

Using Your ACT Results

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Making Sense of Your Scores

Find your...

Composite Score XX

out of 36 possible points

ENGLISH XX

+

MATHEMATICS XX

+

READING XX

+

SCIENCE XX

divided by 4

We counted your correct answers on each test. We didn't take off for wrong answers. Then, for each test, we converted your number of correct answers into a score that ranges from 1 to 36. Your COMPOSITE score is the average of your four test scores, rounded to the nearest whole number. If you left any test completely blank, that score is reported as a dash and no Composite score is computed.

How You Compare to Other Students

Your ranks tell you the percentage of recent high school graduates who received a score that is the same as or lower than yours. For example, a rank of 55 for your Composite score means 55% of students earned that Composite score or below.

How to Make Sense of Your Writing Scores

Two trained readers scored your essay on a scale of 1–6. Those scores were added together for your Writing score. A Writing score of 7 or higher suggests you can tackle college-level writing assignments. Your Combined score is calculated from your English score and Writing score. You can find a table for this at www.actstudent.org/writing.

A NOTE ABOUT TEST SCORES

No test can be absolutely precise. Think of your scores as a range. Your Composite is probably plus or minus one point. For the test scores, add or subtract two points.

What Your Scores Say About Your College Readiness

A score at or above the College Readiness Benchmark indicates a 50% chance of obtaining a B or higher or about a 75% chance of obtaining a C or higher in the corresponding first-year college course shown at right.

Compare your scores to the College Benchmarks

ENGLISH	XX
MATHEMATICS	XX
READING	XX
SCIENCE	XX *

18	ENGLISH COMPOSITION
22	ALGEBRA
21	SOCIAL SCIENCES / HUMANITIES
24	BIOLOGY

An asterisk shows your scores met or exceeded the benchmark for the subject. If not, ask a counselor about courses you can take to be ready for college-level work.

Reporting Your Scores to Colleges

Your report lists the colleges you chose to receive your scores (if any). Compare your results to students who attend those schools. A score report was also automatically sent to the high school you provided.

UNIVERSITY OF OMEGA OMEGA CO 800/498-6068 www.omega.edu	9521	Majority in top 50%		
ALPHA UNIVERSITY UNIVERSITY CENTER IA 319/337-1000 www.alpha.edu	9059	Majority in top 25%		
BETA COMMUNITY COLLEGE CLARKSTON CO 800/498-4481 www.betacc.edu	8866	Majority in top 75%	Middle between 16-21	
MAGNA COLLEGE PLAINVIEW OH 800/525-6926 www.magna.edu	8905	Majority in top 50%	Middle 50% between 21-28	
Your Information		Your Class Plan	Your Composite Score	Your Calculated GPA
TOP 25%			21	3.23
				ACCO

Your GPA is calculated on an unweighted 4.0 scale from the grades you reported when you registered.

If you want to send your scores to other colleges, you can order Additional Score Reports (ASRs). Go to www.actstudent.org and click "Send your scores." To keep your scores confidential, they will not be given to anyone by telephone, e-mail, or fax.

COLLEGES USE ACT RESULTS TO:

- Identify applicants who can benefit most from their programs.
- Place students in first-year courses.
- Help you develop an appropriate program of study.
- Help scholarship/loan agencies identify qualified candidates.

Planning Your Education and Career

Your Future Begins Now

Turn your report over. **Planning Your Education and Career** helps you explore college majors and occupations, consider your options, and develop plans.

The information in this section is all about you. We have listed majors and occupations you may want to explore, because they are related to the interests you expressed or occupations you said you were considering.

Take a look at these sections of your report:

- Your Interest Inventory Results
- The College Major You Indicated
- The Occupational Field You Indicated

Next Steps

How can you find the best opportunities for you? Use our online career planning information at www.actstudent.org.

INTEREST INVENTORY / Your results are shaded on the map shown on the back of your report. Explore occupations related to your interests by using the World-of-Work Map at www.act.org/world/world.html. Select one or more of 26 career areas on the map to find out more.

COLLEGE MAJOR / Explore majors related to the one you selected at www.actstudent.org/career, or explore possible college majors using the Map of College Majors at www.act.org/majorsmap.

OCCUPATIONAL FIELD / Explore occupations related to the field you selected at www.actstudent.org/career.

Find or compare colleges at www.act.org/collegesearch.

ACT Services

REQUESTING A COPY OF YOUR TEST QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

If you tested on one of the test dates below, you can order Test Information Release (TIR) for \$19.00. Through TIR, you receive a list of your answers, a copy of the multiple-choice test questions, and the answer key. If you took the Writing Test, you also receive a copy of the writing prompt, scoring rubric, and scores assigned to your essay. You also receive information about ordering a photocopy of your answer document (including your essay if you took Writing).

- Saturday, Dec. 8, 2012 (March 8, 2013)
- Thursday, April 11 through Monday, April 15, 2013 (July 15, 2013)
- Saturday, June 8, 2013 (Sept. 9, 2013)

If you ordered TIR when you registered, materials are mailed about 4 weeks **after** scores are reported. You can also order TIR for three months after you test by the deadlines in parentheses. Download the order form: www.actstudent.org/scores/release/html.

This service is not offered on any other test dates or through other testing programs (e.g., International, State, Special). If for any reason we have to replace the test form scheduled for use at your test center, this offer becomes void, and we will refund your fee for this service.

REQUESTING HAND-SCORING

You can ask us to hand-score your multiple-choice answer document and/or rescore your Writing Test essay. **Within 3 months** of receiving your scores, submit your request in writing to:

ACT Student Services
PO Box 414
Iowa City, IA 52243

Include your name, address, and date of birth, **plus** ACT ID, test date and location from your score report. Enclose a check payable to ACT Student Services for the applicable fee: \$40.00 for either multiple-choice or Writing, or \$80.00 for both. (You may request to be present for a hand-scoring of your multiple-choice answer document—without access to the test questions—at one of our regional offices, but additional fees will apply.)

We will inform you by letter of the results of the hand-scoring about 3–5 weeks after receiving your request. If a scoring error is discovered, we will change your scores in our files, issue corrected reports to you and all previous score recipients at no charge, and refund your fee.

CORRECTING ERRORS ON YOUR REPORT

If you think there is an error in information other than your scores or you want to change information (e.g., address change), **within 3 months** of receiving your scores, write to:

ACT Student Services
PO Box 414
Iowa City, IA 52243

Enclose a copy of your report and describe the change you are requesting. If an error is our responsibility and requires you to retest, it will be at our expense. If the error is our responsibility and does not involve retesting, we will send corrected score reports, without charge, to you and all previous score recipients. If the error is not our responsibility and you wish to send corrected reports, you must request and pay for Additional Score Reports.

Security Hotline

If you have concerns about the security of the tests, please report them at act.alertline.com or 877.777.7296.

ACT Policies

CONFIDENTIALITY OF SCORES

ACT's general policy on the release of test scores and other personally identifiable information you provide is that we will disclose such information only with your consent. However, there are certain exceptions to this general policy—for example, we report personally identifying information to test centers to facilitate testing, and we report test scores to selected state and federal scholarship programs. For a complete statement of our policies with respect to the use of your information, please review *Policies and Guidelines for Uses of Data from ACT-Owned Assessments*, which can be downloaded at www.actstudent.org/datause.html.

RETENTION OF INFORMATION

If you register by paper folder, we keep your original registration folder for six months. We keep all answer documents for at least one year. If you have questions about the information on these documents, contact us before these periods are over. After that time, your record is stored in our computer files. Our present policy is to keep these electronic records for an indefinite period.

REMEDIES IN RESPONSE TO ACT ERRORS OR TESTING DISRUPTIONS/COMPROMISES

ACT takes steps that are intended to ensure that registration records are properly handled and processed, and that tests and answer documents are properly handled and scored. In the unlikely event that an error occurs in handling, shipping, processing, or scoring answer documents, or reporting scores, ACT will correct the error, if possible, or permit affected examinee(s) to retest at no additional fee (normally on a future national test date) or to receive a refund of the test fee. These remedies are the exclusive remedies available to examinees for errors in handling or processing registration records; in handling, shipping, or scoring answer documents; or in reporting scores. ACT also takes steps intended to ensure standardized test administration. If events occur that cause testing at a test center to be cancelled or interrupted, involve a mistiming on any part of the test, result in a deviation from standard testing procedures, raise concerns about possible advance access to test content by any examinee(s), or otherwise disrupt or compromise the testing process, ACT will examine the situation and determine whether action is warranted,

including non-scoring of answer documents or cancellation of scores.

If ACT, in its sole discretion, determines action is warranted, each affected examinee will be offered the option to retest at no additional fee (normally on a future national test date). If the examinee chooses not to retest and the answer document is not scored or scores are cancelled, the examinee may request a refund of the test fee instead. If ACT offers a retest and an examinee selects that option, the examinee must retake all four multiple-choice tests to produce a valid Composite score. If the Writing Test was taken on the original test date, the examinee must retake the Writing Test in addition to the four multiple-choice tests to produce a valid Combined English/Writing score for that administration. These remedies are the exclusive remedies available to examinees affected by disruptions or compromises in the testing process.

CANCELLATION OF SCORES BY ACT

ACT reserves the right to cancel test scores when there is reason to believe the scores are invalid. Cases of testing irregularities—such as falsification of one's identity, impersonation of

another examinee (surrogate testing), unusual similarities in the answers of examinees at the same test center, or other indicators that the test scores may not accurately reflect the examinee's level of educational development—may result in the cancellation of test scores. When ACT decides to cancel test scores, it shall make reasonable efforts to notify the examinee before taking that action (except in cases of testing compromises explained in the previous section). The notice includes information about the options available regarding the planned score cancellation, including procedures for appealing the cancellation decision. In all instances the final and exclusive remedy available to examinees who want to appeal or otherwise challenge a decision by ACT to cancel their test scores shall be binding arbitration through written submissions to the East Providence, Rhode Island office of the American Arbitration Association, or such other office as the American Arbitration Association may designate to handle such challenges. The issue for arbitration shall be whether ACT acted reasonably and in good faith in deciding to cancel the scores.

RESERVATION OF RIGHTS

ACT program policies are subject to change for test security or other reasons. ACT will make reasonable efforts to provide adequate notice of changes via its online terms and conditions, although circumstances may limit our ability to do so. ACT reserves the right to modify its registration and admission requirements due to changes in law or to incorporate new test security procedures, including but not limited to requiring images of you at registration or collecting images of you on test day at some or all test sites. You will receive reasonable advance notice, not less than 30 days prior to your registered test date, if ACT modifies these requirements. You should check www.actstudent.org for any updates to ACT's testing process in advance of test day. To the extent permitted by applicable law, by taking the ACT, the examinee expressly agrees to waive the right to arbitrate as part of or on behalf of a class. To the extent permitted by law, ACT reserves the right to notify official score recipients if an investigation into testing irregularities extends beyond a reasonable time after notice was sent to the examinee of the investigation. ACT further reserves the right to notify official score recipients of a score cancellation and the reason for the cancellation. In the event that ACT has a reasonable belief that a fraud or theft has occurred or the intellectual property of ACT (including but

not limited to the test questions and responses of the ACT exam) has been infringed, ACT reserves the right, to be determined in its sole discretion, to notify law enforcement. ACT reserves the right to prohibit an examinee who has engaged in testing irregularities attributable to the examinee from retaking the ACT exam for a period of up to one year or as permitted by applicable law.

FEE PAYMENTS

Services ordered via our website or by telephone require payment by credit card. All other fee payments must be made in US dollars drawn on a US or US affiliate bank. International money orders payable in US dollars may be used. We cannot accept personal checks drawn on accounts outside the United States.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

We regularly prepare reports on the technical characteristics of the ACT tests. You may obtain copies from:

ACT Customer Services
PO Box 1008
Iowa City, IA 52243-1008

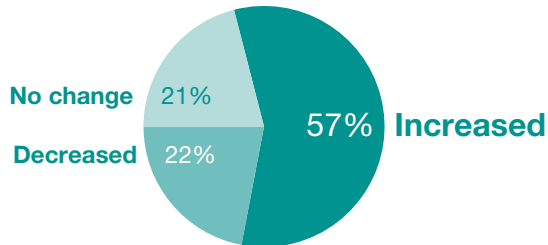
Should You Test Again?



Consider retesting if one or more of the following applies to you:

- Did you have any problems during the tests, like misunderstanding the directions or illness?
- Do you think your scores do not accurately represent your abilities?
- Are your ACT scores what you expected based on your high school grades?
- Have you taken more coursework or an intensive review in the areas covered?
- Do you want to apply to a college that requires or recommends the Writing Test?

Expected Composite Score on a Retest



How often can you test?

The following restrictions apply to a retest—even if your scores are cancelled by you or by ACT:

- You can test only once on a given ACT test date (National, International, State).
- You can take the ACT a maximum of 12 times.

One test date per report

- If you test more than once, you choose which test date or set of scores to send to colleges.
- All scores from a test date are reported as a set. ACT does not create new records by combining scores from different test dates.
- If you want to report your Writing score, all scores from that test date will be reported.

Go to www.actstudent.org and click “Retake the test” for more information.

