



Dear Parent/Guardian,

Please read about this opportunity from our state Department of Education.

## Opportunity to Take the ACT® Test for Free

The state Department of Education is paying for eligible students to take the ACT® test at school, during the school day, on April 6, 2021 to assist students as they prepare for their future after high school. There is **no cost to you** for this administration.

## Benefits of Taking the ACT

The ACT includes multiple-choice tests in English, mathematics, reading, and science. It matches well with the state's education standards, measures what is learned in high school, and will provide a gauge of academic readiness for college classes. Additionally, the results may be used when exploring college majors, careers, and life goals.

## Completing Non-Test Information

Students will receive a *Taking the ACT* booklet, which includes a checklist for taking the ACT, information about sending and receiving scores, testing rules and policies, and non-test questions. Students are required to provide identifying information—name (first, last, middle initial), date of birth, and mailing address—for ACT to generate and deliver score reports. Questions about college and career interests are optional, and include high school course/grade information, a Student Profile Section, and an Interest Inventory section. Students are encouraged to complete the optional sections to receive information on their score reports that is helpful for college and career planning, such as suggested college majors and occupations to consider. Refer to the *Taking the ACT* if you would like to see what is asked. A session for examinees to complete identifying information and non-test questions will be held on. Students will receive instructions to complete identifying information and non-test questions in MyACT on their own.

## Participation in EOS

One of the optional non-test information questions is to participate in the **free** Educational Opportunity Service (EOS) from ACT, which allows colleges, universities, financial aid and scholarship agencies, and other educational programs to provide information to students. ACT research shows that participating in EOS benefits students by giving them greater access to information about colleges and programs of study, expanding their possibilities for future success.

## Student Information Shared with Organizations Participating in EOS

- Name, mailing address, email address, gender, date of birth, racial/ethnicity background
- Gender, date of birth, racial/ethnicity background
- High school, year of high school graduation, intended college major and occupational choice
- Information provided in the Student Profile Section, the ACT test score range

All organizations participating in EOS have agreed to use this information only for the purpose of sharing information about their educational, scholarship, or financial aid programs with students. This information is used to provide targeted information to students and will not be shared with state or district officials.

## Opting out of EOS

This service may be stopped at any time by contacting ACT at 319.337.1350 or completing this form:  
<https://www.act.org/content/act/en/products-and-services/the-act/opting-out-of-eos.html>.

## Parent/Guardian Consent

Schools may only permit students who have parent/guardian consent to answer optional non-test questions and/or agree to participate in EOS. Please indicate your preference below and return this to the high school by **March 5, 2021**.

I give consent for my child to complete the optional non-test questions. ☐ Yes ☐ No

I give consent for my child to answer “Yes” to the Educational Opportunity Service (EOS). ☐ Yes ☐ No

Student name: (please print) \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/guardian signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## Preparation Resources

Find preparation resources at [www.act.org/info-for-examinees](http://www.act.org/info-for-examinees).

- *Preparing for the ACT*, test taking strategies, tips for each content area, a complete practice test
- ACT Academy™, a personalized learning tool and test practice program
- *Taking the ACT*, a checklist for taking the ACT, information about sending and receiving scores, testing rules and policies, non-test questions

## Contact Information

We're pleased to offer this opportunity in collaboration with the state Department of Education. If you have questions, please contact the high school.