kaplan
 <b>Description</b>	Test content and test-day strategies available anywhere, anytime with on-demand tutorials led by an expert from Kaplan.	Test content and test-day strategies provided in a virtual classroom led by an expert from Kaplan who can answer questions and adapt to student needs in real time.	Learn test content and test-day strategies in individual tutoring sessions led by an expert from Kaplan.
 <b>Why Choose This Option</b>	The 6-month unlimited access subscription provides ample opportunity to prepare for the test and interact with thousands of practice items.	Access to everything in The Official ACT Self-Paced Course plus 16 hours of live instruction.	Tutor will adapt to your needs in real time, answer your questions, and provide you with personalized recommendations.
 <b>Format</b>	 On-Demand Videos	 Virtual Classroom	 Online
 <b>Price</b>	<b>\$159</b>	<b>\$649</b>	<b>\$849</b>

TO LEARN MORE ABOUT YOUR COMPREHENSIVE TEST PREP OPTIONS, [VISIT ACT.ORG/PREP](https://www.act.org/prep)

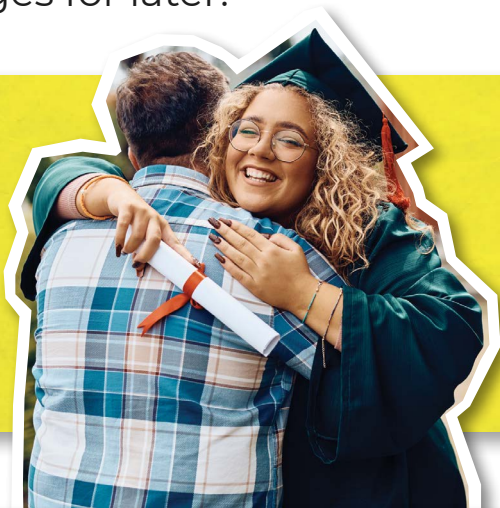


# Plan Your Journey

There is so much more to explore with ACT beyond taking the test. Our website offers comprehensive information for high school, college, and career success. Explore the links below, and bookmark your favorite pages for later!

**NEW**

**ACT Navigator:** An exclusive guide to college and career planning for parents and families.



## Making the most of high school

Maybe you're still thinking about what comes next. Access resources for high school and explore college majors and careers based on your interests.

[High School Success](#)

## Going to college after high school

Testing advice, applying to college, paying for college and so much more.

[Your College Journey](#)



## Entering the workforce after high school

Alternatives to college, entering the workforce, and certifications to help you get hired!

[Your Career Journey](#)



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