

# Why ACT<sup>®</sup> ? For Students

## How do I know if I'm College and Career Ready?







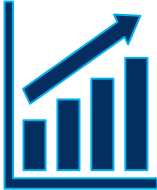

### Take the BHS School Day ACT Exam 2024

<b><i>When?</i></b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Tuesday, October 1, Arrive by 7:35am <input type="checkbox"/> Seniors with off-periods need to arrive early. <input type="checkbox"/> Must have student id or photo id
<b><i>Where?</i></b>	<input type="checkbox"/> BHS classrooms
<b><i>Who?</i></b>	<input type="checkbox"/> All BHS Seniors (as indicated in TEAMS)
<b><i>Cost?</i></b>	<input type="checkbox"/> FREE to all BHS Seniors on Oct. 1

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# What is **The** ACT<sup>®</sup> TEST ?

# What is the ACT<sup>®</sup>?

	<b>Timed multiple-choice paper assessment.</b>
	<b>Tests four content areas learned in high school.</b> <div></div> <b>English   Reading   Math   Science</b>
	<b>Predictor for college and career ready skills.</b>
	<b>Score based on <u>number of correct answers.</u></b> <b>NO PENALTY FOR GUESSING</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Score range for each section is 1–36.</li><li>• The Composite score is the average of the four test scores rounded to the nearest whole number.</li></ul>

# Why ACT<sup>®</sup> ? For TSI

Your minimum GOAL on ACT!

## Are you ready for college & career?

In Texas, All students taking college-level courses (during or after high school) must satisfy [Texas Success Initiative \(TSI\) Assessment requirements](#), **unless** they qualify for a **TSI exemption**, exception or waiver.

### Did you know?

By taking the ACT and earning a qualifying score, you can earn a **TSI exemption to any public institution in Texas**. This opens doors for scholarships and saves you time!

ACT Score Test Taken On/After February 15, 2023	English & Reading	Math
Required score in Texas to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Qualify for <b>TSI Exemption</b></li></ul>	<b>40</b> <u>Combined</u> score of 40 on the English and Reading tests for an exemption in reading and writing.	<b>22</b> At least 22 on math for an exemption in math.

# Why ACT<sup>®</sup> ? For College Readiness

## ACT College Readiness Benchmarks



**English**

**18**



**Reading**

**22**



**Mathematics**

**22**



**Science**

**23**



Meet or exceed benchmark to show readiness for freshman level college classes.



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# What can The ACT<sup>®</sup> TEST do for you?

# BENEFITS FOR STUDENTS



**INCREASE TOP  
SCHOLARSHIP  
AWARDS**

**Save money with  
a TSI exemption**



**FIND  
SCHOLARSHIPS  
AND FINANCIAL  
AID**



**HELPS YOU  
PLAN YOUR  
FUTURE**

**GIVES INSIGHTS  
ABOUT CAREER  
INTERESTS**



**CONNECTS WITH  
COLLEGES**

**ACCEPTED BY  
ALL 4-YEAR  
COLLEGES AND  
UNIVERSITIES IN  
THE U.S.**

# Prepare for ANY Journey

The ACT is also a college and career planning tool!

Your score report includes a career-ready profile, a college/career planning section, and in [My ACT](#) you can complete your interest inventory and see how well your interests align with possible majors.



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**What if I'm  
NOT  
planning on  
College?**



# 1

## Never Close a Door on Future You...

- ACT Scores are good for five years.
- While you may not currently plan to attend college, your plans can change over time. Having ACT scores on hand could be beneficial if you decide to pursue higher education later in life!

# 2

## Career Options!

- While you may not be planning for a traditional college education, some technical or vocational programs and apprenticeships may require standardized test scores as part of their admission process.
- These programs can provide valuable skills and training for various careers.

# 3

## Find your Strengths!

- Taking the ACT can provide insight into your academic strengths and weaknesses, and connects you with career possibilities.
- This can help you make more informed decisions about your education and career path.

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**What if ACT<sup>®</sup>**  
**IS NOT**  
required by my  
college of  
choice?



# 4

## Save \$\$\$\$ on tuition!

- First, some scholarships and financial aid programs are not exclusive to college-bound students. These awards might be based on your ACT scores, so taking the test and performing well could open up **financial opportunities**.
- Test optional schools use **ACT scores to award scholarships**. Don't miss out on these additional awards!
- Outside scholarship sources often **use ACT scores to award \$\$\$**!

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## Save TIME, Don't fall behind!

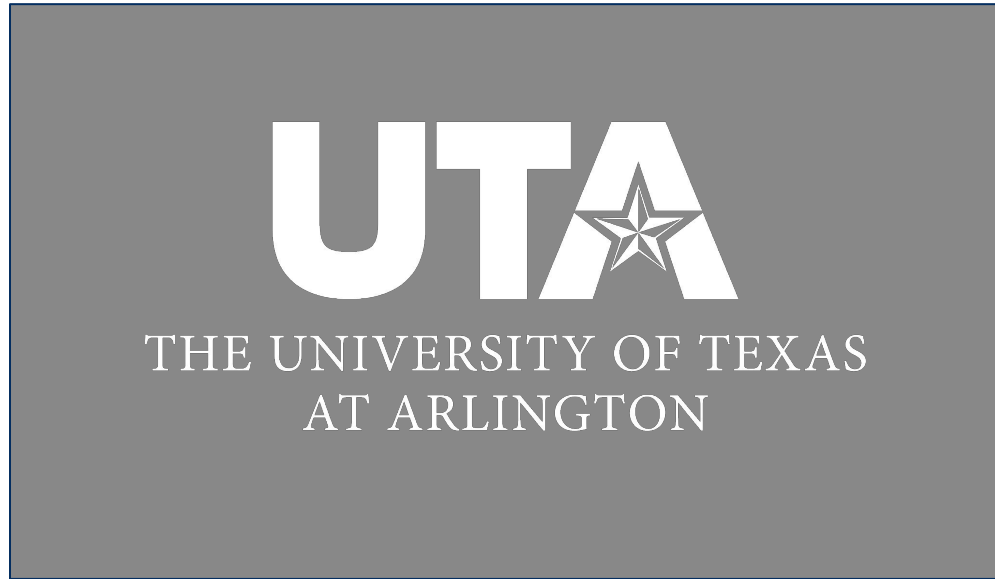
- Colleges use ACT scores to **place you in the right classes at the right level**. And, your ACT score can help you place out of remedial coursework rather than sitting for additional placement tests on campus — saving time and money!
- **Earn TSI Exemption!**

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## Unlock Your STEM Potential!

- The state of Texas is expected to represent nearly 10 percent of all future STEM opportunities in the US\*, and more than half of the jobs in the state right now require STEM skills.
- With the ACT being the only test offering individual science and math scores, you'll showcase your achievements to be STEM ready!

# For Example:



## GUARANTEED ADMISSIONS!

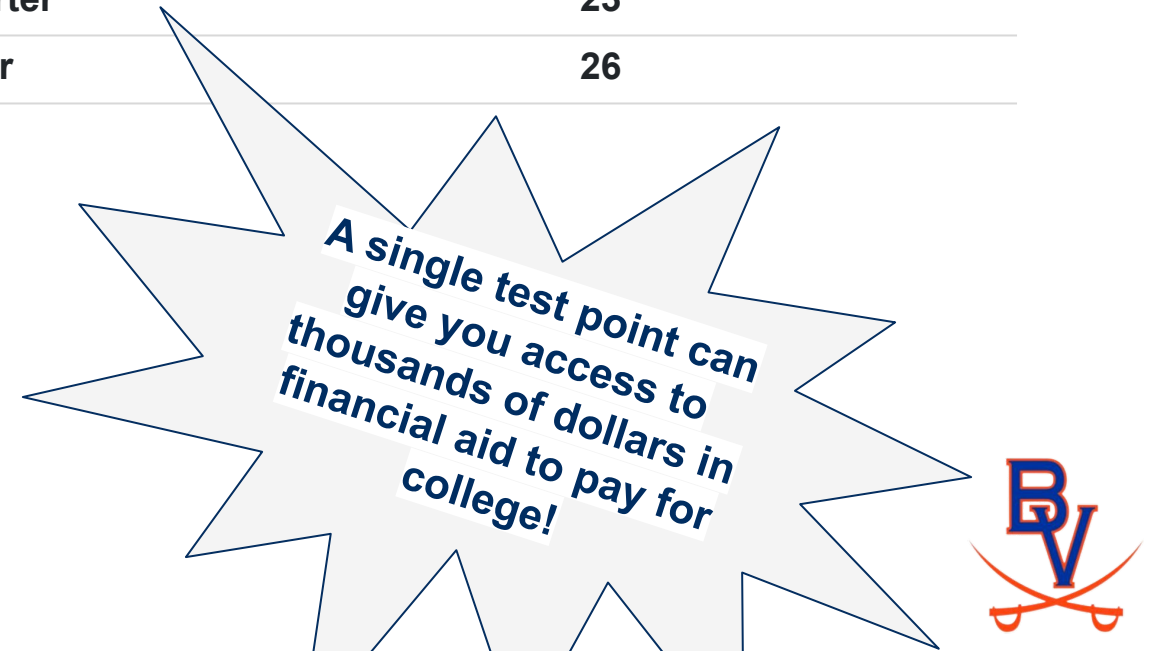
The University of Texas at Arlington (and many other schools in Texas) offers **GUARANTEED ADMISSION** for first time freshman with a qualifying ACT score!

Rank in High School Graduating Class	Minimum ACT Score
Top Quarter	No Minimum
Second Quarter	23
Third Quarter	26

## SCHOLARSHIP MONEY!

UTA offers **Maverick Academic Scholars**

- Awards range from \$1,000 to \$8,000 per year,
- May be renewed for up to three additional years.
- Better ACT Score = More Money!



# Get \$\$\$\$ for ACT Scores!



[ACT Scholarship List](#)

**ACT**<sup>®</sup>

Find your scholarship TODAY!



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**What if I**  
**Can't**  
**Study for the**  
**ACT<sup>®</sup>?**

# The Biggest Surprise About the ACT?

- You've been studying for it for years.
- Every question on the ACT is based on the **high school curriculum** you are **already familiar with**.
- While you've been studying for your classes, you've been preparing for the ACT.
- Do your **BEST** on exam day!

# **ACT Pro-Tip #1:**

## **USE your time-management skills.**

- Time pressure can be stressful, but take a deep breath and pace yourself.
- The more comfortable you are with the ACT's time restrictions, the better chance you'll have at scoring well on it.
- The best way to manage your time on the ACT is to get a sense of approximately how long you can spend on each question.
- Certain sections give you more time per question than others.
- **Don't waste time on questions you don't know.**

# ACT

## Total Administration Time

ACT Timing		Know the Structure of the Exam	
Section	Time Limit	Number of Questions	Time per Question
English	45 minutes	75	36 seconds
Math	60 minutes	60	60 seconds
Reading	35 minutes	40	53 seconds
Science	35 minutes	40	53 seconds

# **ACT Pro-Tip #2:**

## **Sometimes your best guess, IS your best move.**

- Being able to make an educated guess is a skill, not something you should be punished for.
- On the ACT, when you're not certain of an answer, taking your best guess is your best option.
- **Incorrect answers don't count against your score.**
- **Prioritize Answering the Questions You Know**
  - Try to answer the questions you know first, even if it means jumping around.
  - If you prioritize answering questions you're confident on, you'll have more time to work out questions you don't know.
  - **Remember, leave nothing blank!**
  - Even if you don't know the answer, guessing is better than leaving it blank.

# ACT Pro-Tip #3:

## Review Common Math Formulas

- Unlike the Algebra 1 STAAR, you do not get a formula sheet or have unlimited time.
- Approximately 1 minute per ACT Math question. (60 questions in 60 minutes)
- **DID YOU KNOW?** The ACT lets you use a calculator on the whole test, not just a fraction.
- NO PRESSURE, Just PREPARATION!
  - Use the process of elimination to arrive at answers. Whenever possible, don't decide on an answer until you've narrowed it down to a single option.
  - For some questions, using a calculator will actually take more time than solving the problem by hand.
  - **Don't spend too much time on one question.** If you don't immediately know the answer, make a note of the question number and come back to it when you've finished the rest of the section.

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**What if I**  
**WANT**  
**To study for the**  
**ACT<sup>®</sup>?**

# ACT® FREE Resources:

## ACT & KAPLAN:

ACT has partnered with Kaplan to bring you free & paid resources.  
You can access:

- ACT SAMPLE CLASS
- ACT PARENT WORKSHOPS
- ACT & KAPLAN EVENTS

<https://www.kaptest.com/act/free/act-free-events>

## ACT Official Online Practice Test

- Take official ACT practice tests in all 4 subject areas.
- Know exactly what you missed & what you didn't with a score report.
- Access related resources to improve your skills based on what you missed.
- Retake the test as many times as you want.

## Download a Free ACT Test

- An overview of the ACT test and what to expect on test day.
- A full-length practice ACT test (including writing prompt).
- Answers and a scoring key for each test section.
- A breakdown of the content covered in each test section.
- General test-taking strategies.
- Ways to approach each section of the ACT.



**Study  
Online &  
Take  
Practice  
Tests!**

# ACT® FREE Resources:

- At [act.org](https://act.org), you can find sample questions for each section of the exam.
- Included with each sample set are valuable Test Taking Tips!
- Remember, you can increase your scores just by understanding the format of the test!



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# Questions?



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