

ACT

What is the ACT?

The ACT is a college entrance exam for high school juniors and seniors. Sophomores may also choose to take the ACT at the end of their sophomore year. ACT scores are used for colleges and universities to determine whether or not to accept a student for college, and which classes they would qualify to take. The ACT math score is used for placement in Math 1050 when taken as a concurrent enrollment class.

Who should take the ACT?

All students who are planning to attend college in the Mountainwest area of the U.S. should take the ACT. Ideally, students should take the test as a junior, but in order to have scores back in time for college admissions, students should take the test by fall of their senior year. Students may take the ACT as many times as they wish. However, it is offered only on pre-determined days several times a year.

How much does the ACT cost?

The basic test is \$33. If you want to take the writing portion it is \$48 total, and the late fee is an additional \$21 if you register late.

What does the ACT cover?

The ACT covers English, reading, math and science reasoning. Practice booklets and websites are available. Jennifer will be holding an ACT prep workshop before the October test.

Should I take the writing portion?

You should check with the colleges you are interested to see if they require the writing portion of the ACT. Many do not. However, if you are a strong writer, you may want to take the writing portion to show off your skills.

How do I sign up?

Although there are a few mail-in packets available, signing up for the test online is preferred. Go to www.actstudent.org to register. Make sure you register with plenty of time before the test, or you will have to pay a late fee.