

## 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.
- Earning a specific score is not an automatic "ticket in", but one piece of the admissions puzzle.
- 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.

Collogo / University	АСТ	Acceptance
College / University	ACT	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	24	82%
Harvard University	31-35	6%
Hillsdale College	30	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%

Take the tests seriously and take the ACT multiple times throughout 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade. Simply taking the test additional times usually improves scores.

## 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 at St. Francis High School to sophomores, juniors and seniors. This class is designed to familiarize students with the ACT exam. They will go through all portions of the exam to review math formulas, reading strategies, English grammar rules, and scientific methods and models. Throughout this class, students will take several full-length sample ACT exams and track their progress.
- ACT Online Resources ACT offers a variety of resources on their website <a href="http://www.actstudent.org/testprep/">http://www.actstudent.org/testprep/</a>
  - <u>ACT Online Prep</u> 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.
  - <u>The Real ACT Prep Guide</u> 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.
  - <u>ACT Question of the Day</u> 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.
  - <u>Test Tips and Test Descriptions</u> 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 <u>https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/act-test-prep-testbank-36!/id439279625?mt=8</u>

- Michigan Electronic Library www.mel.org follow the links at the left to ACT Practice Tests.
- **Private Tutors** Private tutors are available. Please contact the SF Guidance Department for more information.
- Local Resources
  - Northwester Michigan College (nmc.edu)
  - o Sylvan Learning Center (https://locations.sylvanlearning.com/us/traverse-city-mi)
  - o SOS Learning Lab, LCC (<u>www.soslearninglab.com</u>)