

# ACT EXAM

## What is the ACT?

The ACT is a standardized test for college admissions created in 1959 by the American College Testing company. ACT was originally introduced as an alternative to the College Board's SAT. The ACT is recommended or required by more than 2,700 post-secondary institutions across the nation.

## What is on the ACT?

The ACT consists of four multiple-choice, timed tests: English, Math, Reading, and Science, always given in that order. The ACT Plus Writing also includes an essay, with the Writing test given after the Science test. The Writing portion of the ACT is an optional section that may be required by post-secondary institutions that require a writing score.

## When should you take the ACT?

In the United States, U.S. Territories, and Canada, the ACT is given six times a year: September, October, December, February, April, and June. Traditionally, most students have waited until the spring of their junior year to take the ACT. Many high schools still recommend spring of junior year because the content of the Math test includes topics some curricula do not cover before then. However, these topics appear in only a handful of questions, and many juniors take their first ACT in the fall or winter. The recommendation is that each student consider their own schedule when choosing test dates.

## How many times should you take the ACT?

For security reasons, ACT will not allow a student to take the exam more than twelve times. The Princeton Review recommends that students plan to take the ACT 2-3 times.

## How do you register for the ACT?

The fastest way to register is online, through an ACT Web Account at [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org). A registration packet/practice booklet may be obtained through Mrs. Martin. By bookmarking ACTstudent.org, students may access test dates, fees, registration deadlines, scores, and order score reports. Students may also research the requirements and processes to apply for extended time or other accommodations. **The ACS high school code for exam registration is 420-001.**

## 2016-2017 ACT Test Dates

Test Date	Registration Deadline**	Late Registration period** (Late Fee Required)
September 10, 2016	August 5	August 6-19
October 22, 2016	September 16	Sept. 17-30
December 10, 2016	November 4	November 5-18
February 11, 2017	January 13	January 14-20
April 8, 2017	March 3	March 4-17
June 10, 2017	May 5	May 6-19

## Test Fees

ACT	<b>\$42.50</b>
ACT w/writing	<b>\$58.50</b>

The ACT score is just one of many factors that colleges view when considering an application. Examination of a student's academic record, involvement in school and extracurricular activities, application essay, along with letters of recommendation are all a part of the admittance process.

Before an ACT exam test date is chosen, consider application deadlines for colleges and scholarship agencies that are of interest to you. Please contact Mrs. Martin with any questions.

ACT information taken from ACTstudent.org and The Princeton Review