

The ACT contains five curriculum-based assessments: English, Mathematics, Reading, Science, and an optional Writing Test

**ACT English Test**

75 items, 45 minutes

Content/Skills	Number of Items
<b>Usage/Mechanics</b>	<b>40</b>
Punctuation	10
Grammar and Usage	12
Sentence Structure	18
<b>Rhetorical Skills</b>	<b>35</b>
Strategy	12
Organization	11
Style	12
<b>Total</b>	<b>75</b>

**ACT Reading Test**

40 items, 35 minutes

Content Area	Number of Items
Prose Fiction	10
Humanities	10
Social Studies	10
Natural Sciences	10
<b>Total</b>	<b>40</b>

**ACT Mathematics Test**

60 items, 60 minutes

Content Area	Number of Items
Pre-Algebra	14
Elementary Algebra	10
Intermediate Algebra	9
Coordinate Geometry	9
Plane Geometry	14
Trigonometry	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>60</b>

**ACT Science Test**

40 items, 35 minutes

Content Area	Format	Number of Items
Biology	Data Representation	15
Earth/Space Sciences		
Chemistry	Conflicting Viewpoints	7
Physics		
<b>Total</b>		<b>40</b>

**ACT Writing Test**

The Writing Test is an optional 30-minute essay test that measures writing skills emphasized in high school English classes and in entry-level college composition courses. The test consists of one writing prompt that describes two points of view on an issue, and students are asked to write a response about their position on the issue.

**ACT Noncognitive Components**

- **High School Course/Grade Information**—To increase the usefulness of ACT results, the High School Course/Grade Information questionnaire asks students about the courses they have completed or plan to take in high school and the grades they have received.
- **ACT Interest Inventory**—The 72-item ACT Interest Inventory helps students explore personally relevant career options.
- **Student Profile Section**—The Student Profile Section (SPS) collects responses about students' educational and vocational aspirations, plans, abilities, accomplishments, and needs.