Bridging the Gap: Empowering Students for College and Career Readiness

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Successful Portal

Establishing a Baseline for Student Success!

Measure what students learn in high school to determine academic readiness for college and career to achieve educational and workplace success.

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Who Are We?

- Help ensure education and workplace success by measuring and certifying skills.
- Help navigate the process of selecting coursework and work experiences across K-12 and Post-Secondary spaces.
- College Academic Areas
  - English
  - Math
  - Reading
  - Science
  - Writing

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Why the ACT?

- STEM Readiness
- Tailored Testing Experience
- Tests What You Have Been Studying
- Most Used College Predictor
- Scholarship Success
- Supporting English Learners

"We found that the ACT was a test that could look at the whole child; something tangible that we can use to satisfy the compliance piece while also being something helpful for our kids."
Vicky Roller, Counselor

The standardized test used at the school was falling short when it came to supporting 11th graders and did not give the valuable feedback or help with career planning.

By offering the ACT to every student during the school day, the school was promoting equity among students, breaking down barriers, and opening doors for opportunity.

The ACT data is also used to start meaningful conversations about academic improvement and future planning.

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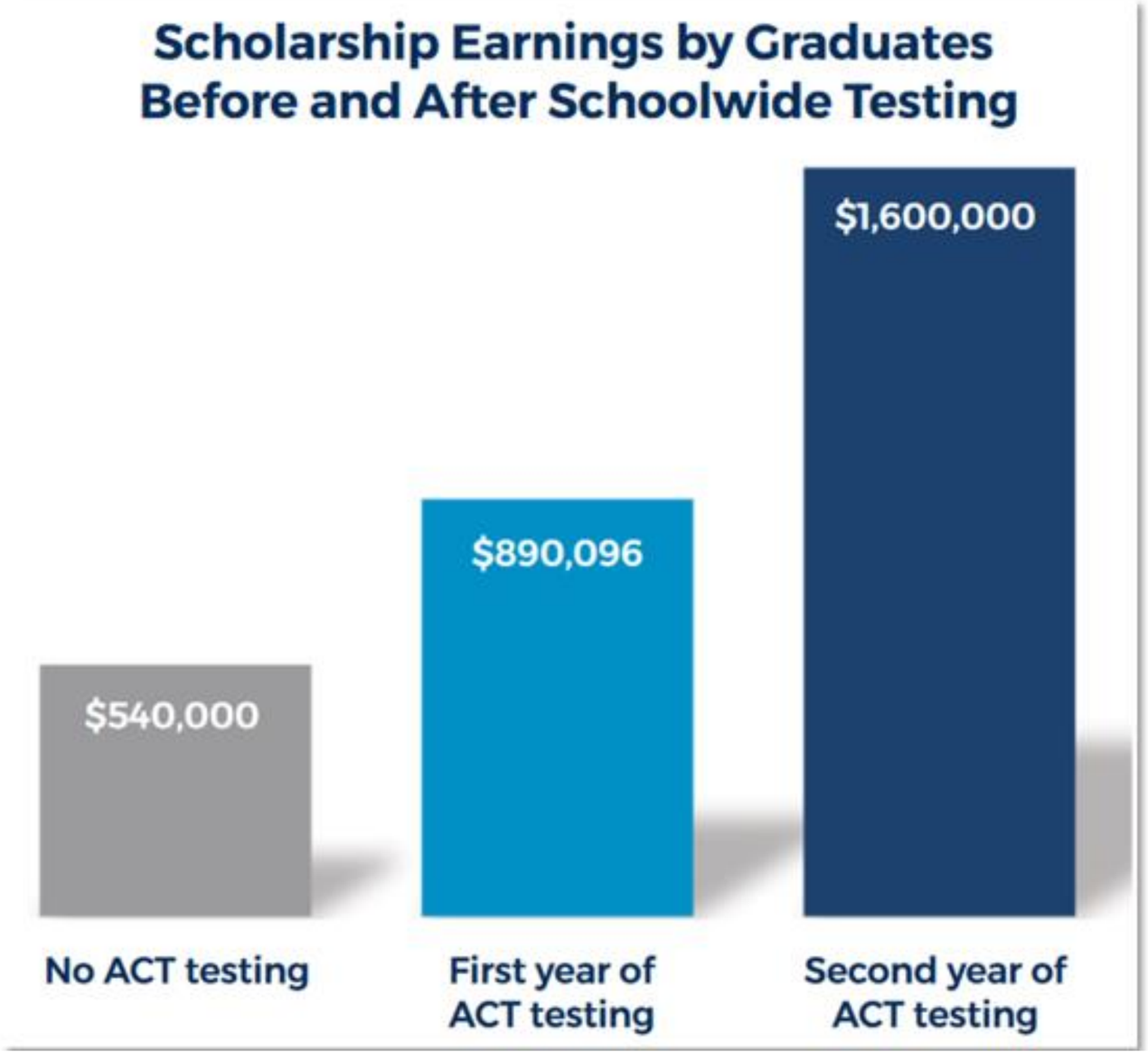

College Landscape

CCMR

Indicators

Test Optional

Test Scores are Beneficial

College Readiness

Data / Statistics

CCMR

Texas College, Career, and Military Readiness: Increased Rigor

CCMR performance has skyrocketed in Texas, with average performance now at 65 percent. Given these improvements, and the statutory objective of A–F accountability to make Texas a national leader in preparing students for postsecondary success, the cut point for an **A has been adjusted to 88 percent** for high school/K-12 campuses. This raises the bar to begin to meet Texas's definition of excellence for CCMR.

CCMR Cut Points from 2017-2022	
A	60% of Graduates are CCMR
B	48% of Graduates are CCMR
C	39% of Graduates are CCMR
D	26% of Graduates are CCMR
F	25% and Below of Graduates are CCMR

New CCMR Cut Points for 2023-2027	
A	**88% of Graduates are CCMR**
B	78% of Graduates are CCMR
C	64% of Graduates are CCMR
D	51% of Graduates are CCMR
F	50% and Below of Graduates are CCMR

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Student Achievement: CCMR Methodology

One point is given for each annual graduate who accomplishes one or more CCMR indicators.

Number of Graduates Who Accomplish One or More CCMR Indicators
Number of Annual Graduates

High Schools & K–12s

Student Achievement Domain Weighting:

- 40% STAAR
- 40% College, Career, Military Ready (CCMR)
- 20% Graduation Rates

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Student Achievement: CCMR Refreshed Indicators

College Ready

- Meet criteria of 3 on AP or 4 on IB examinations
- Meet Texas Success Initiative (TSI) criteria (SAT/**ACT**/TSIA1 or TSIA2/College Prep course) in reading and mathematics
- Complete a course for dual credit (9 hours or more in any subject or 3 hours or more in ELAR/mathematics)
- Earn an associate degree
- Complete an OnRamps dual enrollment course and qualify for at least 3 hours credit

Military Ready

- Enlist in the United States Armed Forces **(2023 grads and beyond)**
- Enlist in the Texas National Guard **(2023 grads and beyond)**

Career Ready

- A graduate earning an industry-based certification (IBC) who also completes a career and technical education program of study aligned with that IBC. (**phased-in**)
- Graduate with completed IEP and workforce readiness (graduation type codes 04, 05, 54, or 55)
- Earn a level I or level II certificate
- Graduate under an advanced diploma plan and be identified as a current special education student

Items in **bold** are updated for 2023 graduates

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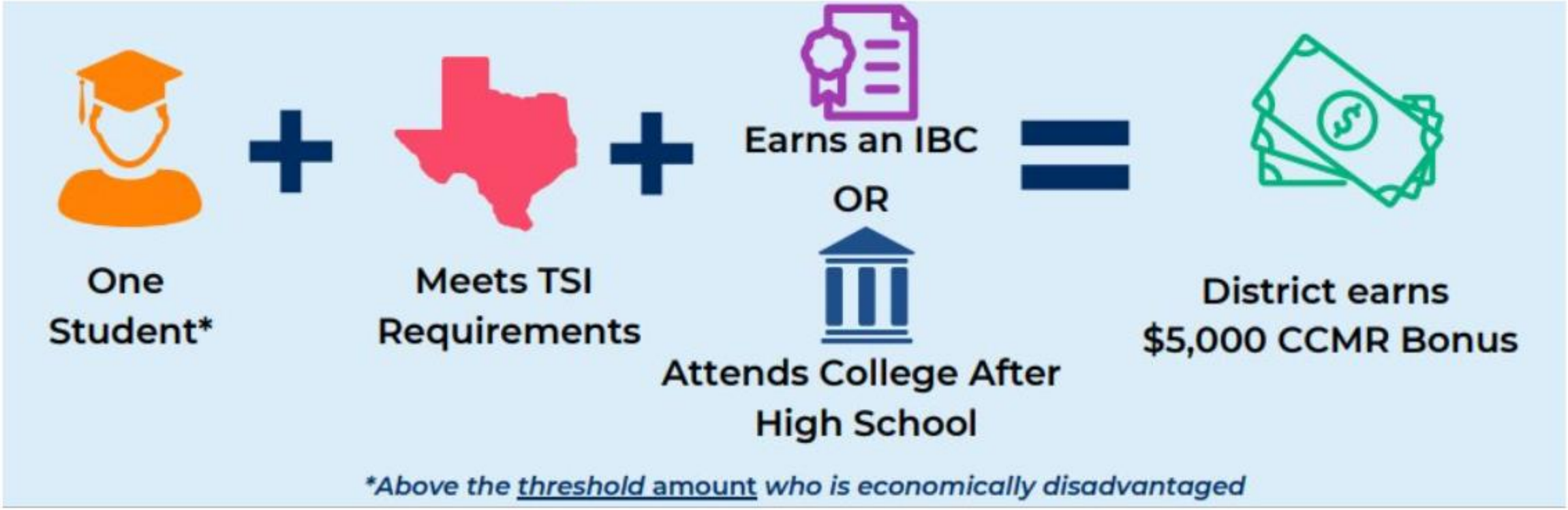
Texas College and Career Readiness Accountability: Outcomes Bonus



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HB3: Adds a reimbursement to districts to offer one free college and one free industry entrance exam per student before they graduate

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Test Optional

Texas Students Taking the ACT

2024 ACT-Tested Graduates: Texas

Postsecondary Plans and Score Sends

Number of Scores Sent to Postsecondary Institutions at Time of Testing	63,507
Institutions Receiving Highest Number of Schools	Texas A&M-Main Campus University of Texas-Austin Texas Tech University Baylor University Texas State University-San Marcos
Most selected majors of interest	Undecided, Health Sciences and Technologies, Business, Biological and Physical Sciences, Engineering
Students indicating interest in STEM careers	21,254

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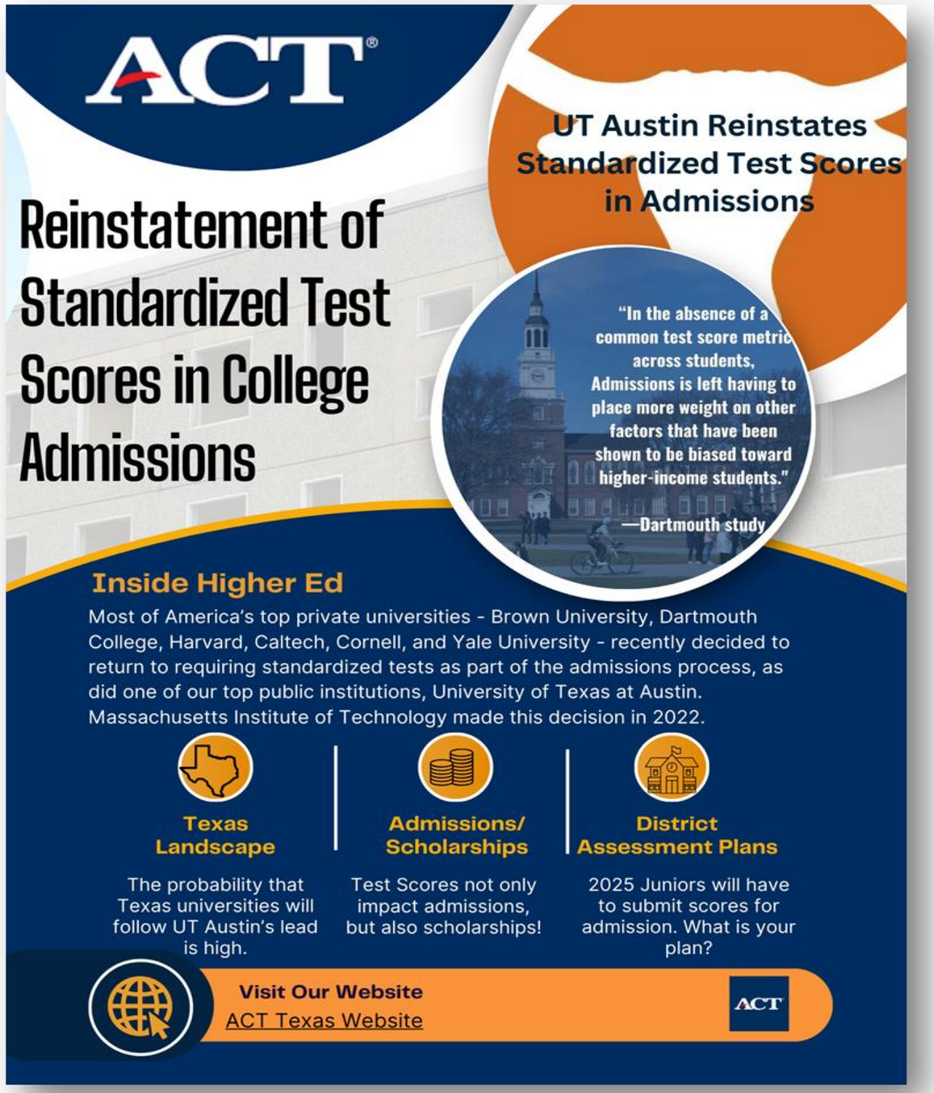
Post-Secondary Landscape

Reinstatement of Standardized Test Scores:

- Rice
- University of Texas at Austin
- Cornell
- Yale
- MIT
- Harvard
- Brown
- Dartmouth
- Stanford
- Caltech
- University of Georgia (7 universities)

Uses of Standardized Test Scores:

- Placement
- Scholarships
- Major/Program Admission



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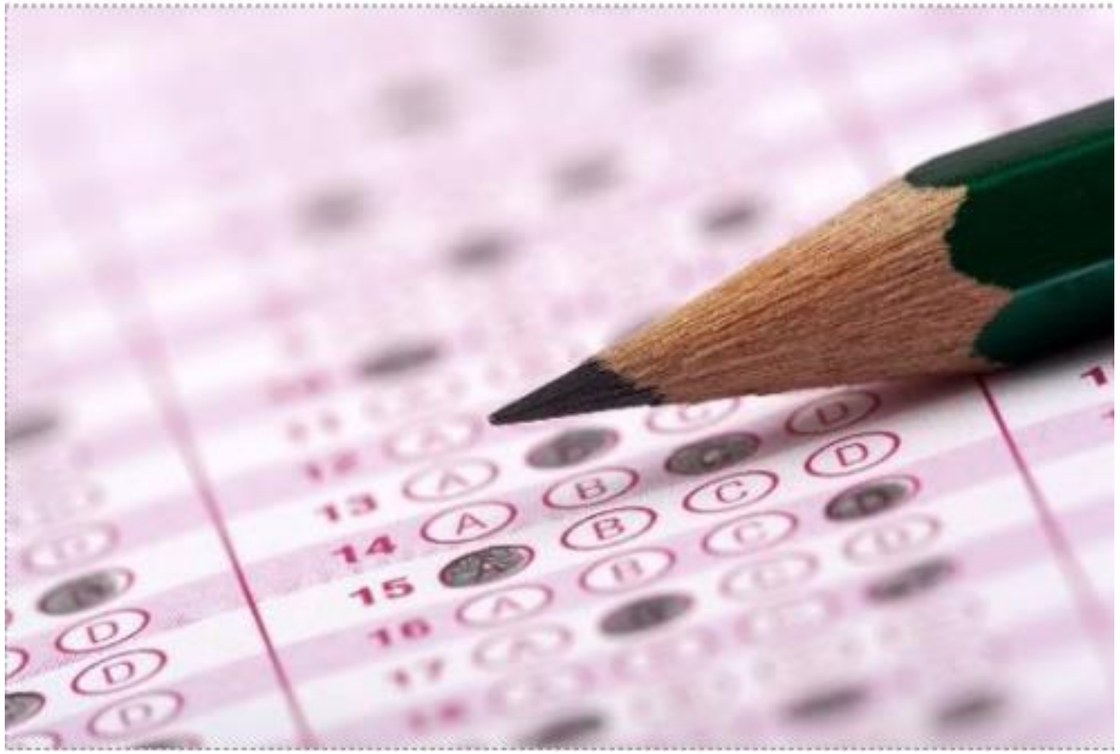
Scores Can Help At Test Optional Schools

- "Many selective colleges are still admitting a larger percentage of students who submit test scores." *
- "Admit rates for students who submit scores also tend to be significantly higher (sometimes by twice as much or more) than for non-submitters at certain colleges." *
- Standardized test scores are often required for scholarship consideration, class placement, and certain programs such as Engineering or Nursing.



*Source: Should You Still Take the SAT or ACT for "Test Optional" Colleges? (Dec 2023, Forbes)

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College Readiness

Data

Statistics

ACT is More Than a College Admissions Score

- Is part of a holistic high school course selection (and placement) process.
- Provides valid insights based on content learned at school – identifies strengths and challenges.
- Counters grade subjectivity and inflation.
- Offers a career planning component linked interest, aptitudes, value.
- Impacts course placement or direct admission into certain majors.
- Supports students interested in military testing (ASVAB), which is on par with rigor of ACT.
- Provides standards-based results that are often submitted for math, English, and STEM prerequisites, avoiding additional postsecondary placement testing.
- Gives every student the opportunity to see where they “benchmark.”

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READINESS WORKSHOP
THEIR JOURNEY. MANY PATHS.

Understanding Standards and Benchmark Readiness

College readiness means meeting benchmarks.

- Success in credit-bearing, first-year courses.
- Two- or four-year college, trade school, technical school, or military.
- Without needing to take remedial courses.

Career readiness requires knowledge and skills comparable to those expected of a first-year college student.

- Our goal is to prepare and educate all students according to a common academic expectation that prepares them for postsecondary education and the workforce.

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Why is College Readiness Important?

50% chance of earning a **B** or **better**

75% chance of earning a **C** or **better**

60 years of helping **you** achieve success.

Top Reason Why Students Don’t Attend College Post High School?

~Financial Barriers~

4 out of 5 High School Seniors report feeling “very” or “mostly” academically prepared for college.

~However, according to metrics from ACT and SAT, College Readiness has reached historic lows.~

So How Can We Improve those Statistics?

ACT Resources

Empowering Students

Benefits of Reports
MyACT
Free Test Prep

School Reports

Inform Instruction
Career Assessments

Toolkits & Workshops

Educator & Counselor
College and Career Nights
College and Career Readiness Workshops

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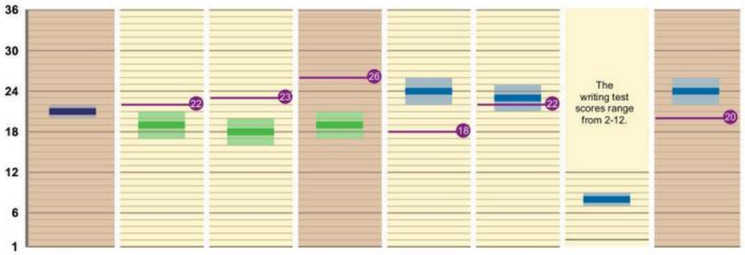
WHEAT RIDGE SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL (061-450)
TEST DATE: APRIL 2022

The ACT

Student Report

21 COMPOSITE	19 MATH	18 SCIENCE	19 STEM	24 ENGLISH	23 READING	8 WRITING	24 ELA



Your STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) score represents your overall performance on the science and math tests.

Your ELA (English Language Arts) score represents your overall performance on the English, reading, and writing tests.

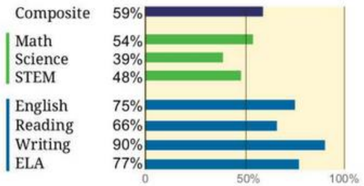
Your Score
Score
Score Range

ACT College Readiness Benchmarks

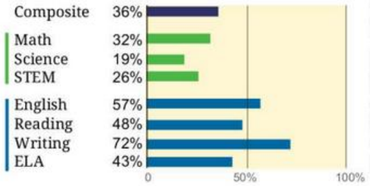
Readiness Benchmark
If your score is at or above the Benchmark, you have at least a 50% chance of obtaining a B or higher or about a 75% chance of obtaining a C or higher in specific first-year college courses in the corresponding subject area. There is currently no Benchmark for writing.

Your Score Range
Test scores are estimates of your educational development. Think of your true achievement on this test as being within a range that extends about one standard error of measurement, or about 1 point for the Composite and writing scores, and 2 points for STEM, ELA, and the other test scores, above and below your score.

US Rank



State Rank



US & State Rank
Your ranks tell you the approximate percentages of recent high school graduates in the US and your state who took the ACT® test and received scores that are the same as or lower than your scores. For example, a rank of 56 for your Composite score means 56% of students earned that Composite score or below.

Detailed Results

			ACT Readiness Range
MATH	**19**		
Preparing for Higher Math	15 of 35	43%	
. Number & Quantity	3 of 5	60%	✓
. Algebra	4 of 8	50%	
. Functions	2 of 8	25%	
. Geometry	4 of 8	50%	
. Statistics & Probability	2 of 6	33%	
Integrating Essential Skills	11 of 25	44%	
Modeling	12 of 21	57%	
SCIENCE	**18**		
Interpretation of Data	10 of 18	56%	
Scientific Investigation	2 of 10	20%	
Evaluation of Models, Inferences & Experimental Results	4 of 12	33%	

ACT Composite Score: ACT Math, Science, English, and Reading test scores and the Composite score range from 1 to 36. For each test, we converted your number of correct answers into a score within that range. Your Composite score is the average of your scores on the four subjects rounded to the nearest whole number. If you left any test completely blank, that score is reported as two dashes and no Composite score is computed.

ACT Readiness Range: This range shows where a student who has met the ACT College Readiness Benchmark on this subject test would typically perform.

			ACT Readiness Range
ENGLISH	**24**		
Production of Writing	17 of 23	74%	✓
Knowledge of Language	10 of 12	83%	✓
Conventions of Standard English	29 of 40	73%	✓
READING	**23**		
Key Ideas & Details	17 of 24	71%	✓
Craft & Structure	5 of 10	50%	
Integration of Knowledge & Ideas	5 of 6	83%	✓
Understanding Complex Texts			Below / Proficient / Above

Understanding Complex Texts: This indicator lets you know if you are understanding the central meaning of complex texts at a level that is needed to succeed in college courses with high reading demand.

WRITING	**8**
Ideas & Analysis	8
Development & Support	8
Organization	9
Language Use & Conventions	8

If you took the writing test, your essay was scored on a scale of 1 to 6 by two raters in each of the four writing domains. These domains represent essential skills and abilities that are necessary to meet the writing demands of college and career. Your domain scores, ranging from 2 to 12, are a sum of the two raters' scores. Your writing score is the average of your four domain scores rounded to the nearest whole number. To learn more about your writing score, visit **www.act.org/the-act/writing-scores**.

Dashes (-) indicate information was not provided or could not be calculated.

Sending Your Scores

A score report (including your photo) was automatically sent to the high school you reported when registration was completed for the test. Your school will use this information for counseling, evaluating the effectiveness of instruction, and planning changes and improvements in the curriculum.

At your direction, your scores from this test date are also being reported to the colleges shown. (Be aware that when you send a report to a college that is part of a school system, the college may share your score with other colleges in that system.) Institutions use your test scores along with high school grades, academic preparation, future plans, and other factors to help identify applicants who can benefit most from their programs. In addition, colleges can use results on the ACT to assist scholarship/loan agencies in identifying qualified candidates, place students in first-year courses, and help students develop an appropriate program of study.

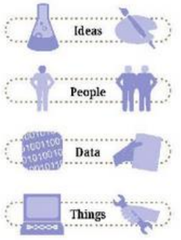
If you entered a college code incorrectly or forgot to include one, don't worry! You can still send scores to other colleges. Visit **www.act.org/the-act/scores** to explore student resources or to order additional score reports.

1. **AUBURN UNIVERSITY**
   www.auburn.edu
2. **ADAMS STATE UNIVERSITY**
   www.adams.edu
3. **CAPITAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE**
   www.ccc.commnet.edu
4. **MITCHELL COLLEGE**
   www.mitchell.edu

College and Career Planning

Not sure what direction you want to take with your education or career? Don't know where to start? Having education and career goals can help you succeed in college and find satisfying work. Setting goals and making plans involves getting answers to the questions that matter most to you.

We are here to help. Visit **www.act.org/collegeplanning** for personalized information on education and career options. There are hundreds of occupations and majors. How do you choose? It helps to have options that are based on what matters to you. For example, all occupations differ in their involvement with four basic work tasks: working with Data, Ideas, People, and Things.



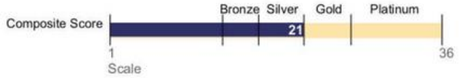
By examining your strengths, interests, and work values in these four areas, ACT can help you discover occupations that fit you best.

Go to **www.act.org/collegeplanning** and find answers to questions you may be asking now:

- How do I get started with college and career planning?
- Which occupations will allow me to use my strengths and do the kinds of work I enjoy?
- Which majors will provide me with a path to achieving my career goals?
- Do the colleges I am considering offer majors I am interested in?

Progress Toward the ACT National Career Readiness Certificate®

This indicator provides an estimate of the ACT National Career Readiness Certificate (ACT NCRC®) that students with your ACT Composite score are likely to obtain. The ACT NCRC is an assessment-based credential that documents foundational work skills important for job success across industries and occupations. Visit **www.act.org/NCRC-indicator** to learn more.



Students with this ACT Composite score are likely to obtain a Silver level NCRC.

Where Are You Going?

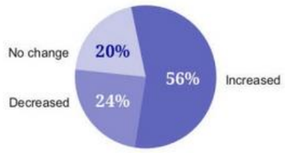
Visit **www.act.org/collegeplanning** to learn more about yourself and find out about careers, majors, and colleges that may be right for you. It's free!

Retesting with the ACT

Consider retesting if one or more of the following applies to you:

- Do you feel that your scores should be higher than those received?
- Did you have any problems during the tests, like misunderstanding the directions or feeling ill?
- Have you taken more coursework or an intensive review in the areas covered?
- Do you want to apply to a college that requires or recommends the writing test?

Typical Composite Score on a Retest



Go to **www.act.org/the-act/retaking** for more information.

Test Security Hotline
If you have concerns about the security of the tests, please report them at **www.act.ethicspoint.com** or 855.382.2645.

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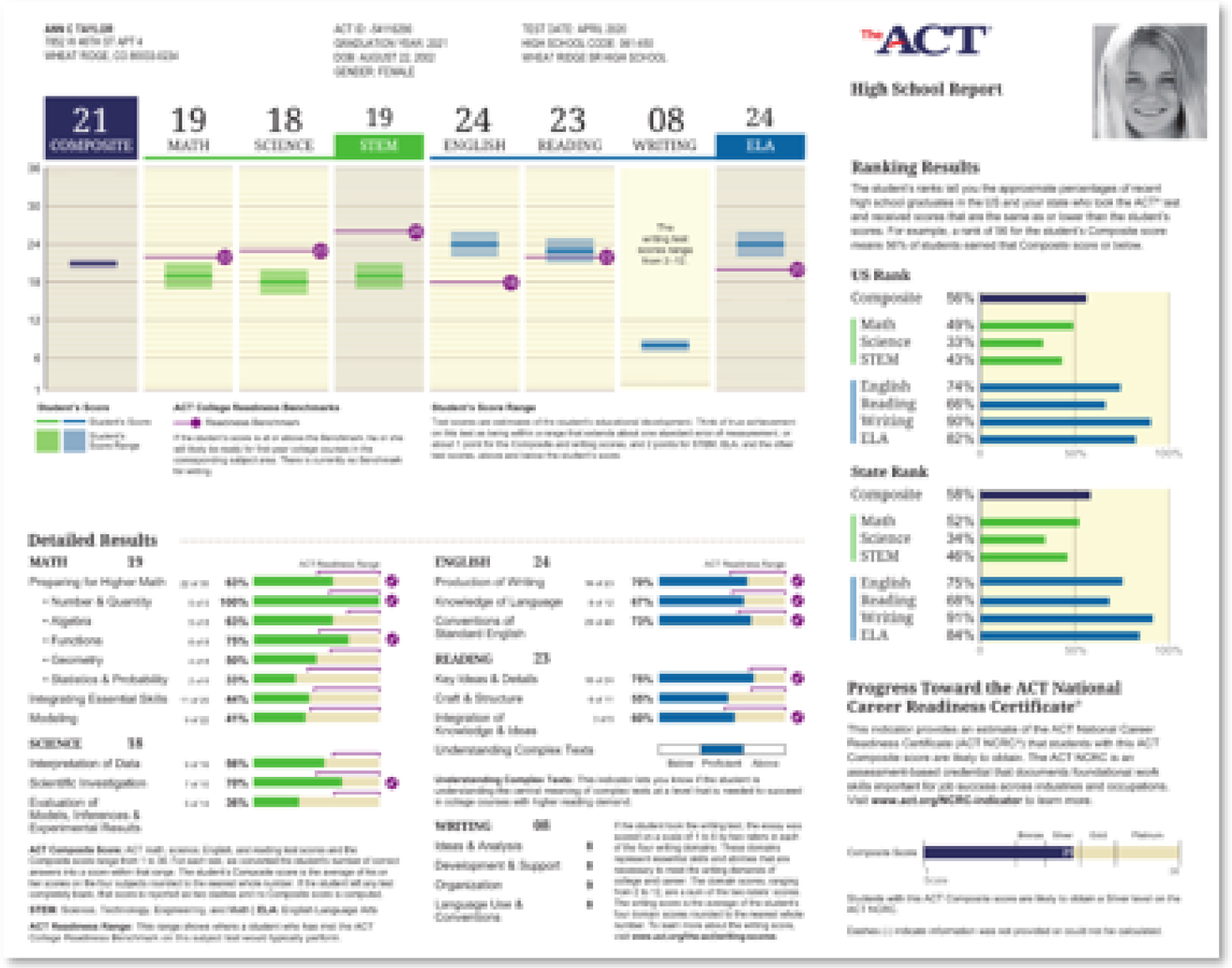
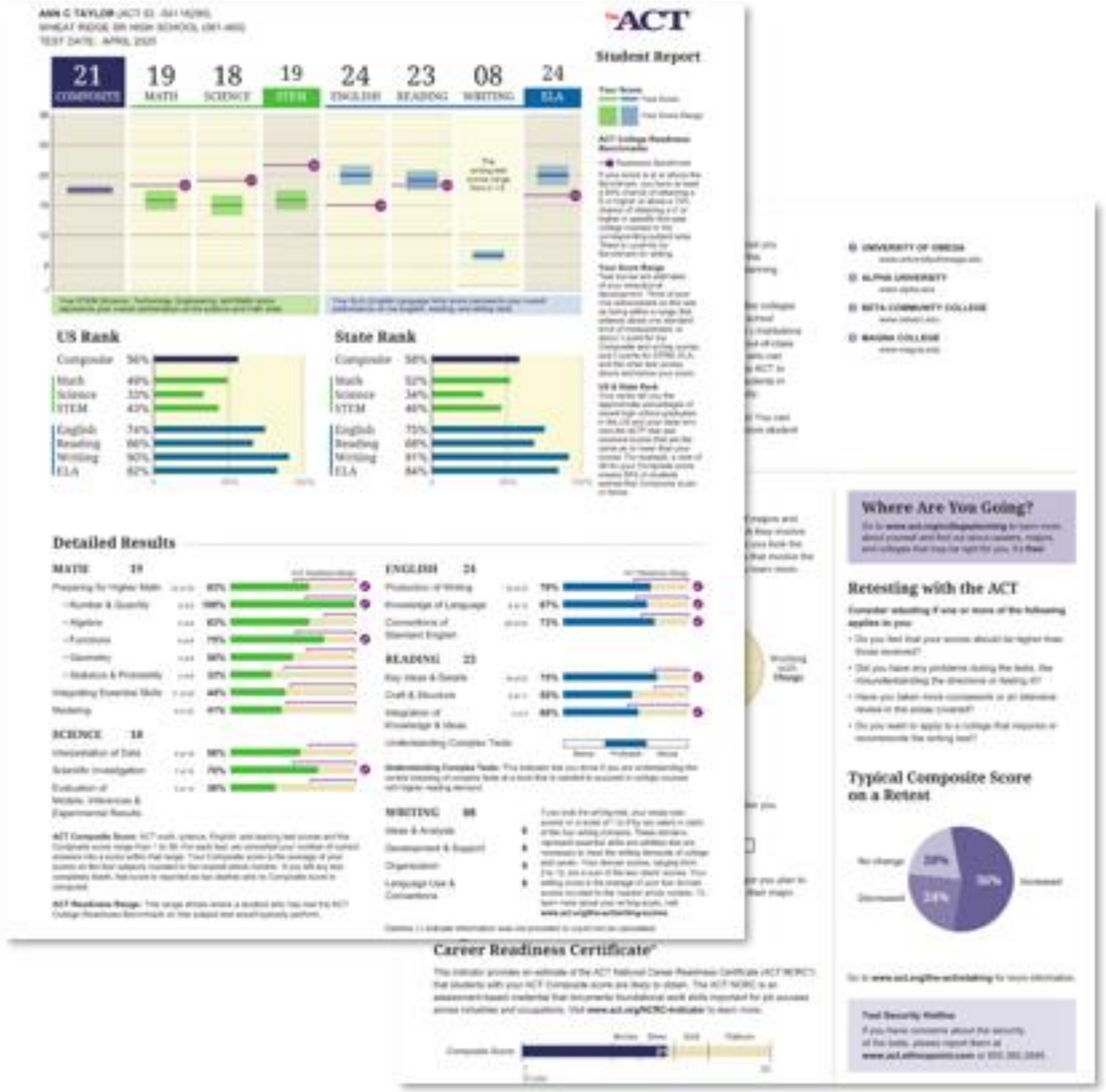


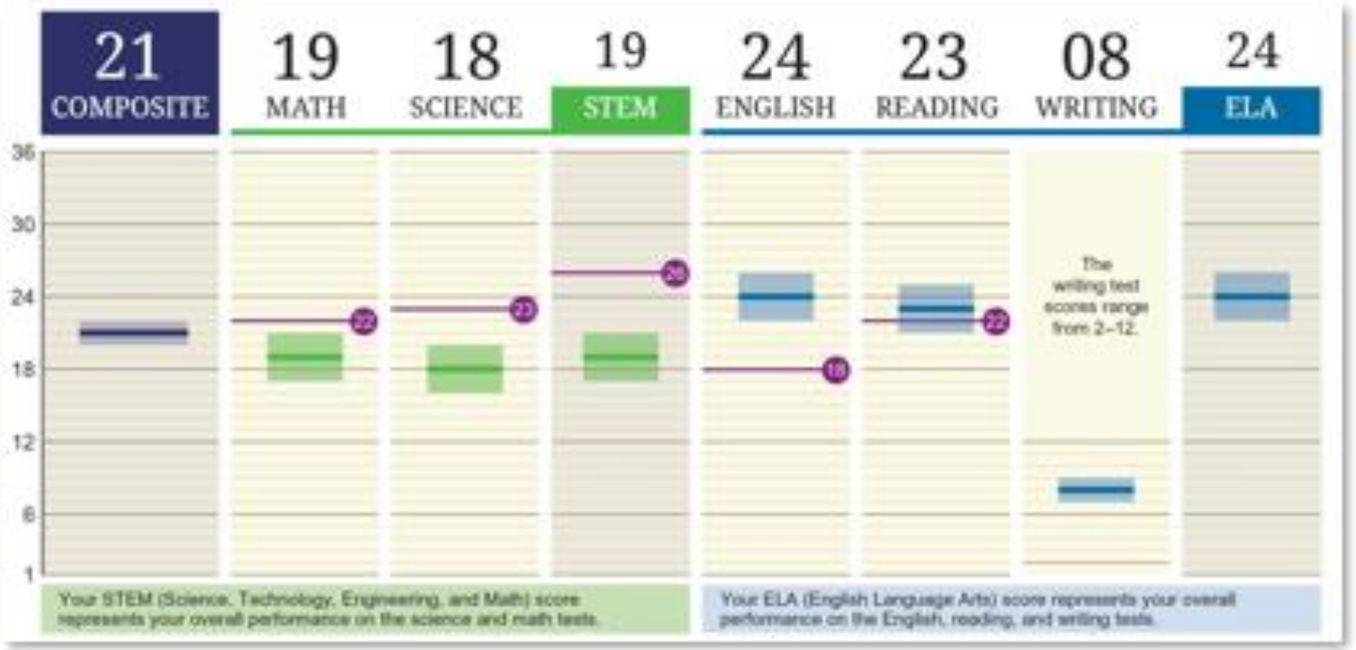
High School Report

ACT College Readiness Benchmarks represent the level of achievement required for students to be successful in credit-bearing first-year college courses.



Individual Student Report

View educational and occupational plans and how student compares on a state and National rank



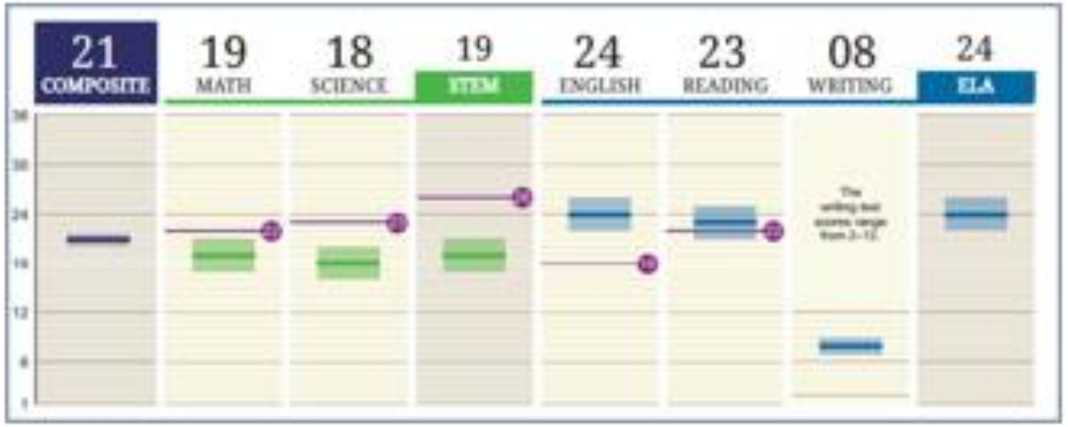
Academic Readiness

Measure what students learn in high school to determine readiness for college and career.

High School Report Insights

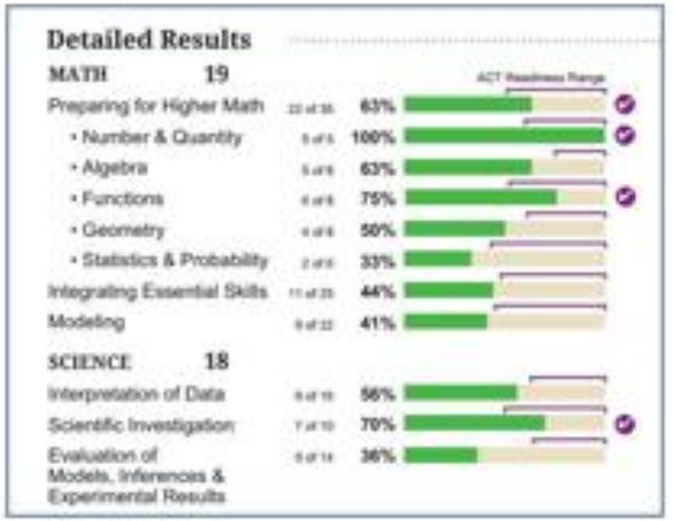
Scores

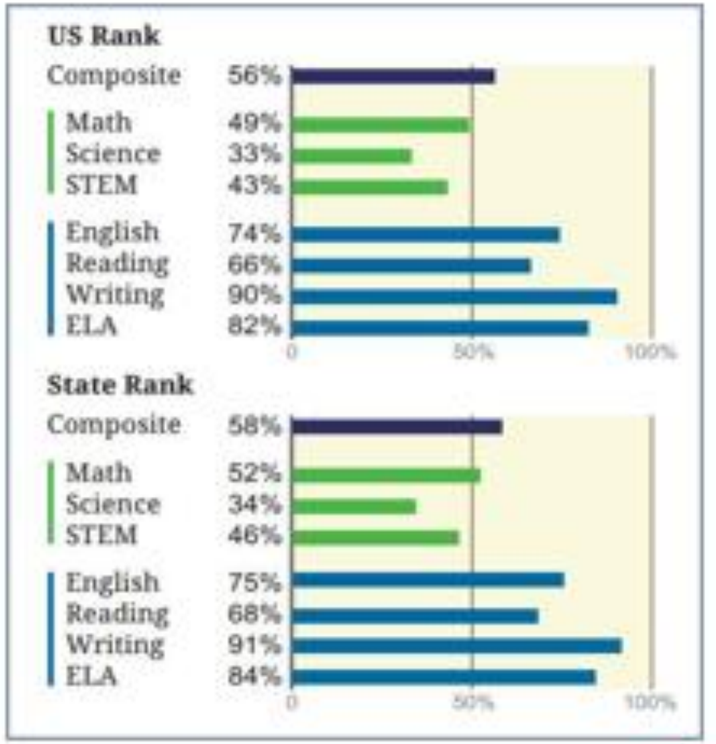
Composite scores and subject test scores tell you and your students which subjects need more focus before graduation



Readiness Range

This indicates where students who met this benchmark would perform on the ACT test, giving students and educators a target to meet for college readiness





Ranking Results

Students can use these numbers to "size up" competition they'll face in getting into college

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How to receive and use an ACT fee waiver?

1. Check with your school counselor to see if you are eligible to apply.

2. Once your school counselor determines eligibility, you can receive up to four fee waivers to take the ACT test.

3. When you register for the ACT online or by mail, use your ACT fee waiver code.

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ACT Fee Waiver Program

- **Covers basic registration fee** on national test taken in junior or senior year
- May be used for 4 **administrations** for the ACT
- Allows students to send **scores to four college choices** when registering for the test
- Allows any number of **free** additional score reports after registration
- Provides results to inform instruction through **online reporting** shortly after tests are scored
- Includes **free access to test prep**
- Fee Waiver orders now **delivered as PDFs**

FEE WAIVERS AND MORE

Available to qualifying students

Four waivers per student

Free test prep at registration

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Free

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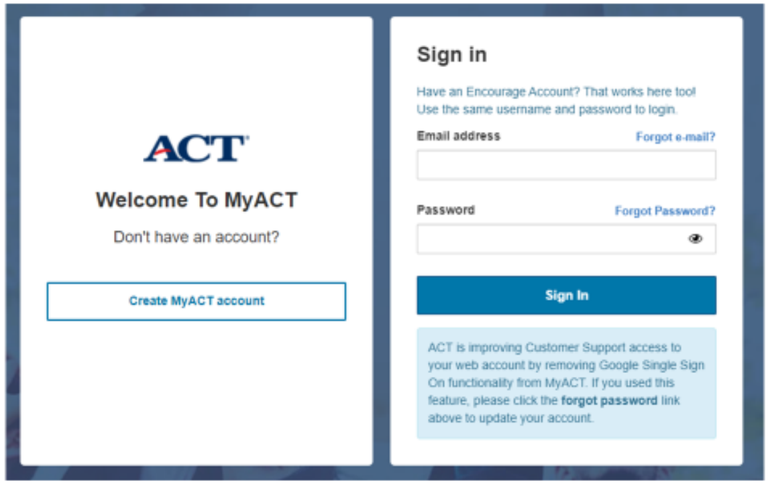
Lifelong Learning



➢Academics

- Question of the Day
- Online Practice Tests

➢Navigation

- Career Inventories
- Planning Resources

Start Here

Begin exploring your plans for the future. Tell us where you want to start.

Where would you like to start your college and career planning?

I want to...

Take Your Inventories | Search Careers | Discover Military Careers | Find Majors

Explore Schools | Score Explorer | View Your Summary | Question of the Day

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Major Search

Search for majors by name

Refine Result
Clear All Filters

Keywords
Select one or more
Optional

Occupation
Select one or more
Optional

Major Group
Select one or more

1,510 result(s) found

Agriculture, Agriculture Operations, & Related Sciences

- Agribusiness Operations
- Agric & Horticultural Plant Breeding
- Agric/Farm Supplies Retail/Wholesaling
- Agricultural & Domestic Animal Svc

Military Search

Search for military careers by name

Refine Results
Clear All Filters

Keywords
Select one or more
Optional

Branch
Select one or more
Optional

Community
Select one or more

142 result(s) found

- Aircraft Mechanic
- Air Traffic Control Manager
- Audiovisual & Broadcast Director
- Civil Engineer
- Electrical & Electronics Engineer

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ACT Test Subject Practice Questions

ACT Math Practice

ACT English Practice

ACT Science Practice

ACT Reading Practice

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ACT Test Prep

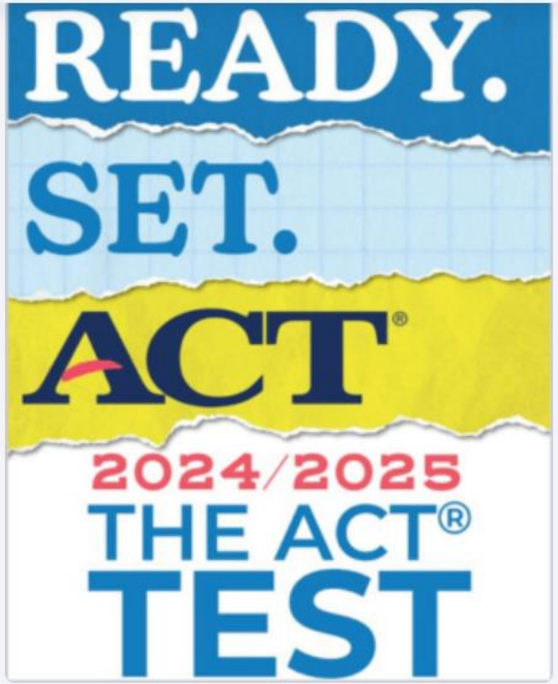
Delivered by experts and designed to fit every learning style, budget, and schedule.

The ACT Test Guide 2024-2025

Maybe you've been planning your future for years. Maybe you're ready to start exploring opportunities. Wherever life takes you, ACT will help you get there.

This guide was designed to make understanding all things ACT as simple as possible. With information about ACT test dates, fee waivers, and test prep, you'll find everything you need to succeed on test day.

**The dates in this document are subject to change. The most up-to-date information is available through your MyACT account.*



Get the FREE ACT Test Guide for 2024-2025

First name*

Email*

Your Role*

Please Select

Country*

United States of America

https://www.act.org/content/act/en/products-and-services/the-act/test-preparation.html

Free ACT Practice Test and Test Prep Resources

Your free, ultimate guide to the ACT test is here! Your free practice test resources includes:

- A full-length practice test (including writing prompt).
- An overview of the ACT test and what to expect on test day.
- General test-taking strategies to bring your best self to test day.

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Free Online ACT Test Prep and Events

Whether you're on the fence about buying prep or you just want to see what we're all about, our free online test prep and events—hosted in partnership with Kaplan—are a great starting place.

Want to try before you buy? Sign up for a FREE Live Online class!

Free Online Test Prep Events

Free Online Practice

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Resources

https://tinyurl.com/4tk8szfz

Comienza seleccionando una ruta que refleje dónde estás actualmente o cambia de ruta a lo largo del camino para descubrir nuevas opciones.

Aprovechar al máximo la escuela secundaria

Tal vez todavía estés pensando en lo que viene después. Accede a recursos para la escuela secundaria y explora carreras universitarias y profesionales según tus intereses.

Éxito en la escuela secundaria

Asistir a la universidad después de la escuela secundaria

Asesoramiento sobre exámenes, solicitud de ingreso a la universidad, pago de la universidad ¡y mucho más!

Tu trayectoria universitaria

Integrarse a la fuerza laboral después de la escuela secundaria

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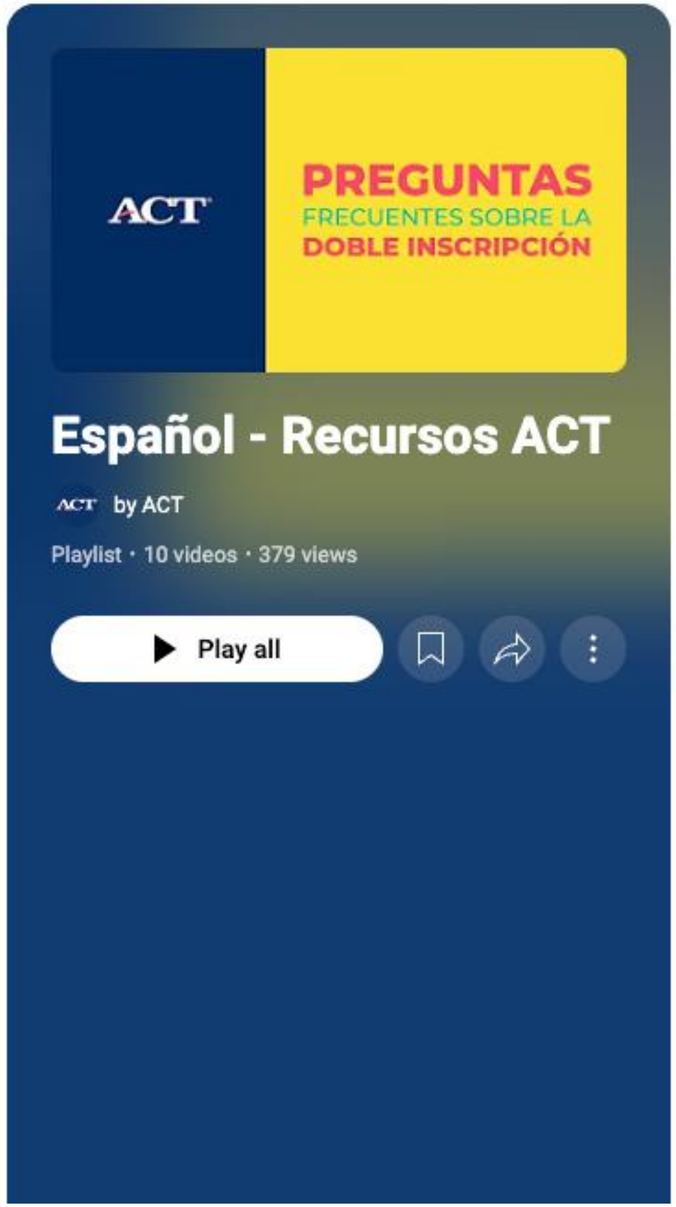

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- Examen ACT de práctica completo, incluyendo el examen de redacción opcional
- Información sobre las secciones de redacción y opción múltiple
- Estrategias para tomar el examen
- Qué esperar el día del examen

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School Reports

Inform Instruction

Career Assessments

It's never been about a perfect score.

Data Informed Practices

Use data from all tests and assignments to help guide personal learning plans.

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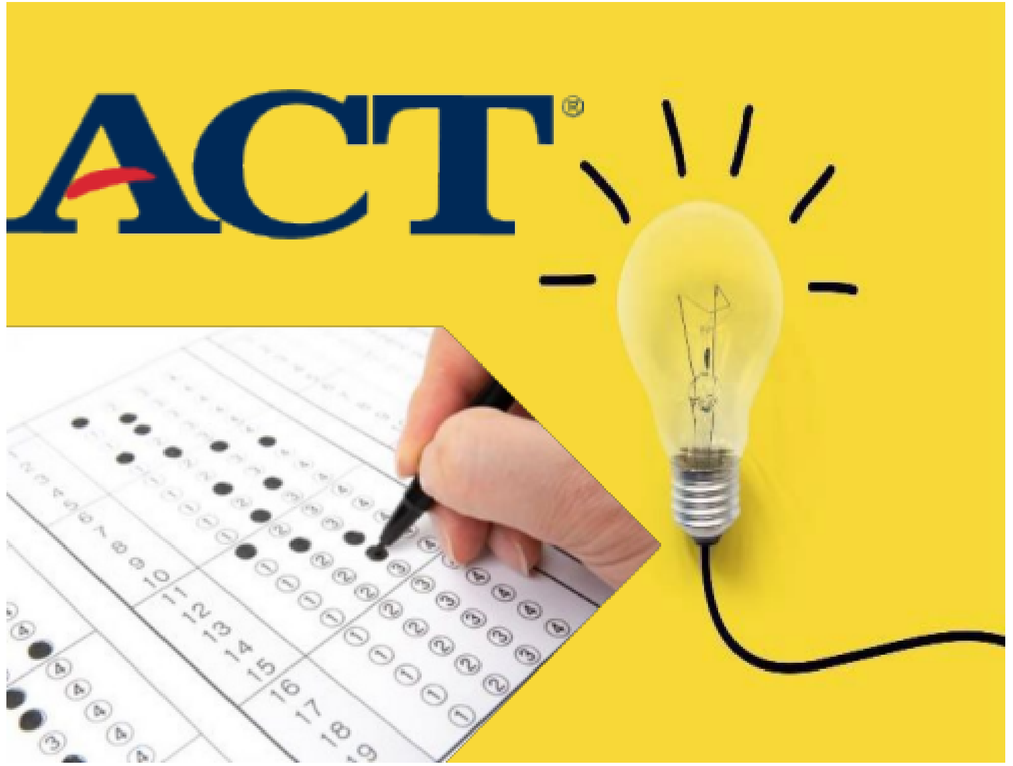
Data Reporting

- A free interactive data analysis platform, available for all schools, states, and districts with ACT testing data at no cost through success.act.org.
  - Provides current and historical student data to disaggregate, filter, and customize reports
  - Allows contract states to view contract reports as well as national, state, and district data
  - Delivers data online after each test administration



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View Your Past and Present ACT Results

Through the Success portal, School Day and Non-School Day Districts/Charters can:	
✓	**View student level results after an administration occurs**
✓	Disaggregate data by district, campus, subject area, and race/ethnicity
✓	Data available from 2018-19 through 2023-24
✓	Download your ACT roster data into Excel (.xlsx or .csv) to update your own CCMR tracking tools/spreadsheets
✓	Best of all… (on the next slide)

success.act.org is the online portal to the tools and resources to view your organization's ACT information. Within the success portal is a comprehensive Knowledge Hub, which is our one-stop resource area for all products and services offered by ACT.

Even if your district does not contract with ACT, it is important to track results of all national day ACT testers. Contact us for login credentials!

Online Reporting Portal: School Level Data

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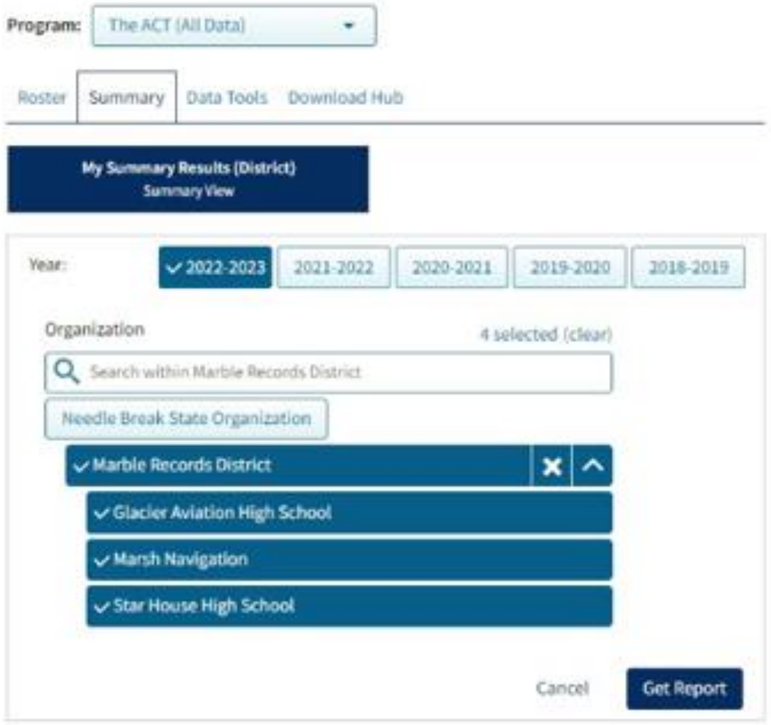

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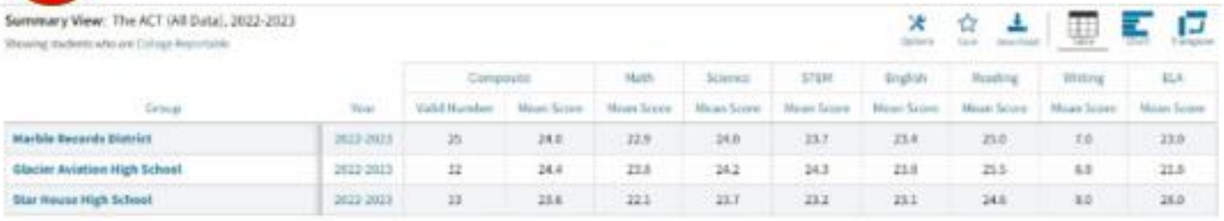

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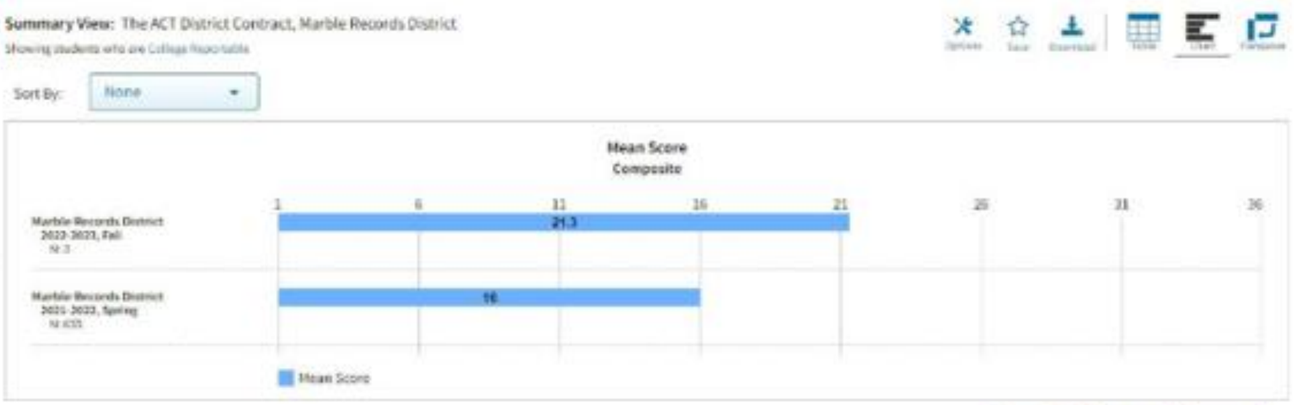

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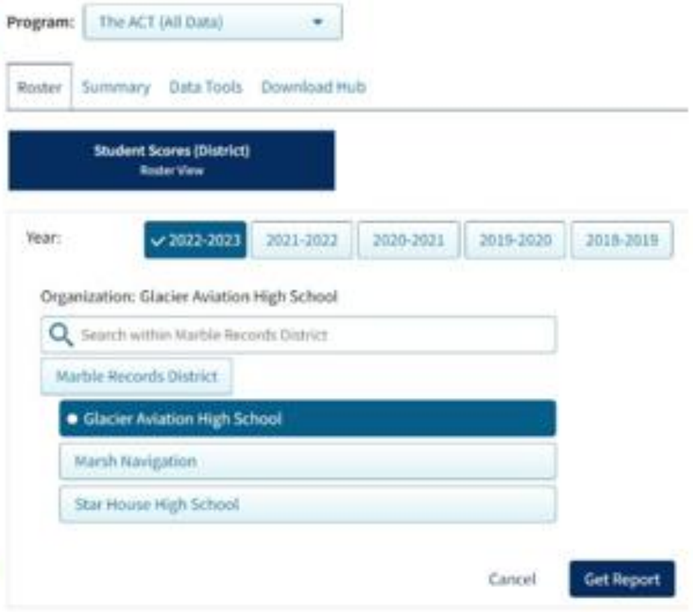

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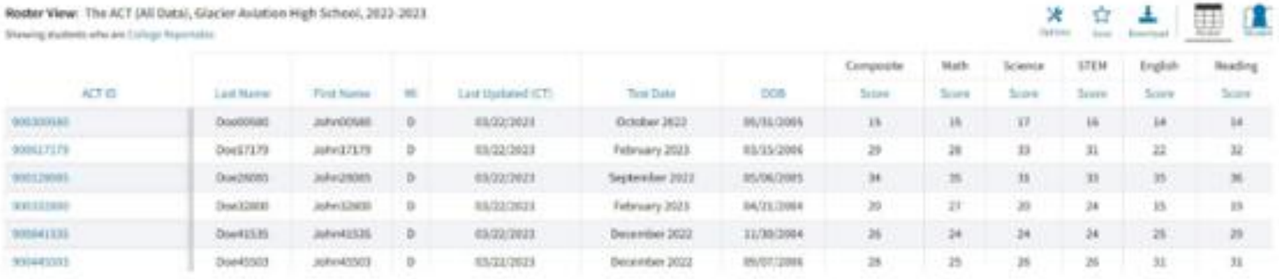

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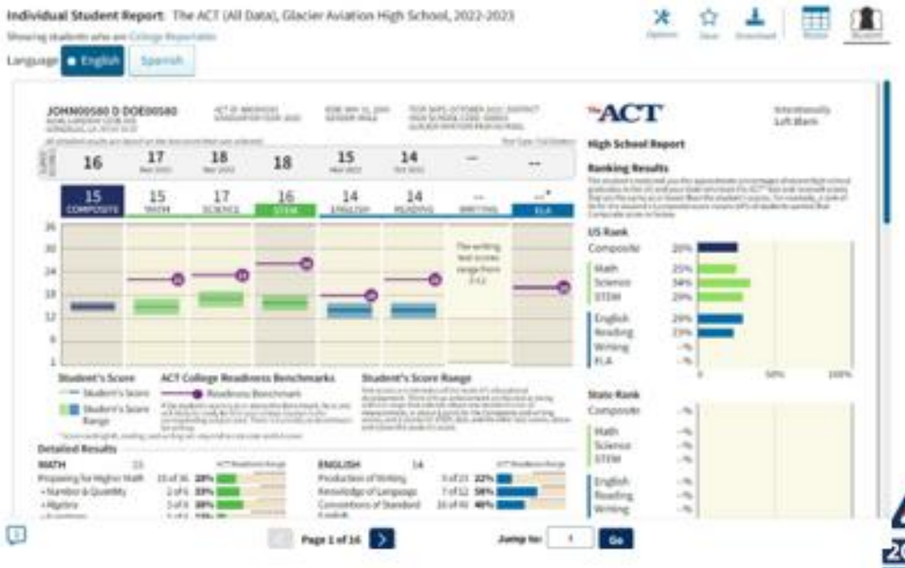

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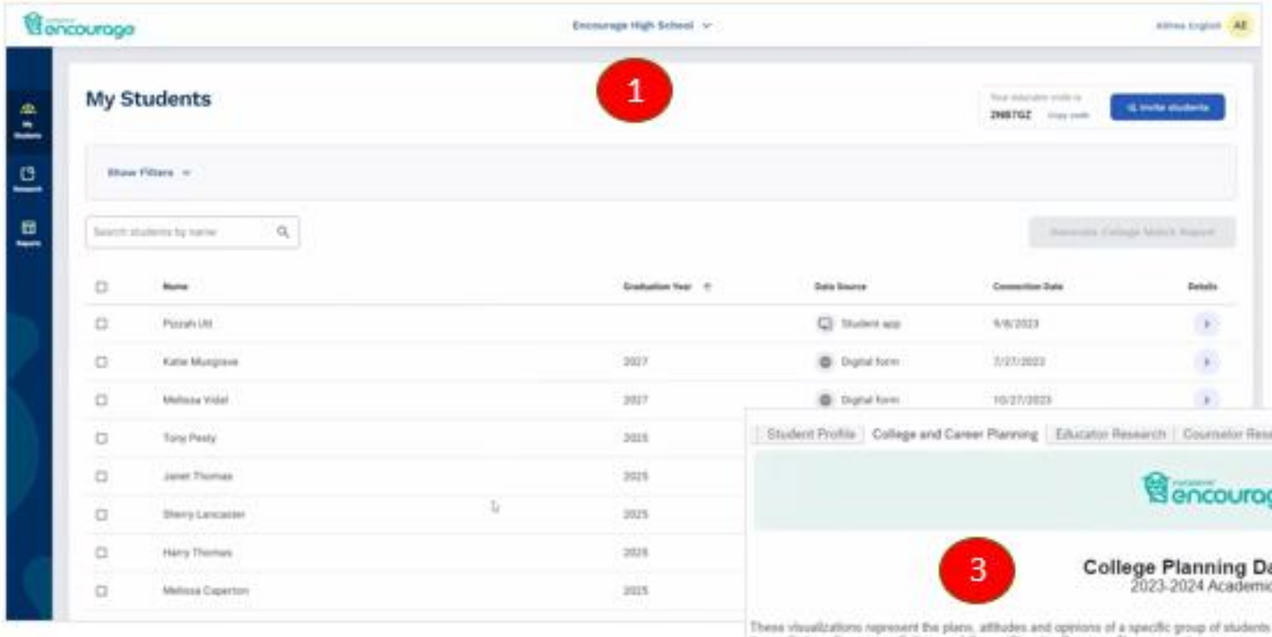

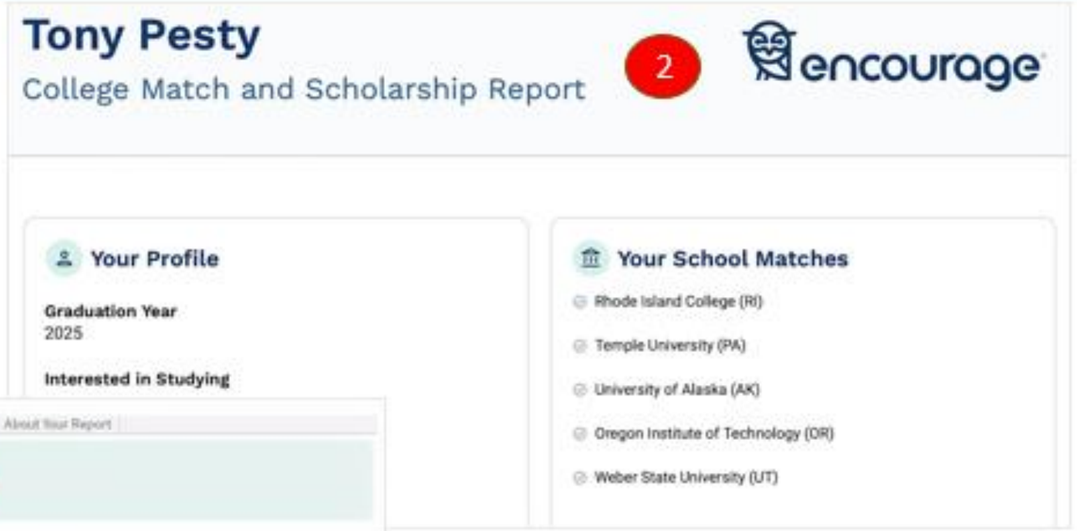

http://encourageme.com/educators

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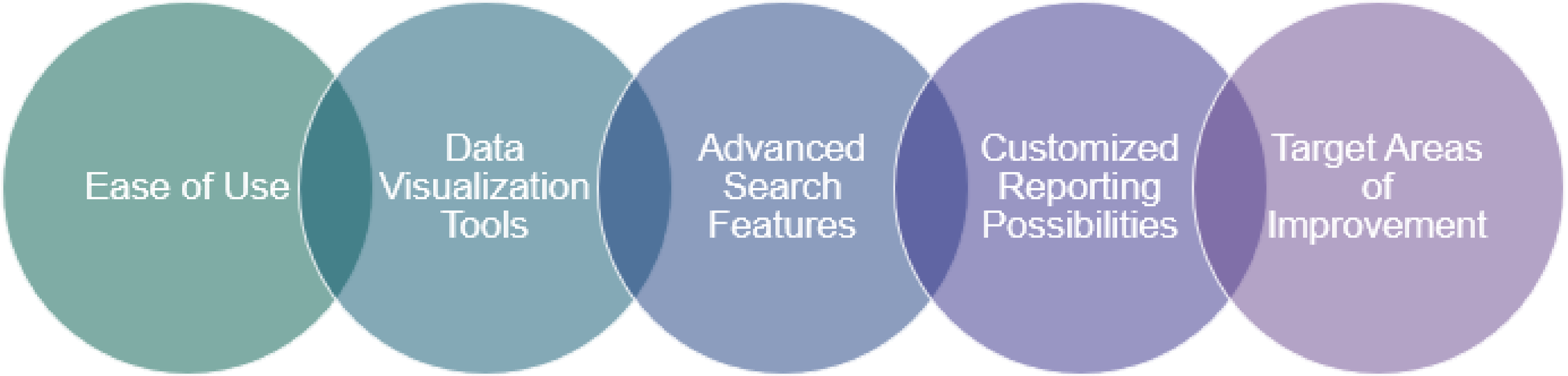

Use Your Own Data Systems To Analyze ACT Student Data!

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Source: Importing ACT Test Data to Aware

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Source: Student Portfolio Data Upload

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Source: File Center - ACT

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Source: CCMR Data Center

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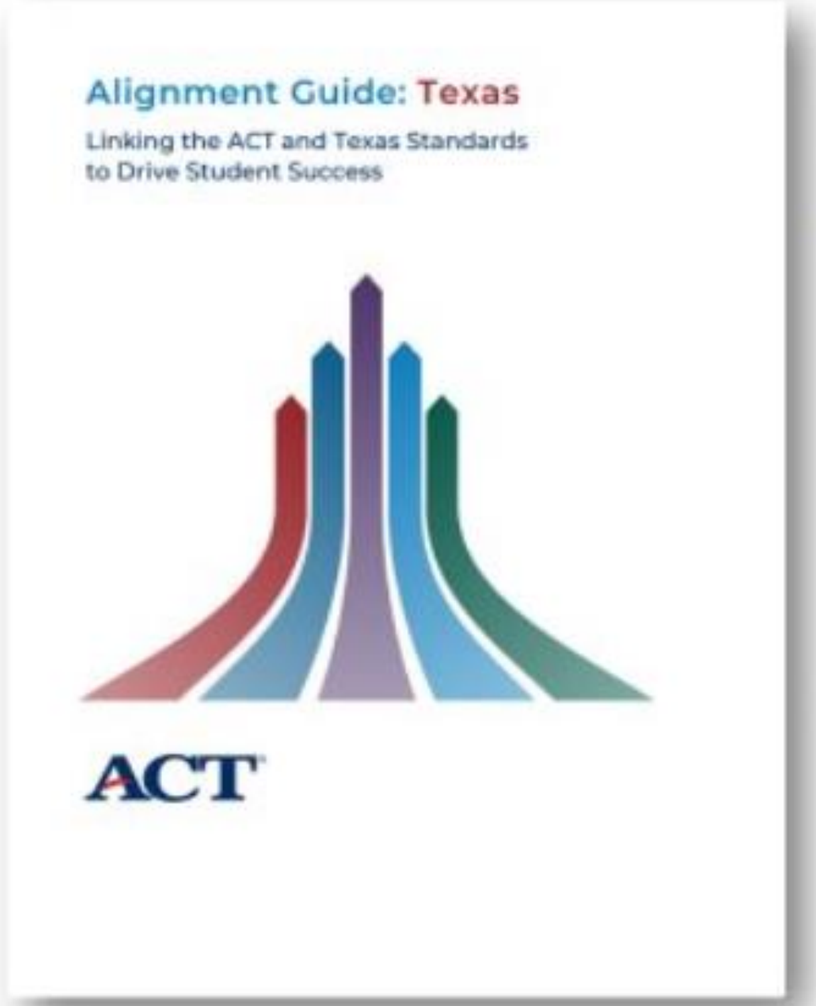


Purpose of the Guide

- This guide is intended to offer information about the content of the **ACT and its alignment to Texas standards**, known as the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS), as well as ideas for how to use the information in teaching and planning activities.
- This is an informational alignment and is **intended to support educators and other stakeholders**.

Scan the QR Code to View the ACT Alignment Guide for Texas

Source: TEKS to ACT Standards Crosswalk

Toolkits & Workshops

Educator and Counselor Toolkits

College and Career Day

College and Career Readiness Workshop

ACT College and Career Readiness Solutions for K-12 Professionals

ACT K-12 Solutions →

Equitable Education Starts with the Right Tools

ACT knows you're giving all you can to your students, an education that's all about equity in learning. We want to support student success by giving every student an equal opportunity to fully understand what they need for future success. Use these resources to help jump-start their journey to making their goals a reality. **Take advantage of these FREE events and resources to do just that!**

ACT Enhancements

The ACT® Test is evolving—featuring fewer questions, more time per question, shorter reading passages, and fewer answer choices to better support student success. Learn more about these enhancements and how they can benefit your students today!

Explore Updates

ACT Summit

Join us at the ACT Summit, where K-12, higher education, and workforce leaders come together to shape the future of education and career readiness. **Register today** to be part of the conversation!

Register Today

Creating a College and Career Readiness Day

Hear guest speakers from Nashville and Portland area schools share best practices for setting up a College and Career Readiness Day for your students.

Watch On-Demand

K-12 Toolkits

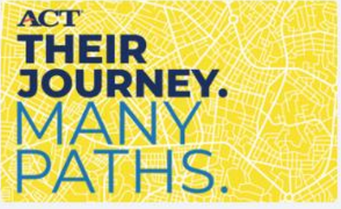
Explore our range of toolkits and empower your students for success.

View K-12 Toolkits

Online Assessment Planner

The ACT Curriculum & Assessment Planner helps you align curriculum and assessments to your goals with insights and recommendations. **Start planning today** and build a comprehensive strategy for whole-student success!

Start Planning



Resources for Counselors

Access materials with information to help students register for the National ACT test, learn about test prep options, and much more!

Get the Counselor Toolkit

ACT Enhancements

Coming to State Testing Spring 2026

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Enhancements to the ACT Test

Coming to ACT National Online Spring 2025 • Coming to ACT District Testing Spring 2026

As ACT releases enhancements, our goal has been to preserve the validity, reliability and predictive ability of the ACT test that stakeholders have depended on for 65 years.

Why are we changing?

- To enhance the testing experience for students and educators.
- To adapt to the evolving needs of our stakeholders.
- To offer learners, schools and districts greater choice and flexibility.

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Coming to ACT National Online Spring 2025 • Coming to ACT District Testing Spring 2026

Benefits to State & District Testing:

- Composite score using the **new English, math, and reading calculation.**
- Enhancements including the **science choice** start with Spring 2026 testing windows.
- The Composite score using the new English, math, and reading calculation will provide the **same validity, reliability, and predictably** that students and educators have depended on for 65 years.
- **Fewer items and shorter passages** provide more time for students to answer questions.
- Shortened testing time **without science- 2 Hours Total**.

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What is <u>not</u> changing?

- The ACT scale will remain 1-36 as it has been for 35 years.
- Scores from tests taken prior to the rollout of the new Composite score will not change.
- Ability to predict success in first year college credit-bearing courses will not change.
- Both paper/pencil and online test options will continue to be available.

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Connected Assessments and Tools

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Counselor Toolkit

Their Journey. Many Paths.

Get the Free Counselor's Guide 2024-2025

In this guide, you'll find all the information you need around the national offering of the ACT test, as well as additional tools and resources to help support you as you serve your students throughout the school year.

Get access to:

- Downloadable calendars for important ACT dates and deadlines
- Season-based timelines for your juniors and seniors to support lesson planning and needs for college prep
- Comprehensive test prep options
- Important solutions to support students outside of traditional college prep
- Access to tools that will help keep you and your students on track for their college and career journey

The dates in this document are subject to change. The most up-to-date information on the ACT test is available here.

Resources for **Spanish-speaking** students and parents can be found here.

Submit the form below to access the Counselor's Guide.

First name*

Last name*

Email*

State*

Please Select

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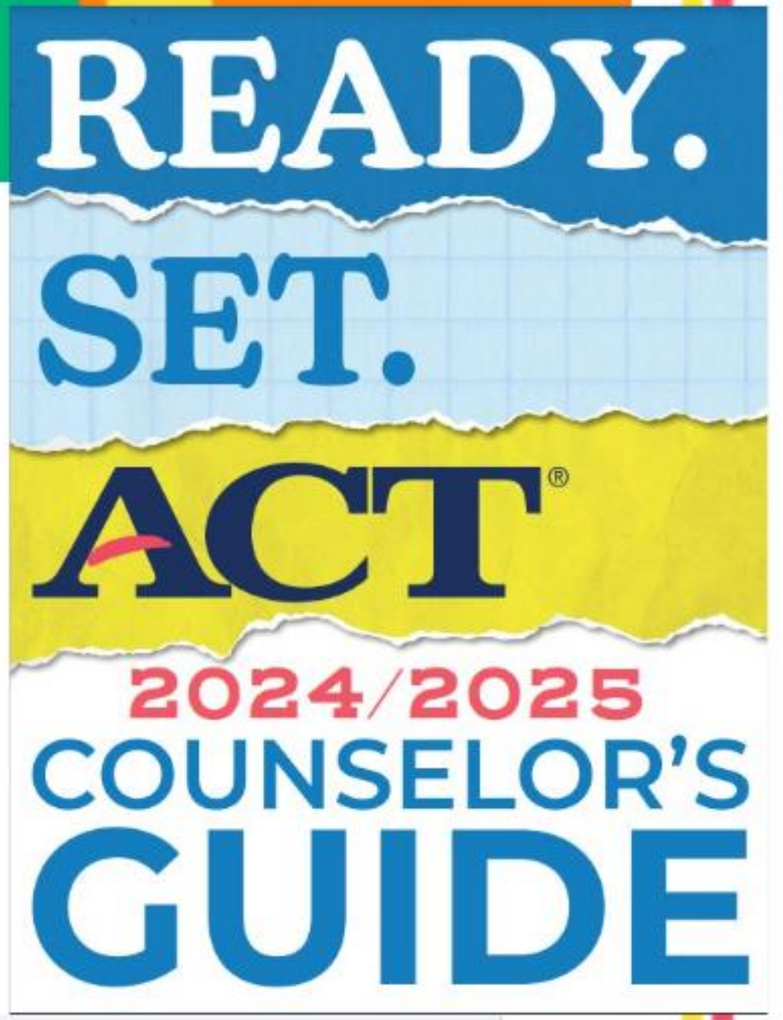

Downloadable Resources

Whether it's having a stack on hand in your office or having ACT awareness in the hallways, print these resources as you need them throughout the school year.

Test Dates Flyer | Test Dates Poster | Why Take the ACT? - Students

Editable ACT Poster (8.5x11) | Why Take the ACT? - Counselors

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https://www.act.org/content/act/en/k12-educators-and-administrators/counselor-toolkit.html

K-12 Toolkits

Resources and assets to help you connect with students and parents!

Communication and Engagement Toolkits

PreACT Communication Toolkit

Prewritten messages, branded images, posters, flyers, and calendars to help educators get students and parents engaged and excited about getting early insights on academic needs and career interest by taking the PreACT.

Get the PreACT Toolkit

ACT District Testing Communication Toolkit

Prewritten messages, branded images, posters, flyers, and calendars to help educators get students and parents engaged and excited about realizing potential and academic readiness for college by taking the ACT test in class on a school day.

Get the ACT DT Toolkit

ACT WorkKeys Communication Toolkit

Prewritten messages, branded images, posters, and flyers to help educators get students and parents engaged and excited about getting career-ready with WorkKeys and earning a WorkKeys National Career Readiness Certificate (NCRC).

Get the WorkKeys Toolkit

ACT Recognition Toolkits

Join schools and districts across the country in developing ACT-oriented success recognition!

Recognize Student Achievement

Student Success Recognition Toolkits are a simple way for schools and districts to celebrate student success and encourage students to do their best on the ACT®, PreACT, and WorkKeys Assessments.

The toolkits contain everything your school or district needs to get started. We offer free downloads, including a customizable certificate, social media images, and locker signs.

Show Your Pride in Exceptional Students

Recognizing your students' achievements is vitally important. When a student feels celebrated and recognized, it can improve their self-confidence and motivate them toward college and career success.

ACT LINK

Get Your ACT, PreACT, and WorkKeys NCRC Recognition Toolkits Today!

First name*

Last name*

Email*

State*

Please Select

Access the Recognition Toolkits

Platinum Prestige

Celebrating students who achieved a Platinum-level WorkKeys NCRC.

- Locker Sign
- Digital Photo Frame
- Social Media
- Credly Digital Badge
- Order Honor Cord

PreACT Recognition Toolkit

Download and use this free Student Success Recognition Club Toolkit that contains everything educators need to celebrate student success on the PreACT.

PreACT Recognition Toolkit

ACT Recognition Toolkit

Download and use this free Student Success Recognition Club Toolkit that contains everything educators need to celebrate student success on the ACT.

ACT Recognition Toolkit

ACT WorkKeys NCRC Recognition Toolkit

Download and use this free recognition toolkit that contains everything educators need to celebrate student success with the ACT® WorkKeys® National Career Readiness Certificate™ (NCRC®).

WorkKeys Recognition Toolkit

College and Career Readiness Day Toolkit

Everything you need to make your event a success

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New CRR Day Toolkit

Prewritten tools to plan, promote, and engage students, parents, and your community for a College and Career Readiness Day at your school. Contributors include past CCR Day webinar presenters.

Get CCR Day Toolkit

Webinar: How to Create a College and Career Readiness Day

Recorded January 2025

Access the Recording →

Learn About the 4 "C"s to Remember When Planning Your Event

Among other tips, you'll learn more about the building blocks of a successful College and Career Readiness Day. We'll explore the 4 "C"s that will help keep you grounded in your purpose and goals for your event.

Commitment

Create a day of activities surrounding your planned assessments that shows your school's dedication to readiness for all students.

Culture

Make promoting student readiness the lifeblood that surges through every activity and communication. Involve stakeholders at the district and school levels, parents and guardians, and even community members.

Comprehensiveness

Address each student early and holistically. Assess social and emotional skills, academic achievement, and workforce interest while offering proof of college readiness and career readiness credentials.

Chance (and Opportunity)

Use data insights to help your students understand what they need to accomplish to achieve their dreams. Create an ongoing cycle of improvement to set the stage for deeper understanding of readiness and recognize their milestones toward success.

Build One Day to Encourage a Lifetime of Success

Holding a College and Career Readiness Day at your school motivates and engages all students in visualizing and planning their path to successful futures.

Planning Resources

Download these resources to help plan your day.

- Checklist: How to Plan and Create a College and Career Readiness Day (PDF)
- eBook: An Educator's Guide to College and Career Readiness (PDF)
- Checklist: College and Career Readiness: Grade Level Activities (PDF)

Communication Resources

Use our prewritten and designed promotional assets.

- Email / Letter Template (DOC)
- Social Media Messaging (DOC)
- Social Media Images (PPT)
- Poster Template (PDF)
- Postcard Template (PDF)
- PreACT and ACT Recognition Toolkits

Connect Students to Their Futures

Build a College and Career Readiness Day for your school that includes activities that help students understand what "readiness" means and the steps they can take to achieve academic and career success. Help create a future-focused culture connecting students, educators, and community stakeholders. ACT will help you imagine an event that will engage students' thinking about their futures and unite communities.

Dr. Ryan Luhning discusses the importance and impact of creating an ACT District Testing College and Career Readiness Day (CCR Day).

Texas Initiatives

Abbott's State Address

Focus on Career Readiness and Training

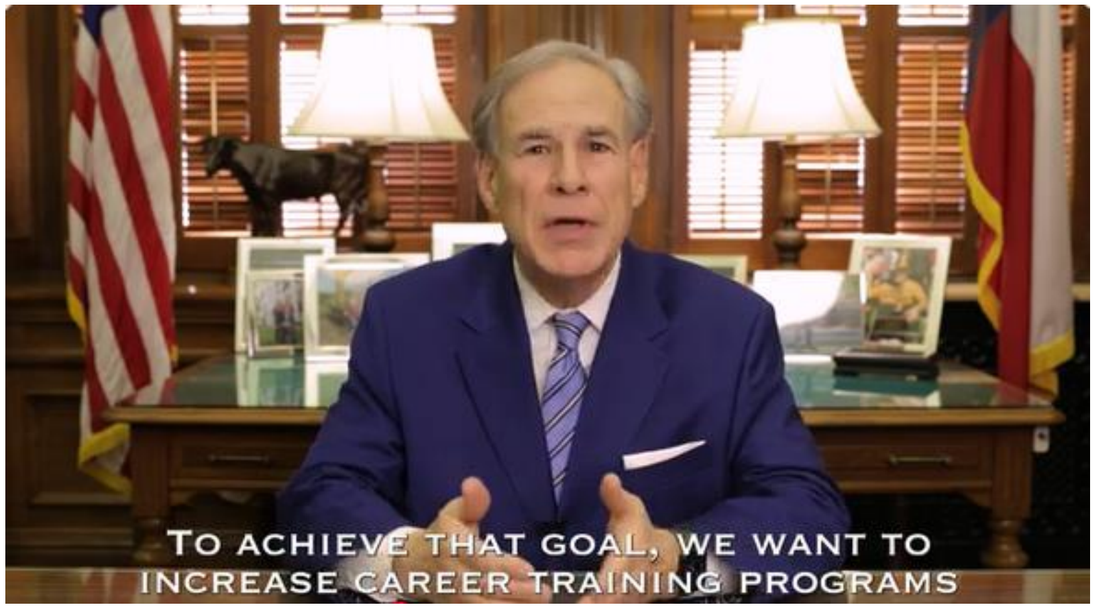
WorkKeys

ACT Resources For Students to Obtain Job Certifications

Governor’s Abbott’s Initiative

Governor Abbott Career Placement Initiative

Expand Career Readiness in High School
State Address - Initiative



https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vtcVfTXZlFE

Governor Abbott Career Placement Initiative

Governor Greg Abbott today announced 60 career training grants totaling over $15 million have been awarded to Texas higher education institutions and independent school districts (ISD) to train students for high-demand, good-paying jobs after graduation. (December 2024)

“This $15 million in career training grants will support career and technical training programs for thousands of Texas students across our great state.”

State data shows 73.3 percent of Texas’ public high school students participated in some form of career and technical education last school year. Districts receive more funding for each student enrolled into these programs.

https://www.govtech.com/education/k-12/texas-to-prioritize-career-training-in-high-school

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Governor Abbott Career Placement Initiative

WorkKeys Can Be an Answer to this Initiative.

Prepare Students for Workplace Success

WorkKeys Assessments

Measure your students' career-ready skills for future success.

WorkKeys Curriculum

Help students build essential skills for learning, personal development, and effective job performance.

WorkKeys NCRC

Offer your students a nationally recognized credential that will get them noticed by employers.

WorkKeys Job Profiling

Analyze specific job tasks and link required skill levels to pinpoint benchmarks for training.

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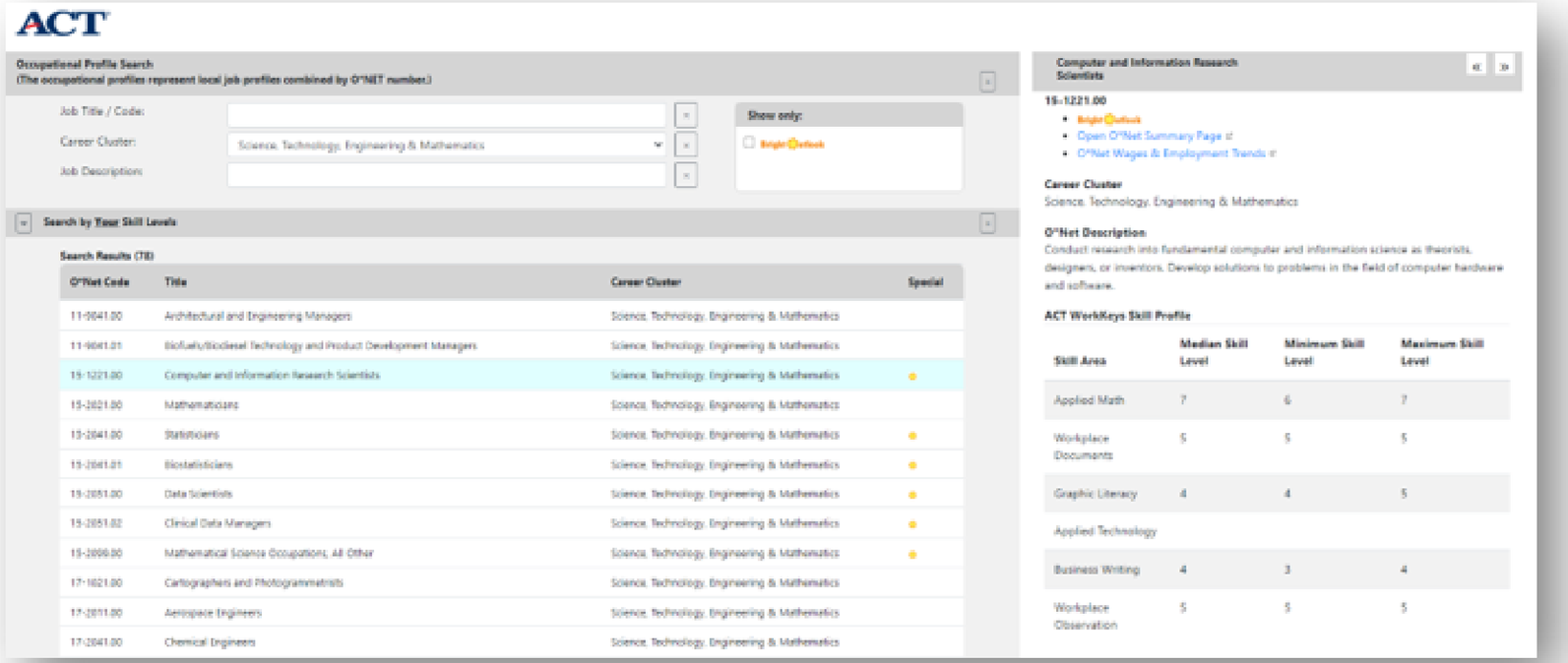
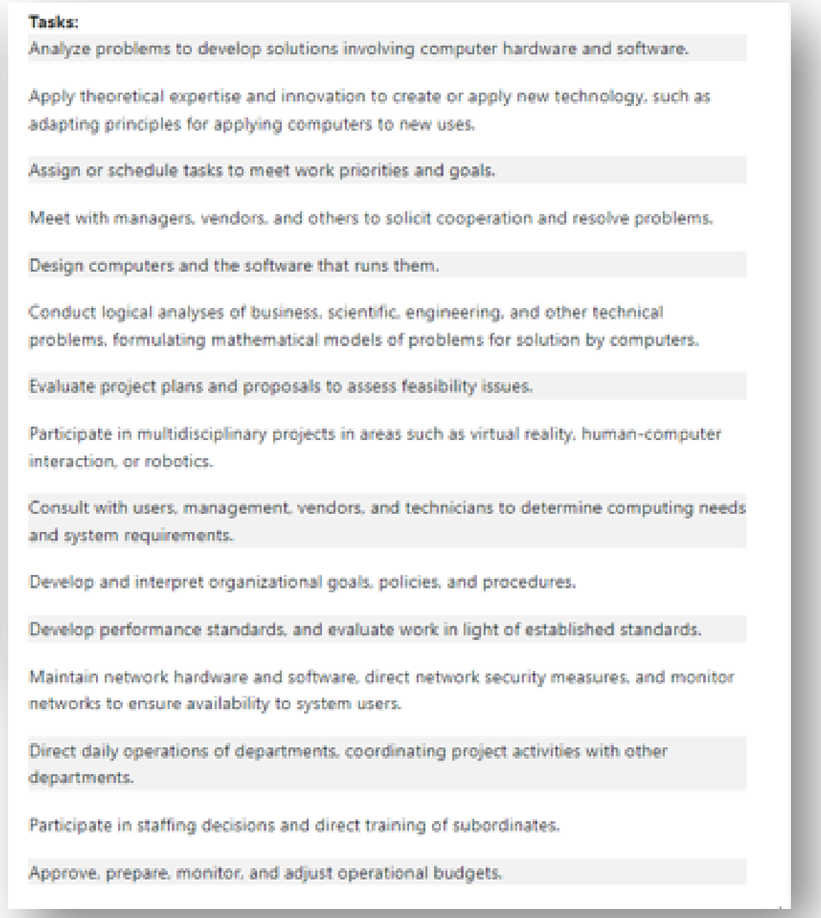
Using NCRC Levels for Career Exploration



More Than A Score: Use the [Occupational Profile Search](#) to Explore Careers and Review the ACT WorkKeys Profiles for the Careers



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WorkKeys Supports Career and Academic Planning

WorkKeys/NCRC Skill Profiles as Benchmarks for Career and Academic Planning:

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Industry Readiness
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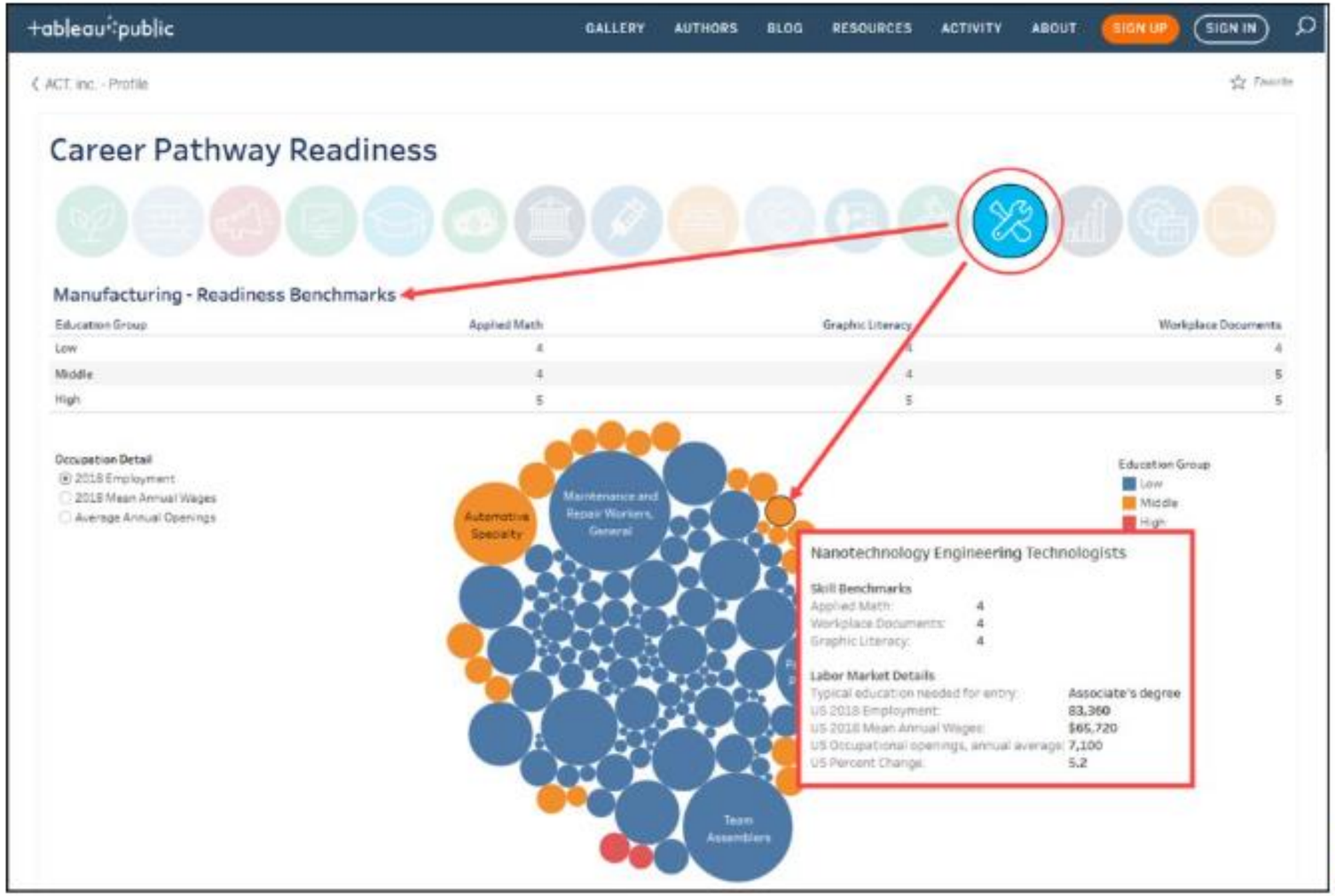
Matching Your WorkKeys Skills to Jobs
https://success.act.org/s/article/Matching-Your-WorkKeys-Skills-to-Jobs



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WorkKeys National Career Readiness Digital Badges

Once testing is complete, examinees can earn an ACT® WorkKeys® National Career Readiness™ (NCRC®) Digital Badge.

Powered by: Credly

More than 570,000 earners have used their badges to:

- Get noticed by employers.
- Share their digital badges on resumes and online.
- Provide employers with verification of their skills.
- Searched and applied for jobs through Credly.
- Send digital transcripts to earn college credit.

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NCRC Certifies Skills

The NCRC is awarded at four levels. Higher levels indicate a greater number of jobs for which a recipient is qualified.

- **Platinum** indicates the skills required for approximately 99% of ACT-profiled jobs.
- **Gold** indicates the skills required for approximately 93% of ACT-profiled jobs.
- **Silver** indicates the skills required for approximately 69% of ACT-profiled jobs.
- **Bronze** indicates the skills required for approximately 17% of ACT-profiled jobs.

ACT WorkKeys Curriculum

WorkKeys NCRC-Aligned Courses

- Applied Math
- Graphic Literacy
- Workplace Documents

WorkKeys-Aligned Courses

- Applied Technology
- Business Writing
- Workplace Observation

Essential Skills Courses

- Working in Teams
- Interpersonal & Business Communication
- Workplace Discipline
- Problem Solving & Critical Thinking
- Financial Awareness
- Customer Service

ACT WorkKeys Curriculum Course Outline

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Workforce-Bound Students Benefit from Test Scores

An ACT score can help students explore career decisions based on how their interests align with their strengths.

These insights can support meaningful conversations with parents and educators about their futures.

ACT WorkKeys Online Reports Portal: Skill Reports

Individual Summary Score Report

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ACT WorkKeys Skill Report

Examinee: TEST05,Alot
Realm: NCRC 2.0 E2E Test Realm
Examinee ID**: 1724
Report Date: Sep 1, 2017

Manifest Name	Test Date	Level Score	Possible Range	Scale Score	Possible Range
WorkKeys Applied Math	7/13/2017	6	<3 - 7	90	65 - 90
WorkKeys Graphic Literacy	7/13/2017	7	<3 - 7	90	65 - 90
WorkKeys Workplace Documents	7/13/2017	7	<3 - 7	90	65 - 90

WHAT YOUR SCORES MEAN

WorkKeys Applied Math:
You scored at Level 6. People who score at Level 6 have demonstrated all of the Levels 3, 4, and 5 skills. They also have demonstrated the ability to:

- Use fractions with unlike denominators and calculate reverse percentages.
- Convert units within or between systems of measurement (e.g., time, measurement, and quantity) where multiple-step conversions are required and the formulas are provided, such as converting from kilometers to meters to feet.
- Identify why a mistake occurred in a solution.
- Find the best deal from a group of solutions and then use the result for another calculation.
- Find the area of basic shapes when it may be necessary to rearrange a formula, convert units of measurement in the calculations, or use the result in further calculations.
- Calculate the volume of rectangular solids (e.g., cubes).
- Calculate rates, production rates, rate by time (such as, production rate is 59 cups produced per hour, how many will be produced in an 8-hour shift).
- Identify the correct equation for solving a problem.

WorkKeys Graphic Literacy:
You scored at Level 7. People achieving this level can understand and interpret complex workplace graphics, such as very difficult charts and graphs, and detailed tables, forms, maps, and diagrams. They can apply information from these types of graphics and draw conclusions or make decisions about new situations based on information contained in the graphics.
Your skills in Locating Information using workplace graphics are at least as high as this test measures. Congratulations on your fine performance! We encourage you to use and expand upon your considerable skills in this area by seeking out and learning from graphics in a wide variety of formats.

WorkKeys Workplace Documents:
You scored at Level 7. People achieving this level can apply concepts from densely detailed passages, such as excerpts from complex regulatory and legal documents, to new situations. They can understand difficult concepts and complicated procedures containing jargon and technical terms whose definitions must be derived from context.
Your Reading for Information skills are at least as high as this test measures. Congratulations on your fine performance! We encourage you to use and expand upon your considerable skills in this area by continuing to read and learn from a wide variety of challenging reading materials.

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Report Date: Jun 13, 2024
Group Name: <NONE>

WorkKeys Roster Report
Jan 6, 2024 - Jun 13, 2024

Examinee	ID**	Test Date	AM LS	SAM LS	AT LS	SAT LS	BW LS	LI LS	SLI LS	OB LS	RFI LS	SRI LS	W LS	WO LS	W-AM LS	W-GL LS	W-WD LS	AM-ES LS	GL-ES LS	WD-ES LS	T Test Taken	F Test Taken
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X = See employer report for more information
LS = Level Score
SS = Scale Score

AM = Applied Mathematics
SAM = Evaluación de Matemáticas Aplicadas
AT = Applied Technology
SAT = Evaluación de Tecnología Aplicada
BW = Business Writing

LI = Locating Information
SLI = Evaluación de Localización de Información
OB = Observation
RFI = Reading for Information
SRI = Evaluación de Comprensión de Lectura

W = Writing
WO = Workplace Observation
W-AM = WorkKeys Applied Math
W-GL = WorkKeys Graphic Literacy
W-WD = WorkKeys Workplace Documents

AM-ES = Matemáticas Aplicadas - Applied Math
GL-ES = Alfabetización Gráfica - Graphic Literacy
WD-ES = Documentos de Trabajo - Workplace Documents
T = Talent
F = Fit

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