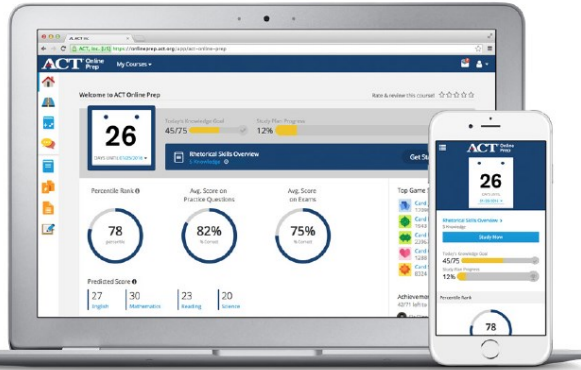


# Test Preparation Resources

## ACT Online Prep

<https://onlineprep.act.org>

(Free for 11th and 12th Graders)



## New Features to Help You Prepare:

- Tools to track your progress
- A free mobile app
- Daily goals to help you stay on target
- Flashcards customized for your review needs
- A game center to further test your knowledge

## ACT Academy

<https://academy.act.org/>

(Free for K-12th Graders)

## ACT Academy is Now Available

Free, personalized practice for the ACT test.

ACT Academy™ is a free online learning tool and test practice program designed to help you get the best score possible on the ACT test, and well on your way to college and career success.

Through video lessons, interactive practice questions, full-length practice tests, educational games, and other materials targeted to your academic needs, ACT Academy provides you with a personalized study plan based on your previous scores from The ACT® test, PreACT®, Official ACT practice tests, or in platform diagnostics.

### ACT Academy features:

- Personalized resources
- Accessible anytime/anywhere there is an internet connection
- Both a full length ACT test option as well as ACT test sections
- Educational games to drive mastery of content

# Test Taking Tips

- **Don't cram.** The ACT tests you on knowledge you've accumulated over the course of your high school career, so there's no point in cramming.
- **Familiarize yourself with the test.** Become familiar with the structure of ACT before test day.
- **Answer easy questions first.** Answer the questions you're sure you know the correct answer to first
- **Budget your time.** Do not spend too much time on any one question since there is a time limit for completing the test.
- **Read each question carefully.** Never assume you know what a question is asking until you've read it in its entirety.
- **Practice, practice, practice!** Let us say it one more time. Practice, practice, practice! There is no substitute for practice.

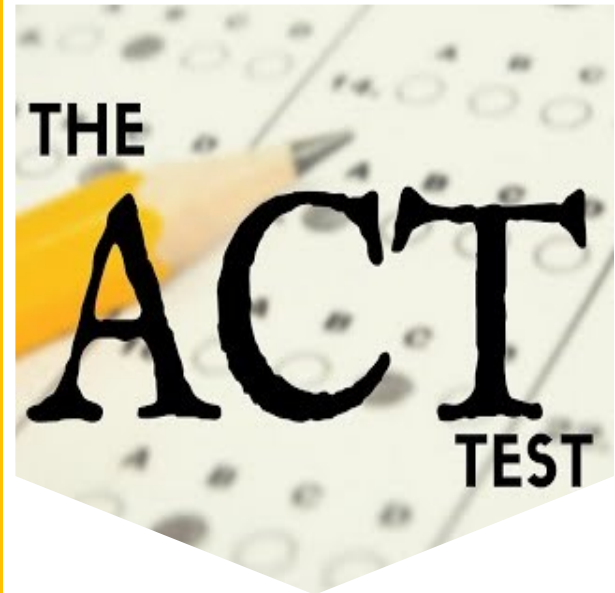


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# Montgomery Public Schools Guide to Understanding the ACT With Writing



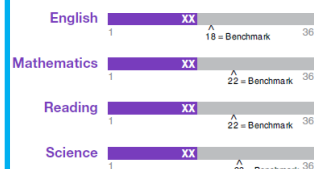
## ACT With Writing (Grade 11)

- The ACT college readiness assessment is a curriculum-based examination that matches well with the education standards in Alabama. Taking the ACT can provide helpful information for all students, not just those who are planning to attend college.
- Taking the ACT can give every student a measure of his or her academic strengths and weaknesses. You can use your results to recognize your academic strengths and areas where you need to improve, whether you intend to go to college or enter the workplace after high school.
- If you are not considering college now, you may decide to make college part of your plans later. Your ACT results can help you begin the career exploration and planning process. It is likely that nearly everyone who graduates from high school will eventually have to continue their education to achieve their career or life goals.
- The ACT includes multiple-choice questions in English, mathematics, reading, and science. The tests measure your educational development in those areas and are based on what you have learned—they are not aptitude or IQ tests.
- The ACT Writing Test measures the writing skills you have acquired in your high school English courses and complements the multiple-choice ACT English Test.

### What Your Scores Say About Your College Readiness

A score at or above the ACT College Readiness Benchmark indicates at least a 50% chance of obtaining a B or higher or about a 75% chance of obtaining a C or higher in first year college courses, such as English Composition, College Algebra, Social Sciences, and Biology.

### Compare your scores to the ACT College Readiness Benchmarks



Many colleges use ACT Writing Test results as a guide for placing incoming students into first-year composition courses.

## Understanding ACT With Writing Scores

# Understanding and using the ACT score report

How to help your child get the most out of his or her score report

### What the scores will look like



This box will contain your student's ACT® test scores, including subject test scores, STEM score, and ELA score, all ranging from 1 to 36 (except writing, which ranges from 2 to 12).

Let's break them down:

### ACT Composite score

The ACT Composite score is the "overall" average of your student's multiple-choice subject test scores.

21  
COMPOSITE

USE IT!

Check this score against the ACT Composite scores expected by colleges your child hopes to attend.

### Subject test scores

These scores (one each for math, science, English, reading, and writing (optional), measure your student's college readiness in each subject area.



The purple line is the college readiness benchmark (where your student has a 50% chance of obtaining a B or higher or 75% chance of getting a C or higher in first-year college course)

The green box around the line is your student's score range (your student's true achievement on the test, within standards of error)

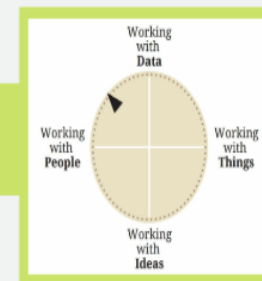
The solid green line is your student's subject test score

USE IT!

You can use subject test scores to determine which subjects need more focus before graduation.

## Sample Where Are You Going Student Report

### College and career planning



This shows which kinds of majors and careers might be right for your student, based on ACT Interest Inventory results. In this example, the student may prefer finding a profession that involves working with data and people.

USE IT!

This can help with decisions on majors and career paths.

### Interest-major fit

Interest-major fit indicates if your student's interests match the major he or she plans to enter.



USE IT!

Use this information to determine whether the major your student wants to pursue is a good fit.

### Progress toward the ACT NCRC®



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You can learn more about earning the ACT NCRC to help your student's employability at [www.act.org/certificate](http://www.act.org/certificate).

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