

ACT: Review and Learn What's New

Montana OPI Data & Assessment Conference

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Introductions

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Agenda

- ACT: Who are we?
- MT Statewide Administration: ACT/Pre-ACT
 - Spring 2019 Key Dates
- MT ACT Website Demo
 - Schedule of Events
 - Upcoming webinars: **Jan. 17**
- ACT Academy
- Gathering best practices
- Gathering questions

Guiding Questions

- What key dates should I know for ordering/testing? For training?
- How do I navigate the Montana ACT website?
- What resources exist to educate students, families, and my school/district team about the ACT and results?



ACT: Who Are We?

ACT is a mission-driven, nonprofit organization dedicated to helping people achieve education and workplace success. Headquartered in Iowa City, Iowa, ACT is trusted as a national leader in college and career readiness, providing high-quality assessments grounded in nearly 60 years of research. ACT offers a uniquely integrated set of solutions designed to provide personalized insights that help individuals succeed from elementary school through career.

Visit [ACT.org](https://act.org) to learn more.



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Mission-Driven

We create products that genuinely help our customers succeed.

ACT @ACT · 1h

Introducing ACT Academy - a free, online tool to help students master the skills they need to improve their ACT scores and succeed in college and career. The ACT Academy will be available to students starting spring 2018. bit.ly/2sp4rvJ



Research-Based

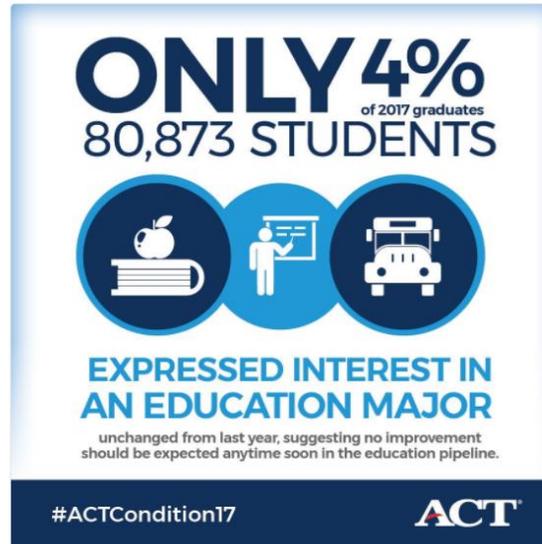
We use data and research to drive policy, product and business decisions.



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Following

Only 4% of 2017 high school graduates expressed interest in an #education major: bit.ly/2CqrtDd #ACTCondition17 #ACTInsights



Nonprofit

We re-invest in research, programs and services to support our mission.



@ACT

Following

#ICYMI: We're now investing in @smart_sparrow, a leader in #adaptive and #personalizedlearning, to help more learners find their pathways to education and workplace success: bit.ly/2EUizTI



Students & Parents

ACT can help you plan your future, prepare for college and career, and achieve success.



Very proud of my daughter! Highest score obtainable on ACT Aspire in English!



K-12 Educators & Administrators

ACT helps you track student progress and prepare them for success through high school and beyond.



David Wiggins @EESPrincipal · 6 May 2014
So, Mrs. Collins' class...how was the Reading portion of the ACT Aspire? #ACTAspi

Postsecondary Professionals

ACT solutions can help you find, attract, place and retain students at your school.



C/O 2018 Enjoying a barbecue after taking the ACT test! ❤️ #Amazing #EastTechTitans @CCSDMagnet @CTEinCCSD #CCSDAchieves @ClarkCountySch 🎓🌟



Job Seekers & Employers

ACT workforce development solutions help job seekers, employers, and business leaders, achieve career and business goals.



Donna earned a @ACT WorkKeys NCRC, and will attend @GreatOaksEd for a career in healthcare. Congrats! @JaniceUrbanik



Montana ACT Team

Rose B. – works closely with OPI/OCHE in Montana and statewide contract

Jessica Eilertson – supports schools/districts with ACT data, programs, and resources

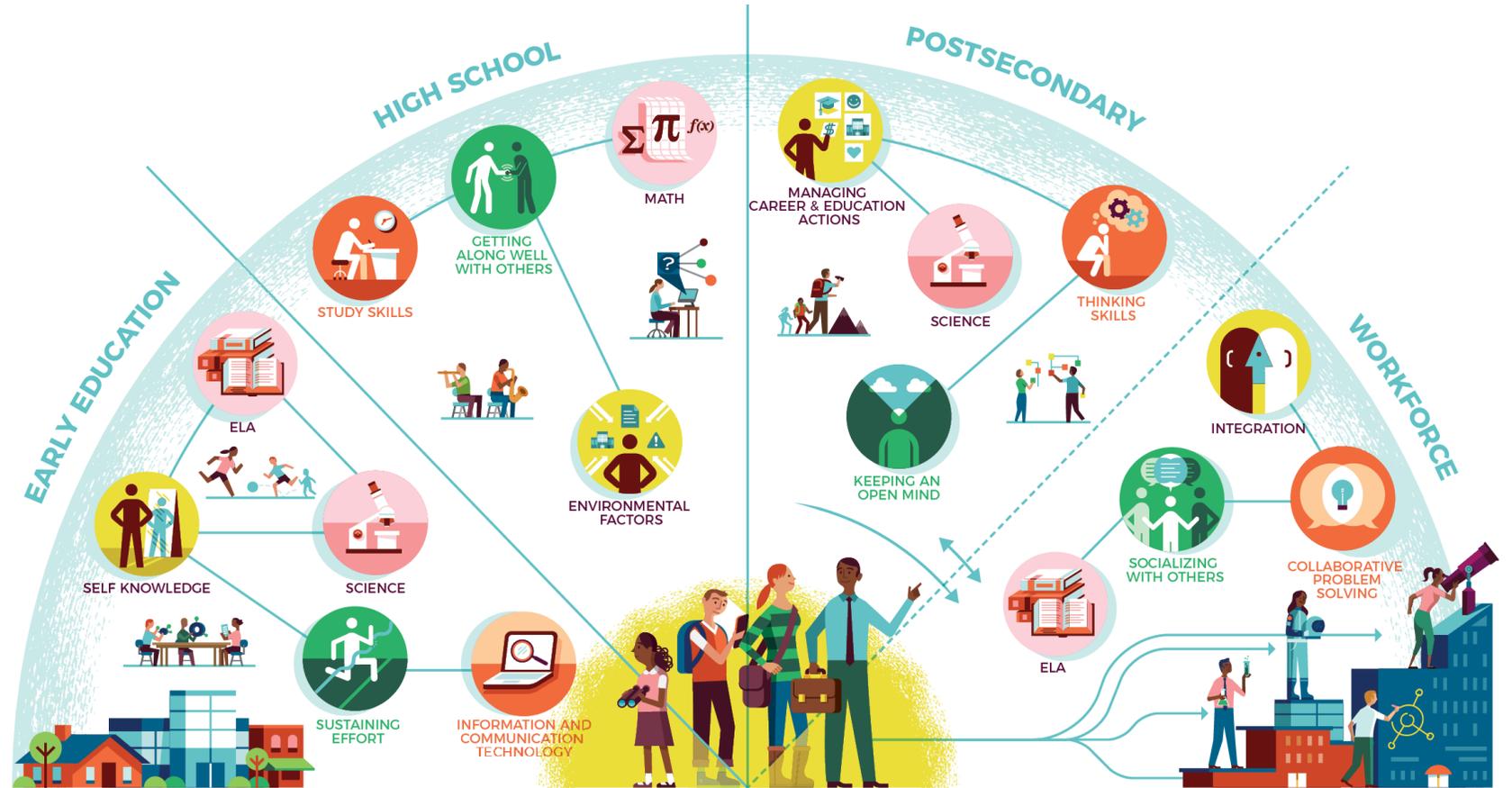
Savannah Schott – leads Montana ACT State Council and State Organization, free membership organization that connects educators and provides feedback to ACT

Cheri Tune – works with MT Work Ready Communities and ACT WorkKeys/NCRC

ACT Holistic Framework™

The holistic model of education and work success

- Cross-cutting capabilities
- Core Academic Skills
- Behavioral Skills
- Education & Career Navigation



Core Academic Skills

English Language Arts
Mathematics
Science

Cross-Cutting Capabilities

Information and Communication Technology
Collaborative Problem Solving
Thinking Skills
Learning Skills

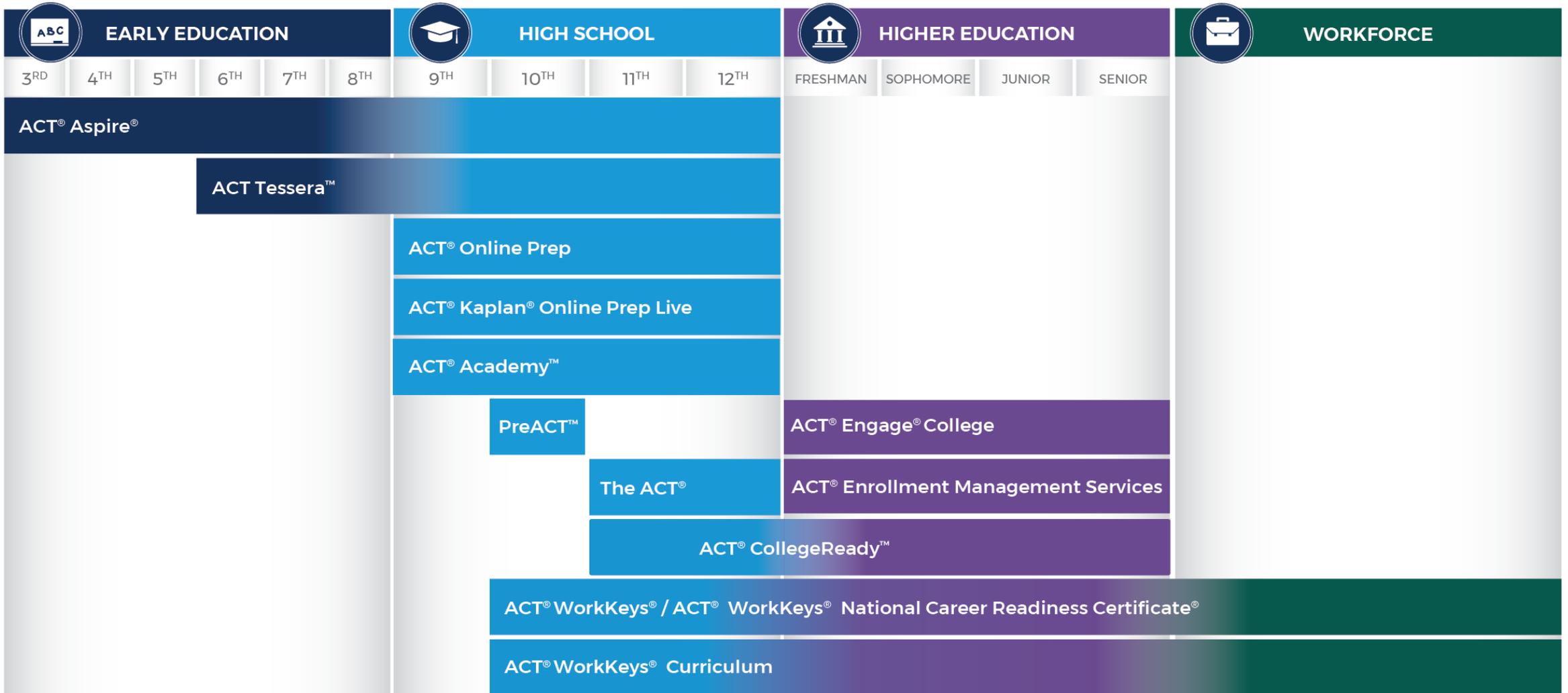
Behavioral Skills

Acting Honestly
Getting Along Well with Others
Keeping an Open Mind
Maintaining Composure
Socializing with Others
Sustaining Effort

Education & Career Navigation

Self Knowledge
Environmental Factors
Integration
Managing Career & Education Actions

ACT Product Portfolio



What dates do I need to remember?

Important Dates

November 5, 2018 – February 15, 2019

Request ACT-approved accommodations through the TAA System

December 11, 2018 – February 15, 2019

Verify your student information loaded into PearsonAccess^{next}™

December 3, 2018 – February 15, 2019

Online Testing: set up proctor caching in PearsonAccess^{next}

February 18 – March 29, 2019

Request ACT-approved accommodations using the Late Consideration Form

**Week of March 4, 2019
or Week of March 11, 2019**

Receive test materials

Before April 2, 2019

Students complete the Non-Test Portion of the answer document (paper)

Testing Dates: MT ACT

April 2, 2019

Initial Standard Time test date (paper)

April 2 – 4, 9 – 11, 2019

Online Testing Window (Tues, Wed, Thurs only – paper & accoms)

April 2 – 5, 8 – 12, 15 – 16, 2019

Initial Accommodations Testing Window (paper)

April 24, 2019

Makeup Test Date

April 24 – 26, 29 – 30, 2019

Makeup Accommodations Window (paper)

May 7, 2019

Emergency Test Date

May 7 – 10, 13, 2019

Emergency Accommodations Window (paper)

Your complete [Schedule of Events](http://www.act.org/stateanddistrict/montana) is posted on the ACT-hosted MT state testing website

(<http://www.act.org/stateanddistrict/montana>)

Testing Dates: MT Pre- ACT

February 25, 2019

ACT-hosted Pre-ACT Webinar

February 25-March 8,
2019

Pre-ACT Ordering Window
(<http://readiness.act.org>)

April 2-19, 2019

Testing Window

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State-Specific Information



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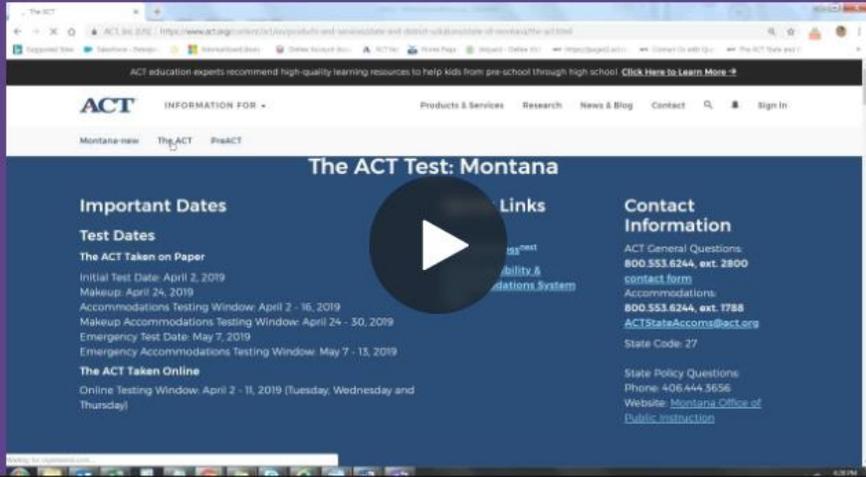
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State of Montana

ACT State Testing



Welcome to Your Testing Program



The ACT Test: Montana

Important Dates

Test Dates

The ACT Taken on Paper

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- Emergency Accommodations Testing Window: May 7 - 13, 2019

The ACT Taken Online

- Online Testing Window: April 2 - 11, 2019 (Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday)

Links

- ACT State Accommodations System

Contact Information

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contact form

Accommodations:
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ACTStateAccoms@act.org

State Code: 27

State Policy Questions:
Phone: 406.444.3656
Website: [Montana Office of Public Instruction](#)

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<https://www.act.org/content/act/en/products-and-services/state-and-district-solutions/montana/the-act.html>

Test Administration Process Overview

Select your current phase of the test administration process to see resources related to that section, or simply scroll down the page.

1. **Orientation** - Get oriented with the testing program.
2. **Configuration** - Configure testing setup and systems.
3. **Verification** - Verify needs for accommodations and/or supports.
4. **Preparation** - Prepare for testing.
5. **Administration** - Administer the test successfully.
6. **Transportation** - Transport materials and data to ACT.
7. **Interpretation** - Interpret score reports and test data.

Demo: Navigating MT ACT Website

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ACT Systems Overview

PearsonAccess^{next}™

- Web application used by testing staff to manage participation, verify and register students, order materials, and online testing.
- Login at <https://testadmin.act.org>

TestNav

- Secure test delivery engine used by examinees to take the tests online.
- Web version: <https://tn.actonline.act.org>
- Installable app version: <http://download.testnav.com/>

Test Accessibility and Accommodations System (TAA)

- ACT test accommodations and English learner supports management system used by testing staff to submit requests.
- Link is provided on the ACT-hosted MT state testing website in the Configuration stage.

ACT Approved Accommodations

- Additional or stop-the-clock breaks with standard time
- Extended time to complete each test
- Testing over multiple days
- For other test formats or a reader, examinees must test via paper
- Text-to-Speech

ACT-Approved Accommodations Testing Window

Tests must be administered only during the online testing window or they will not be scored

The requirement to begin no later than 9:00 am **does not apply** to accommodations testing

Key Training Dates

Register for webinars: *MT ACT website: Schedule of Events*

January 17, 3:00 PM: Montana ACT Test Administration Webinar

February 25, 3:30 PM: Montana Pre-ACT Test Administration Webinar

PDFs and recordings online:

Montana ACT Accommodations Training/Q&A

Paper/Online Training for Test Coordinators Part One

What is the PreACT?

PreACT: a shortened but complete mirror of **The ACT**

The PreACT:

- ✓ Covers skills tested on the ACT (except Writing)
- ✓ Provides a PreACT Score (shows student knowledge in English, Math, Reading, Science)
- ✓ Provides a predicted ACT score range (planning practice for future ACT tests)
- ✓ Allows students to practice in a simulated ACT test environment
- ✓ Low-stakes and flexible administration

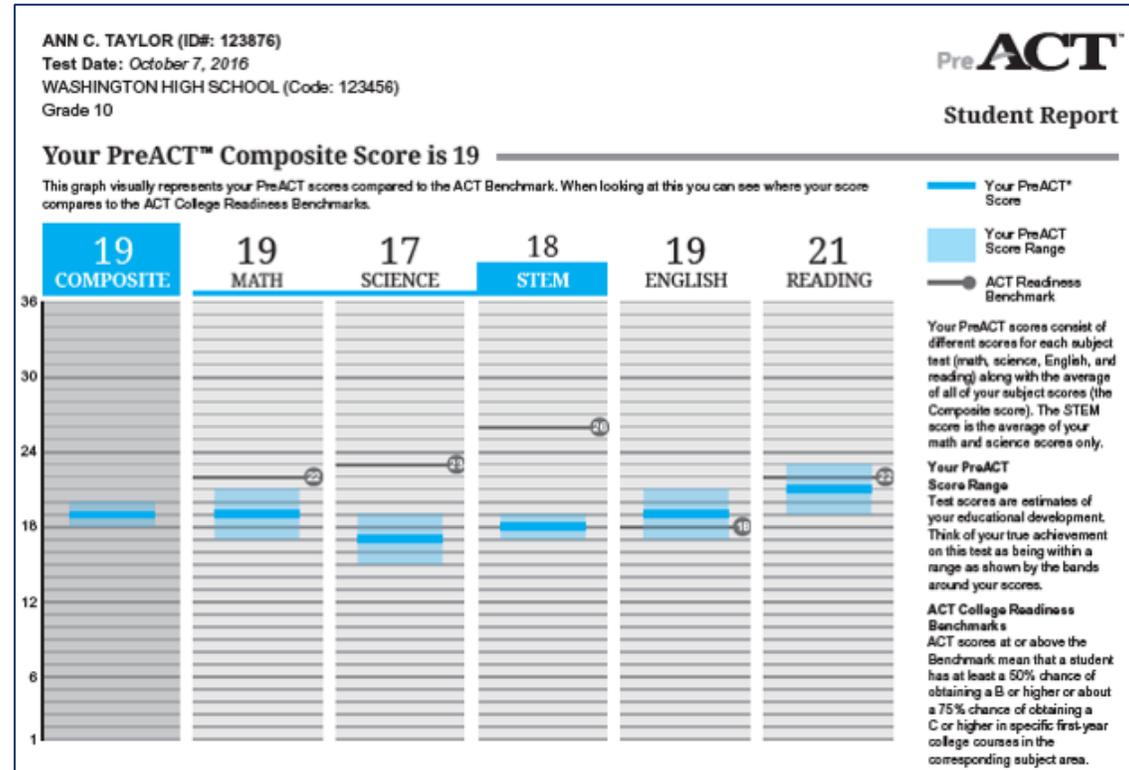
What does PreACT score reporting look like?

- PreACT scores and predicted ACT score ranges
- PreACT reporting category scores
- College and career planning results, including Interest-Career Fit
- STEM and text complexity scores
- Student level Item Response and correct answers



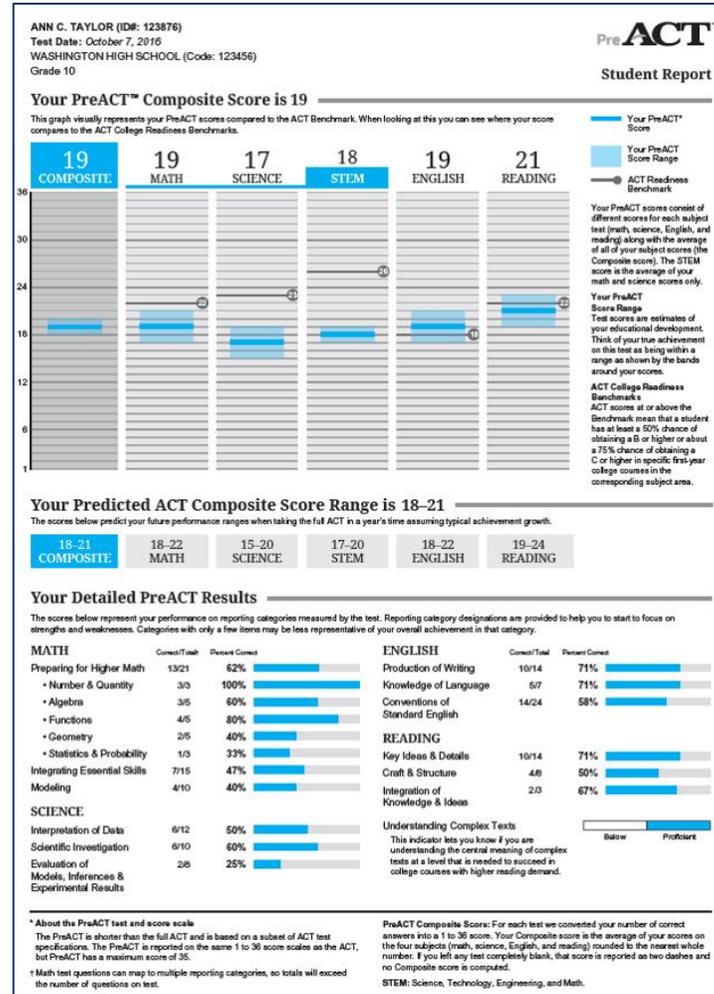
The PreACT™ offers 10th graders the opportunity to practice for the ACT® test with a shortened version of the test.

A PRACTICE ACT® TEST EXPERIENCE



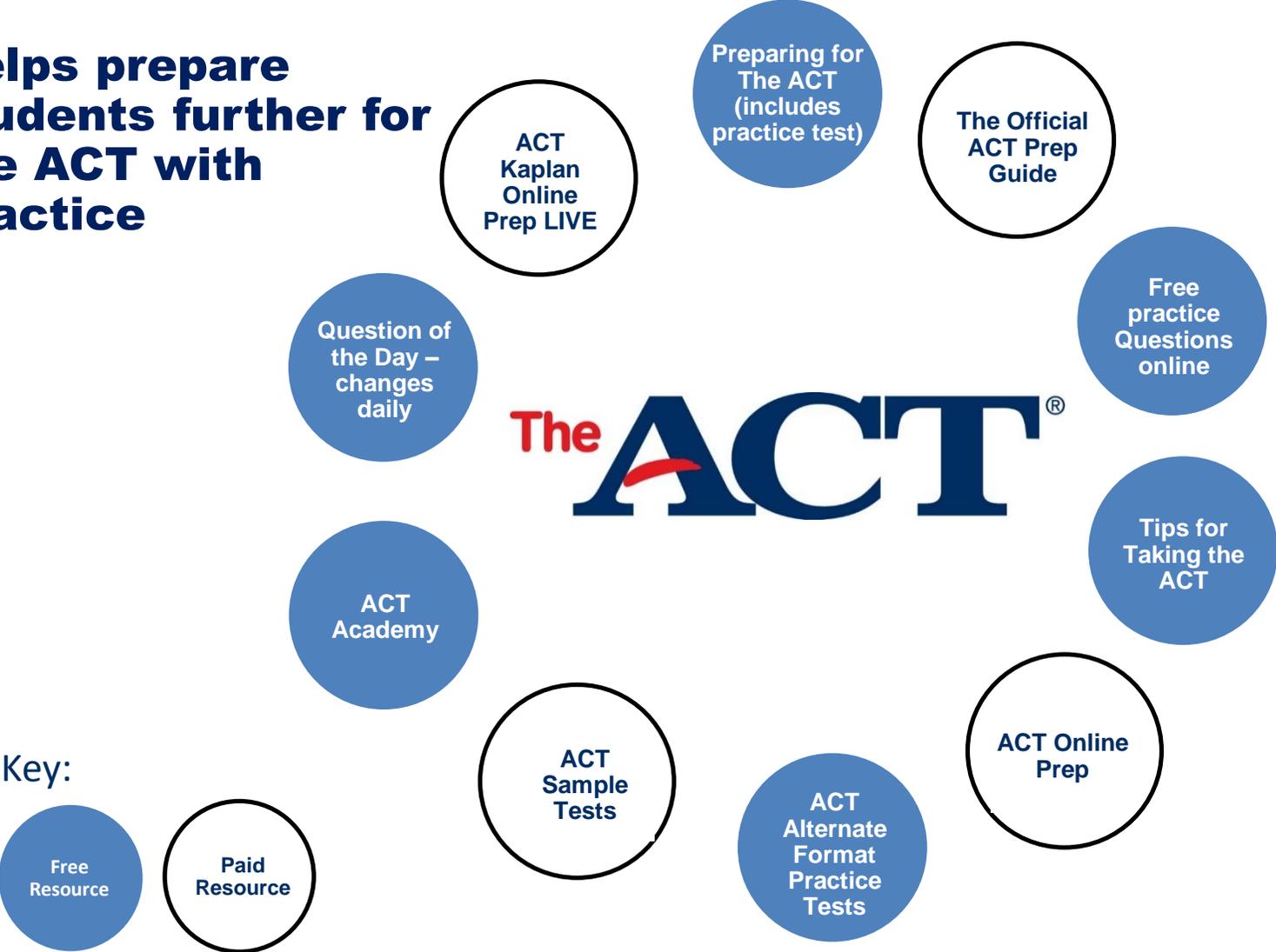
The PreACT is a multiple-choice assessment that predicts future success on the ACT test and reports current achievement on the familiar 1-36 ACT score scale.

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Helps prepare students further for the ACT with practice

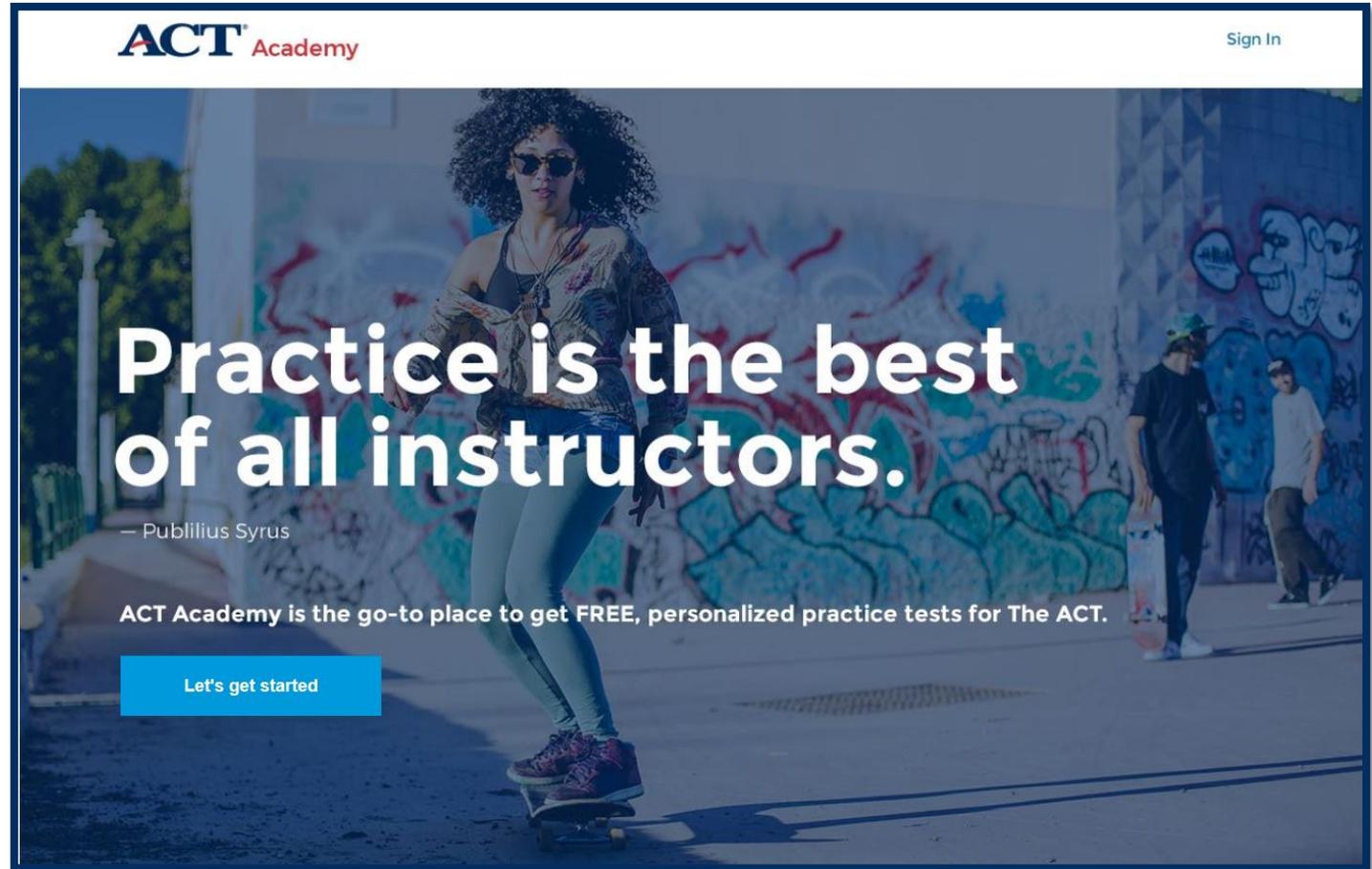
Solution: Practice Tools from ACT



ACT Academy



ACT[®] Academy[™] FREE Online Learning Solution



The screenshot shows the homepage of the ACT Academy website. At the top left is the ACT Academy logo, and at the top right is a 'Sign In' link. The main visual is a photograph of a woman with curly hair and sunglasses skateboarding on a street with graffiti in the background. Overlaid on this image is the text 'Practice is the best of all instructors.' in a large, white, sans-serif font. Below this quote is the attribution '— Publilius Syrus'. Underneath is a line of text: 'ACT Academy is the go-to place to get FREE, personalized practice tests for The ACT.' At the bottom of the text area is a blue button with the text 'Let's get started' in white.

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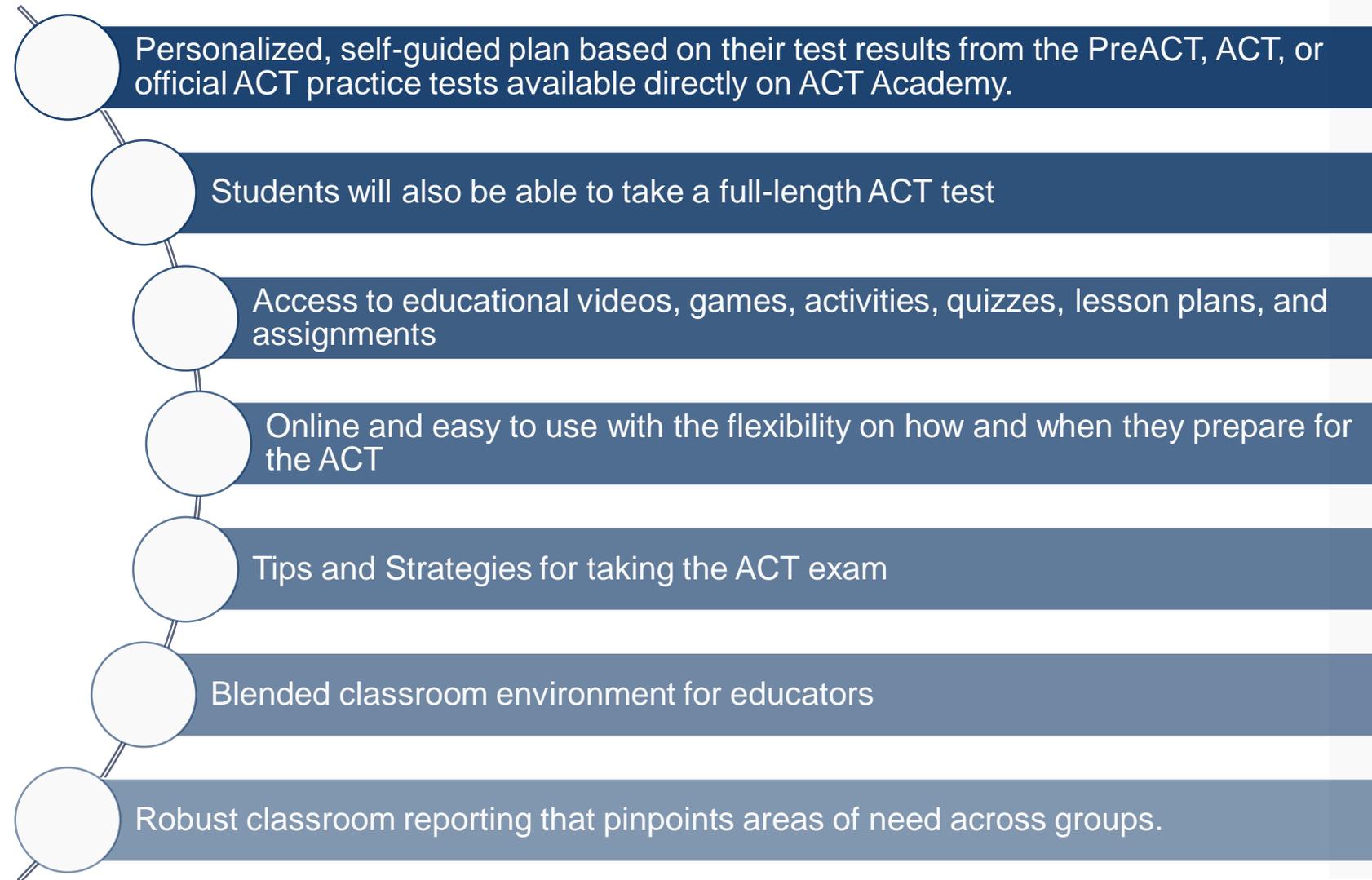
Let's get started

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The most comprehensive repository of free educational resources, all in one place

- Matches content to each students' needs, providing remediation and mastery of subject areas
- The best instructional content from top providers:
 - Khan Academy (all content)
 - GeoGebra
 - Crash Course
 - Flocabulary
 - Gynzy
 - PowerUp What Works
 - NASA
 - PBS
 - Splash Math
 - Flocabulary
 - Brainquake
 - 25,000+ sources!

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Student Dashboard



ACT Academy Dashboard Progress Resources Tips & Strategies FAQs Sarah

Test day will be here before you know it.

Keep up the good work!

Math

Overall Math Mastery

Take these math quizzes to see what you already know.

Explore Math



Science

Overall Science Mastery

Nailed it!

Explore Science

6 Quizzes Completed →

72	75	80	86	92	96
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English

Overall English Mastery

Keep practicing!

Explore English

4 Quizzes Completed →

72	80	86	92
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Reading

Overall Reading Mastery

You got this, just a little more practice needed.

Explore Reading

2 Quizzes Completed →

72	80
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Practice makes perfect

Based on the quizzes you've completed, we recommend practicing 30 minutes per day, 5 days per week, for 6 weeks. Customize your practice for email reminders and a practice schedule that fits your life.

Customize your practice

Practice for Today ⌚ 30 minutes

Math: Preparing for Higher Math

VIDEO 

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Student Dashboard

The screenshot shows the ACT Academy Student Dashboard. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for Dashboard, Progress, Resources, Tips & Strategies, and FAQs. The user's name, Sarah, is visible in the top right corner. A central modal window displays the following information:

You have 2 stars in Math overall. Let's break it down.

Topic	Mastery Level (Stars)	Action
Preparing for Higher Math	2 out of 3	Get Resources
Number & Quantity	1 out of 3	Get Resources
Algebra	0 out of 3	Take Quiz (highlighted), Get Resources
Functions	1 out of 3	Get Resources
Statistics & Probability	2 out of 3	Get Resources
Integrating Essential Skills	3 out of 3	Get Resources
Modeling	1 out of 3	Get Resources
Geometry	1 out of 3	Get Resources

Below the modal, there is a section titled "Practice makes perfect" with a recommendation: "Based on the quizzes you've completed, we recommend practicing 30 minutes per day, 5 days per week, for 6 weeks. Customize your practice for email reminders and a practice schedule that fits your life." A button labeled "Customize your practice" is present.

At the bottom, there is a section for "Practice for Today" with a 30-minute timer and a dropdown arrow.

Enter your ACT or PreACT test scores

Review the Detailed Results section of your ACT or PreACT student score report and enter the percentages below. We'll use this information to give you the practice items you need the most.

Math

- % Preparing for Higher Math
- % Number & Quantity
- % Algebra
- % Functions
- % Geometry
- % Statistics & Probability
- % Integrating Essential Skills
- % Modeling

Science

- % Interpretation of Data
- % Scientific Investigation
- % Evaluation of Models

English

- % Production of Writing
- % Knowledge of Language
- % Conventions of Standard English

Reading

- % Key Ideas & Details
- % Craft & Structure
- % Integration of Knowledge & Ideas

Understanding Complex Texts

- Below
- Proficient
- Above

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Prep Based on Test Results

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Assign Homework and Quizzes



ACT Academy Dashboard Classes Favorites

3rd Grade Math Mastery Assignments Roster Resource Library

Assignments for 3rd Grade Math

Build your own assignments, homework, and assessments, or use our recommended lesson plans.

Assignments Lesson Plans

New Assignment Make Announcement to Class Comments ON Copy link

Assignment Name

Assigned on: June 23, 2018 3:00 PM Assigned to: Entire Class Due date: Jun 29, 2018 11:00 PM

VIDEO

HOMEWORK

ASSESSMENT

Finding Domain and Range of a Function Using a Graph

Standards: 3
Crades: 8-12
Efficacy: 61%
Length: 5:48
By: PatrickJMT

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ADD
Resources
Homework or assessment

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Review Assignment Details

See quickly, date assigned, due dates and who assignments were given to

Quickly Add Assignments

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Blended Classroom Environment



3rd Grade Math Mastery Chart
Get a bird's-eye view of assessment, homework, and voluntary resources.

View by... Sort by... Add Students Invite Parents Send Message to Students

Averages	Class Average	Billy	David	Emily	Emma	Hugh	Jude	Kate
Assessments Average	77%	77%	77%	77%	77%	77%	77%	77%
Homework Average	77%	77%	77%	77%	77%	77%	77%	77%
Assessments and Homework								
RESOURCE Examples of evaluating variable expressions Introduction to algebra Algebra I Khan Academy	77%	1	0	0	0	1	1	2
RESOURCE Dividing whole numbers and fractions: t-shirts	77%	0	1	1	2	0	0	1
HOMEWORK 6.EE.2: Write, read, and evaluate expressions in which letters...	77%	77%	77%	77%	77%	77%	77%	77%
ASSESSMENT Exponents & Variables	77%	77%	77%	77%	77%	77%	77%	77%
Voluntary Resources								

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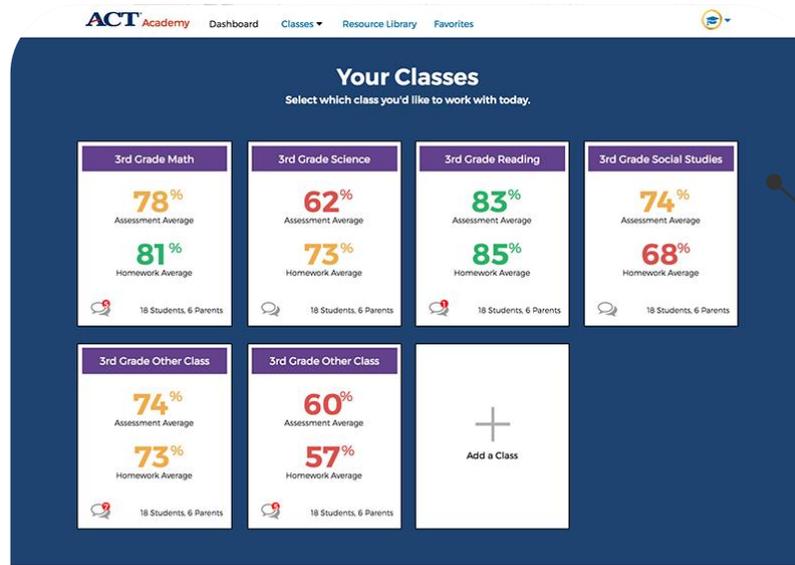
USE IT

Students complete assignments, and their individual performance and progress appears on a mastery chart.

Review voluntary content students are accessing.

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Classroom Instant Reports

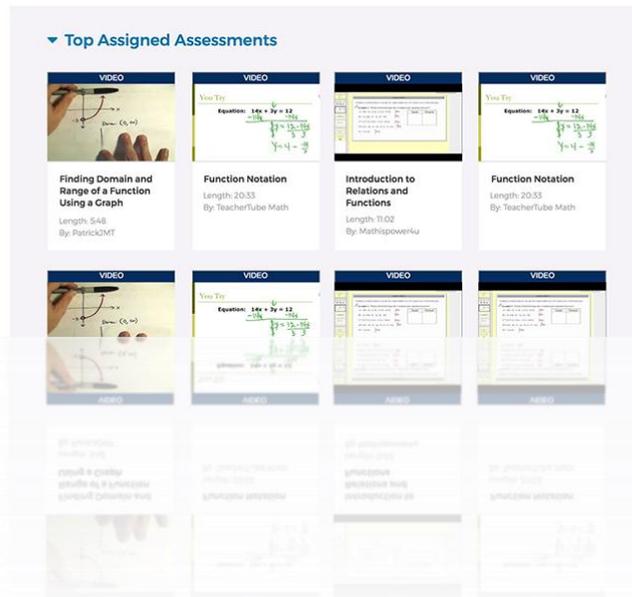


How the class is performing

Get a better understanding of your class is mastering concepts.

Featured Resources Just for You

We've selected resources just for you based on your classes. If you see something you like be sure to add it to your favorites.



USE IT

Educators can track students' progress, receive detailed results, and assign further resources recommended by ACT Academy and tailored to students' areas of need.

ACT Knowledge Hub

<https://knowledge.act.org>

- Can sort content by:
 - K-12 District/Building Leaders
 - Test Coordinators/Accoms Coordinators
 - School counselors
 - Teachers
- Sample student/school preACT and ACT score reports
- College & Career Readiness Standards
- Curriculum Review Worksheets
- Webinars for teachers – sharing preACT and ACT results
- Infographics/one-pagers to share pre- and post-ACT administration

Sharing

- ACT Case Studies
 - College & Career Readiness Day
 - ACT Profile: www.actprofile.org
 - Using ACT practice questions/PreACT test booklets
- What best practices have you used?
- What questions do you have about 2019 testing?

Let your voice be heard: ACT State Organizations

Mission: *Building a community of educators who help people achieve education and workplace success*

11,800+ members representing the K-Career continuum

Free to join – no obligations

Receive invitations to professional development events, webinars, and participate in outreach activities

Join at www.act.org/stateorgs/membership

ACT[®] State
Organizations

Montana ACT Council

Building a community of educators and workplace professionals using ACT products, data, and research to help Montana students achieve academic and workplace success.

Montana ACT Toolkit:

<http://bit.ly/18-19-MT-SO-Toolkit>

Webinar overview: February 14, 9:00 - 9:30amMT

Join us for your invitation!

www.act.org/stateorgs/membership



Are you driven and an ardent advocate of ACT's mission? Contact Savannah Schott, Northwest District Manager, about joining the Montana ACT Council. Savanah.Schott@act.org

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