

ACT Prep

The American College Test (ACT) is a required test for college admissions. Most schools will accept either the ACT or the SAT, but we encourage the use of the ACT. Students in the 8th grade take the Explore Test and students in the 10th grade take the PLAN Test, both of which are pre-ACT tests designed to help raise your child's score on the ACT. It is imperative that students score well on this test for various reasons. The Tennessee Lottery Scholarship requires a composite score of a 21 (or a 3.0 GPA), but if students score above a 29 then there is additional money. Scholarships for most colleges use the ACT score to determine eligibility. Colleges also use the ACT scores to determine if a student must take remedial classes. Basically, the higher the score, the better off the student will be.

Listed below are some websites that will help students practice for the test, learn some test taking strategies, and improve their scores. You may also register for the test on-line at www.actstudent.org.

***All high school students may take the ACT at least one time for free.
Please see your School Counselor for more information.***

ACT website for parents

<http://www.act.org/path/parent/index.html>

ACT website for students – all kinds of test prep help and registration for tests

<http://www.actstudent.org/>

ACT Explore website for students

<http://www.actstudent.org/explore/>

ACT Plan website for students

<http://www.actstudent.org/plan/>

Number2.com – click on the highlighted area “sign up” to sign up for free test tutoring

<http://www.number2.com/exams/act/companion/index.cfm?s=0>

Test Prep Review – click on the link on the left for practice ACT test (also a place to take practice PSAT tests)

<http://www.testprepreview.com/>

College Power Prep – free downloadable practice tests, study tips, and more

<http://www.powerprep.com/>

4tests.com – practice tests plus study tips

<http://www.4tests.com/exams/examdetail.asp?eid=13>

Petersons – free practices tests, study tips and links for more information for purchase

http://www.petersons.com/testprep/default.asp?id=897&path=ug.pft.act&WT.srch=2&WT.mc_id=80&WT.mc_r=180

Spark Notes – free ACT test prep (also an excellent source for information on all literary works studied in English classes)

<http://www.sparknotes.com/testprep/books/act/>

College Confidential – links to free ACT prep websites (also an excellent resource for all of your college questions)

http://www.collegeconfidential.com/college_places/testpreparation.htm

Kaplan – click on the ACT tab at the top for free practice tests and other information

<http://www.kaptest.com/college>

Oakwood Publishing – free test prep and practice flashcards; also links for purchase of study materials

<http://www.testinfo.net/act.htm>

Texas Instruments – provides online, downloadable study tools for ACT, SAT and AP exams

www.84silver.com

U.S. Army's March2Success program for ACT and SAT preparation

<https://march2success.com/>

Your child's school also has an ACT preparation program sponsored by PLATO on the computers at each school. Ask your school guidance counselor for a scheduled time to use this program.

If you choose to take the SAT, the following website can help with test preparation, study skills, and on-line test registration

<http://www.collegeboard.com/splash/>