

A photograph of a man and a woman looking at a document together. The man is in the foreground, looking down at the document. The woman is behind him, also looking at the document. They appear to be in a classroom or office setting.

Why your students should take the ACT[®]

- The ACT is the only test with College Readiness Standards.
- The ACT is based on information your students are learning in high school.
- The ACT test score is based on the number of correct answers—with no deductions for incorrect answers.
- The ACT is accepted by all four-year colleges and universities in the US.
- The ACT Writing Test is optional.

The **ACT**[®]



The ACT test is more than a college admissions exam.

The ACT college readiness assessment does more than tell students if they are ready for college—it helps them plan for life after high school. They'll get personalized career information and develop a comprehensive profile that tells colleges about students' work in high school and their plans for the future. The ACT also shows their strengths and weaknesses in the subject areas tested, so students can better prepare for their future education.

The ACT is the only test with College Readiness Standards.

The College Readiness Standards are sets of statements intended to help you understand what the scores earned on the ACT mean. We have developed College Readiness Benchmark Scores to directly measure College Readiness Standards that are based on actual college performance of students and reflected by specific test scores. Find more on our website at www.act.org/standard/index.html.

The ACT is based on information your students are learning in high school.

Every day your students attend class they're preparing for the ACT. Test questions in the four content areas—English, mathematics, reading, science—are directly related to what they are learning in most of their high school courses. Because the ACT is based on what is taught in high school, students are generally more comfortable with the ACT.

There is no penalty for guessing.

The ACT is the only college admissions test that provides scores based on the number of correct answers—with no deductions for incorrect answers. Tell students to do their best, and mark an answer to every question!

There are many ways to help your students prepare for the ACT.

Taking challenging courses in high school is the best way students can prepare for the ACT. It is

a good idea for students to become familiar with the test before they take it, and ACT's student website—www.actstudent.org—offers testing tips for each content area, including the optional Writing Test. Students can download a free copy of *Preparing for the ACT*, which includes test information, complete practice tests, and a writing prompt with sample essays. ACT also offers tools such as ACT Online Prep™—the online test prep program created by ACT—and other resources to help students get ready for the test.

The ACT is accepted by all four-year colleges and universities in the US.

ACT scores are accepted by ALL four-year colleges and universities in the United States, including Ivy League schools.

Students choose the scores they send to colleges.

When students register for the ACT, they can choose up to four colleges to which they can send their scores for free. If they take the test more than once, they choose which test date results to send to the schools of their choice. ACT sends scores only for the test dates students select.

ACT's Writing Test is optional.

The ACT is a flexible option, saving students time and money, because not all colleges and universities require a writing test for admission. While writing is a very important skill in college, schools use many different methods and approaches in measuring students' writing skills. To find out which colleges will require students to take the writing portion of the ACT, visit www.actstudent.org/writing.

The ACT is a good value.

Preparing for college can be expensive. The ACT provides a good value to students because it offers both a college admissions test *and* a career planning component for one modest fee (fee waivers also available). In addition, students can make themselves visible to colleges and scholarship agencies across the country. The ACT is the most complete package of services to help students get ready for life beyond high school.

www.act.org/aap

