

## ACT FAQ

1. Q: What are the ACT College Readiness Benchmarks?  
A: The ACT College Readiness Benchmarks are the minimum scores required on each subject test of the ACT for students to have a high probability of success (50 percent chance of obtaining a B or higher or about a 75 percent chance of obtaining a C or higher) in credit-bearing, entry-level college courses in that subject area.

Subject	ACT Score	1 <sup>st</sup> Year College Course
English	18	English Composition
Mathematics	22	College Algebra
Reading	22	Social Sciences
Science	23	Biology
ELA	20	English Composition and Social Sciences
STEM	26	Calculus, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, and Engineering

2. Q: What is the remedial course policy for Nevada colleges and universities?  
A: The Nevada System of Higher Education (NSHE) has agreed students who meet the college ready benchmarks with a minimum score of 18 in English and 22 in mathematics will be placed in credit-bearing courses and will not be required to take remedial courses in post-secondary education. NSHE remedial policies can be found in the Board of Regents Handbook, Title 4, Chapter 16, Section 1 (Revision 266 (06/15), page 2) at: [nshe.nevada.edu/leadership-policy/board-of-regents/handbook/](https://nshe.nevada.edu/leadership-policy/board-of-regents/handbook/).
3. Q: Where do I find technical design information about the ACT?  
A: The ACT Test Blueprints show the number of questions for each content area, the number and percentage of questions for each of the new reporting categories, as well as the Depth of Knowledge (DOK) covered in each area of the test. The blueprints can be accessed at: <https://www.act.org/content/dam/act/unsecured/documents/ACT-Technical-Manual-Supplement.pdf>.
4. Q: What is ACT WorkKeys®?  
A: The ACT WorkKeys® are a series of assessments (i.e., Applied Math, Graphic Literacy, and Workplace Documents) that provide a measurement of workplace skills. Students who score a level 3 or higher can earn the National Career Readiness Certificate® which is a credential accepted by employers across the nation.
5. Q: How is the ACT available to Nevada students?  
A: To be eligible for graduation, Nevada students must take the ACT with Writing. On the state-wide designated school day, the Clark County School District (CCSD) will offer the ACT to 11<sup>th</sup> grade CCSD students free of charge. The student's ACT score is not used to determine graduation eligibility but can be submitted with college applications. The ACT test is designed for 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, and/or 12<sup>th</sup> grade students. Any student may register for the ACT independently, pay the fee, and transport themselves to a testing center on one of seven nationally designated Saturdays.
6. Q: How much does it cost to register for the ACT?  
A: The registration fee for the ACT without the writing section is \$52. To register for the ACT including the writing section the fee is \$68. Registration fees include reports for the student, the school, and up to four colleges.

7. Q: How do I request accommodations for 11<sup>th</sup> grade students with an Individual Education Program (IEP) or 504?  
A: All requests must be submitted through the Test Accessibility and Accommodations System (TAA) by the test coordinator, beginning November 4, 2019 and before January 10, 2020. The following information must be provided: student information, reason for the request, IEP/504 details, requested accommodation and/or support, and documentation. The Quick Start Guide for Requesting Accommodations can be found at: <http://www.act.org/content/dam/act/unsecured/documents/QuickStartGuideforRequestingAccomsSupports.pdf>
8. Q: Can I get supports for students that are English language learners (ELL)?  
A: Yes, supports are available to students identified as ELL. You will follow the same process used in requesting accommodations for students with an IEP/504.
9. Q: What are the score ranges for the ACT and SAT?  
A: The ACT composite score is based on a scale of 1-36. The SAT total score ranges from 400-1600.

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Contact ACT® at (319) 337-1270 for general ACT registration questions or at (319) 337-1332 for accommodation questions.