

ACT Q&A

What is the ACT?

The ACT is a standardized test, used by colleges and universities as a part of their admissions process. The test covers the subject areas of English, Math, Reading, Science and Writing (optional).

Who takes the ACT?

In the state of Wisconsin, the ACT is given to all 11th grade students on a certain day of the year. However, any student can register to take the ACT.

Where do I take the ACT?

In the state of Wisconsin, 11th grade students will take their ACT at their home district's high school. Students who are affiliated with the consortium Rural Virtual Academy (RVA) program, will take the ACT in their home district's high school.

When is the ACT given and do I have to pay for it?

The ACT is given in the spring of the year, usually around March. Since the state of Wisconsin mandates that all 11th grade students take the ACT, it is provided at no cost to the student.

When do I get my scores?

ACT score reports are mailed to your home address, or the address you provided during ACT pre-registration, within 5-8 weeks after you have completed the ACT exam. *Please don't throw them away, you may need them later!*

I have colleges emailing me, saying they have received my scores and that I can now view them online. How do I see my scores?

Colleges and universities receive scores quickly, due to the scores being sent virtually. In order for you to see your scores, you will need to wait until the score reports are mailed to the address provided during registration. Score reports are received 5-8 weeks after taking the test. In order to see scores virtually, students will need to know their ACT ID, located at the top of their paper score report, and create an ACT web account.

What is an ACT ID?

An ACT ID is the identification code given to each individual student who participates in taking the ACT. It is specific to that student and can be used to register for an online account through ACT.

Is my high school allowed to send my score report to a college?

Unfortunately, most colleges and universities require an official score report, direct from ACT. Students will have to create an ACT web account to access the ability to send their scores.

How do I create an ACT web account?

You can create an account by going to ACT.org and clicking on "REGISTER/SIGN-IN" in the upper right-hand corner of the page. You will then create a U.S. account and follow the instructions provided. You will need to know your ACT ID in order to gain access to your account. Please look at the top of your paper score report in order to access your ACT ID.

How to a send my ACT score to a college?

ACT allows for the student to send 4 free score reports to colleges/universities. If you have decided to send your ACT score to a college you have not previously chosen during registration, you will have to pay a small fee for sending your score to each of the newly chosen colleges/universities. First, you must create an ACT web account. Once you have created an account, sign in and select “Send Your Scores.” If you have taken multiple ACT exams, make sure you click on the test date with the score you wish to send. Once you have selected the test date, click the “Continue with Score Report Request” button. Continue with directions in sending your score reports.

I don't like my ACT score. What do I do?

If you do not like your ACT score, or you wish to retake the ACT in order to get a higher score, you can sign up to take another exam through a national testing site. You can take the test as many times as you like.

How do I sign up for another ACT exam?

You sign up for another ACT exam through your ACT web account. Once you have created your account, log in and click the “Register to Test” tab on the left-hand side of your screen. Follow the instructions to register.

Will my chosen college see that I took the ACT more than once?

No. Colleges/universities will only look at the top score sent to them.

Remember: *If you have any further questions, or need assistance in sending score reports and/or signing up for another ACT exam, please make an appointment with your school counselor. They are able to help you!*