



State of Kansas Testing Days @ Shawnee Mission School District

- ACT Testing Day: February 25, 2020
- ACT WorkKeys Testing Day: February 26, 2020

SMSD Junior students:

The state of Kansas is paying for all juniors to take the ACT or ACT WorkKeys exam at SMSD high schools on February 25 (ACT) or February 26 (WorkKeys).

Step 1: Making a Decision – taking the ACT vs. ACT WorkKeys

Ask yourself these questions:

- What are my educational goals after high school?
- Does my intended career path require one exam over the other?

ACT vs. ACT WorkKeys – What's the difference?

ACT	ACT WorkKeys
<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Required for entrance to 4-year colleges & universities for the freshman year of college▪ Measures college readiness through what you have acquired throughout high school	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ A job skills assessment system▪ Measures hard and soft skills relevant to any occupation
<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ English - 75 questions; 45 minutes▪ Reading - 40 questions; 35 minutes▪ Mathematics - 60 questions; 60 minutes▪ Science - 40 questions; 35 minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Workplace Documents - 35 items; 55 minutes▪ Applied Math - 34 items; 55 minutes▪ Graphic Literacy - 38 items; 55 minutes
<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Testing time: 2 hours, 55 minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Testing time: 3 hours

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What are the benefits of each exam?

ACT	ACT WorkKeys
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students attending community colleges may use ACT scores in English & math to determine placement 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Accepted at many 2-year colleges and trade schools Provides certification to employers of workplace skills
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> State universities in Kansas use the ACT and the Board of Regents Qualified Admissions standards listed here to review applicants for undergraduate admission 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Passing scores are required for some jobs
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Earning high scores on the ACT can mean additional scholarships 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students who successfully complete the three WorkKeys Assessments earn the National Career Readiness Certificate
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provides an interest inventory that can be used for career and education planning 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provides students with a better understanding of their job skills Increases the chances of a student matching their skills to the right job

Step 2: What's next

The State of Kansas is providing these exams at no charge to students on their respective dates, ACT February 25 / WorkKeys, February 26.

Expectations for students:

- All juniors will take either the ACT or the ACT WorkKeys exam.

This information is intended to give you and your student the information required to determine which test is more appropriate for them to take.

Step 3: Sign up for one or both of the exams.

Register to take one or both of the exams in your Student Skyward via Online Forms.

**Step 1 Sign Up Form ACT/WorkKeys & Step 2 Submit/Complete
Registration deadline is Friday, November 8.**

Step 4: Preparing for the exam(s)

ACT	WorkKeys
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SMSD will host ACT prep classes in January & February via ACT PowerPrep. More info to come in December. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Online practice tests
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Free Test Prep resources via act.org. Hard copy practice tests available in counseling (limited quantities available). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Click here for additional information from ACT WorkKeys
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Click here for additional information from ACT and to access an on-line resource for the exam. 	

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REGISTRATION INFORMATION IN STEP 3