



Your Student's ACT Score Report

1: Composite Score

- The average of all subject area scores. This is the score that colleges look at to help determine entrance, scholarship, and predict college success.

2: Subject Area Scores

- You can see here how your student did on the individual subject areas. If there is a weak area, improvement in that area can often times improve the composite score.

3: College Readiness Benchmarks

- The ACT sets college readiness benchmarks. Students who score at or above these benchmarks in the various subject areas get a B or better 50% of the time in freshmen level classes.



- Junior / Senior Year
- Take it Multiple Times
- Register at actstudent.org

What do these scores mean for your student's post-secondary plans?

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Your Post-Secondary Plans

- The scores at the right are typical ACT scores of a school's accepted freshman class.
- Your student's ACT composite will help determine if he or she is on target for admission and scholarships to his or her desired school.
- There are many ways to improve your student's ACT score:
 - *Take a rigorous course load throughout high school. Our teachers work hard to infuse both the curriculum and instruction with the ACT benchmarks.*
 - *Study hard and get good grades.*
 - *Make use of ACT prep classes and resources.*
 - *Take the tests seriously and take the ACT multiple times throughout 11th and 12th grade. Simply taking the test additional times usually improves scores.*

College / University	ACT	Acceptance Rate
Alma College	24	72%
Aquinas College	24	83%
Benedictine University	21	61%
Boston College	30-33	30%
Central Michigan University	23	64%
DePaul University	Optional	62%
DePauw University	27-30	63%
Duke University	31-34	25%
Ferris State	19-25	71%
Franciscan University	26	76%
George Washington University	27-31	34%
Grand Valley State University	23	82%
Harvard University	31-35	6%
Hillsdale College	29	49%
Hope College	24-29	85%
Kalamazoo College	28-30	68%
Loyola University	25-29	58%
Marquette University	25-29	55%
Michigan State University	23-28	71%
Michigan Tech University	27	76%
Northwestern University	30-34	23%
Notre Dame	32-34	22%
St. Mary's of ND	23-29	84%
Stanford University	30-36	6%
University of Chicago	32-35	13%
University of Dayton	26.3	52%
University of Michigan	29-33	41%
University of North Carolina	28	28%
University of Pennsylvania	31-34	13%
Western Michigan University	22	83%

IT'S WORTH THE EFFORT:

Even a **single point** improvement on your student's composite score can **drastically** affect available **scholarships** and potential **schools!**

Student Resources for ACT Preparation

The best way to prepare for and improve your student's ACT score is to take a rigorous course load throughout high school. Our teachers work hard to infuse both the curriculum and instruction with the ACT benchmarks. With that said, there are numerous resources available for preparation, some are listed below.

- **ACT Prep Course** – Offered to seniors, juniors and sophomores who have completed Algebra II. This course meets five days a week for five weeks and is offered during study hall, at lunch or after school so no class instructional time is lost. Participants are placed in groups with other students who have similar ACT scores, with each group having a maximum of four students. Students will have the opportunity to take a practice ACT during the semester. Their practice ACT will be run like an actual ACT test (on a non-ACT test Saturday), with the students meeting in the morning and taking the English, Math, Reading, and Science sections of the ACT. Their practice ACT will be corrected and scored so the students are able to know their scores on each of their sections, as well as their composite score.
- **ACT Online Resources** – ACT offers a variety of resources on their website <http://www.actstudent.org/testprep/>
 - ACT Online Prep - Offers a comprehensive review of all four required tests and practice for the ACT Writing Test. Students can practice anytime they have Internet access with real ACT test questions. Cost is \$21.95 per year for one student.
 - The Real ACT Prep Guide – A practice booklet from the makers of the ACT. It offers tips and strategies to help your child prepare for the test along with five complete practice tests. Cost is \$30.95
 - ACT Question of the Day – A free link on ACT website that gives students a different question with answer explanation each day to help them practice and become familiar with the types of questions asked.
 - Preparing for the ACT – A free 64-page downloadable booklet with practice tests and answer keys.
 - Practice Questions – Students can view sample questions for all five subtests for free on ACT's website.
 - Test Tips and Test Descriptions – Gives students free tips to help them on the test and provides an overview of the number of questions, time given and content on each test.
- **Study Guides** – There are a number of study guides available that students can purchase at bookstores (Horizon Books and Books a Million) or online (Amazon).
- **Apps – Downloadable Apps for Student iPads**
 - ACT has a downloadable app that is free: <https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/act-test-prep-testbank-36/id439279625?mt=8>
 - Another popular app is: <https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/act-test-prep-testbank-36/id439279625?mt=8>. However, you'll have to pay a fee to unlock the subject area test banks. Fees range from about \$3-\$15.
- **Northwestern Michigan College** – NMC offers test prep course through their *College for Kids* program.
 - Diagnostic Course – Students start off by taking a computerized full ACT test to evaluate their strengths and weakness. Then they are given strategies and skills in a group setting to assist and familiarized them with the test. The class takes place at various times throughout the year. Cost is approximately \$265. Go to: <https://www.nmc.edu/resources/extended-education/find-a-class/college-for-kids/act-prep.html>
 - Basic Course – Students learn tips to increase their quickness and concentration while preparing for the test. The class takes place at various times throughout the year. Cost is approximately \$235. Visit the same website listed above for more information.
- **Private Tutors** – Private tutors are available. Please contact the SF Guidance Department for more information. Sylvan Learning Center also offers three choices for ACT Test Preparation.
- **WWW.MEL.ORG** - The online Michigan Electronic Library also offers ACT Practice Tests. Go to: www.mel.org and follow the links at the left.