

# **WBECHS TESTING PROGRAM**

**ASVAB, ACT, SAT, PRE-ACT, MAP, PSAT, WORKKEYS, EOCEP, CATE**



# SAY YES TO THE RIGHT TEST

ACCUPLACER

TCL

READINESS-CERTIFICATE

ACT

SAT

WORKKEYS

ASVAB

# THE COLLEGE PREP PROCESS

- MANY STUDENTS AND PARENTS BEGIN THE COLLEGE APPLICATION PROCESS BY DECIDING WHICH TEST TO TAKE, THE ACT, SAT OR BOTH.
- TWO OF THE MOST COMMON QUESTIONS THEY ASK ARE:
  - IS THE ACT EASIER THAN THE SAT?
  - DO COLLEGES PREFER SCORES FROM THE SAT OR ACT?

# SHOWING MY ACADEMIC STRENGTH

- GIVEN THAT YOUR ACT/SAT TEST SCORE IS CERTAINLY AN **IMPORTANT COMPONENT** OF YOUR COLLEGE APPLICATION, IT'S ESSENTIAL TO THINK ABOUT WHICH TEST BEST SHOWS WHAT YOU CAN DO.
- SO, HOW ARE THEY DIFFERENT, AND WHAT FACTORS MIGHT MAKE ONE OR THE OTHER A BETTER CHOICE? HERE ARE SOME GENERAL THOUGHTS THAT YOU'LL WANT TO CONSIDER.



## What Do the ACT and the SAT Tests Measure?

- In general, the ACT and the SAT tests attempt to measure college readiness and predict future academic success. But they do so in very different ways:
- The ACT test measures what a student already knows. It covers material that the student should have learned during high school.
- The SAT test is used more as a predictor of what a student is capable of learning. It deals with material that the student may NOT have learned in high school.
- For this reason, some students do better on the ACT test—especially if they tend to struggle with standardized tests—and other students do better on the SAT test.
- Most colleges accept either test score, so many students take both exams to improve their chances of being admitted.



SAT	VS	ACT
Content-based test	Type of Test	Content-based test
Reading: 1, 65-min section; Math: 1, 25-min section (no calculator) & 1, 55-min section (w/ calculator); Writing & Language: 1, 35-min section; Essay: 1, 50-min section (optional)	Test Format	English: 1, 45-min section; Math: 1, 60-min section; Reading: 1, 35-min section; Science: 1, 35-min section; Writing: 1, 40-min essay (optional)
Reading, relevant words in context, math, grammar & usage, analytical writing (optional)	Content Covered	Grammar & usage, math, reading, science reasoning, and writing (optional)
Questions are evidence and context-based in an effort to focus on real-world situations and multi-step problem-solving	Test Style	Straightforward, questions may be long but are usually less difficult to decipher

## SAT

## VS

## ACT

<p>Math and Evidence-Based Reading &amp; Writing are each scored on a scale of 200-800. Composite SAT score is the sum of the two section scores and ranged from 400-1600.</p>	<p>Scoring</p>	<p>English, Math, Reading, and Science scores will each range between 1-36. Composite ACT score is the average of your scores on the four sections; ranges between 1-36</p>
<p>No – you do not lose points for incorrect answers</p>	<p>Penalty for Wrong Answers?</p>	<p>No – you do not lose points for incorrect answers</p>
<p>Yes – you can choose which set(s) of SAT scores to submit to colleges</p>	<p>Score Choice?</p>	<p>Yes – you can choose which set(s) of ACT scores to submit to colleges</p>
<p>questions increase in difficulty level as you move through that question type in a section (except reading passage questions, which progress chronologically through the passage)</p>	<p>Difficulty Levels</p>	<p>Difficulty level of the questions is random</p>
<p>Arithmetic, problem-solving &amp; data analysis, heart of algebra, geometry, and trigonometry; formulas provided.</p>	<p>Math Levels</p>	<p>Arithmetic, algebra I and II, functions, geometry, trigonometry; no formulas are provided</p>

## SAT

## VS

## ACT

With private schools and schools on the east and west coasts; however, every four-year college in the US accepts SAT scores

Tends to be more popular?

With public schools and schools in the Midwest and south; however, every four-year college in the US accepts ACT scores

Seven times per year: January, March or April, May, June, October, November, December

Offered when?

Six times per year: February, April, June, September, October, December (note that some states offer the ACT as part of their state testing requirements; these tests are not administered on the national test dates)

Typically about four weeks before the test date

Registration deadline?

Typically about five to six weeks before the test date

[www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com)

More Information

[www.act.org](http://www.act.org)

# **WORKKEYS TEST**

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**NATIONAL CAREER READINESS CERTIFICATE**

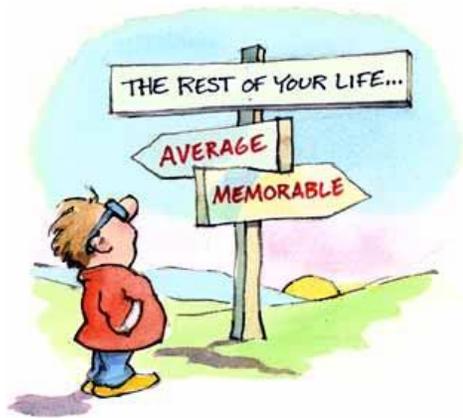




## What is WorkKeys®?

WorkKeys is a job skills assessment system measuring “real world” skills that employers believe are critical to job success. These skills are valuable for any occupation you are considering and at any level of education. When you use WorkKeys to show you are ready for work, you have an advantage with employers who accept or require job applicants to have WorkKeys scores. A growing number of states nationwide also are adopting WorkKeys to ensure that all their workers have needed skills.





## Benefits for students

- Enables you to rank above other job applicants who do not have needed skills
- Shows prospective employers concrete proof of your skills
- Increases the chances you will be hired after graduation
- Enables you to see the importance of your courses
- Improves your success in entry-level and subsequent jobs



## **National Career Readiness Certificate**

Issued at four levels, the ACT NCRC measures and certifies the essential work skills needed for success in jobs across industries and occupations.

- Awarded at four levels—Platinum, Gold, Silver, and Bronze.
- More than 1000 colleges award college credit for NCR certificates.



# Here are a few South Carolina employers utilizing Workkeys

- **Honda of South Carolina**
- **Mohawk Industries**
- **Roche Carolina**
- **Heinz**
- **Sonoco Products Company**
- **The Boeing Company**
- **General Electric**
- **Roller Bearing Company of America**
- **Alvin Ord's Sandwich Shop**
- **Ameris Bank**
- **Terminix**
- **Sea Island Land Survey**
- **Palmetto Finance LLC**
- **Sea Island Dentistry**

# ACCUPLACER

TECHNICAL COLLEGE OF THE LOWCOUNTRY ENTRANCE EXAM





# Accuplacer -TCL Entrance Exam

The primary advantage of the Early College model is:

- The opportunity for students to complete two years of college while in high school.
- Students can earn a college credential in the form of a certificate or degree while also earning their standard high school diploma.
- WBECHS students have the option to take college-level classes on both the WBECHS and TCL campuses.

# Accuplacer continues

- Students must take an Accuplacer entrance exam and achieve an acceptable score on the TCL exam before they are allowed to enroll.
- Accuplacer Test is a computerized test that helps high schools and colleges evaluate skills and place students into appropriate courses.
- Accuplacer Test offers tests in reading, math and language/writing essay.
- Test results are received immediately upon completion of testing.

All ACCUPLACER tests use a multiple-choice format. There's no time limit on the tests, so you can focus on doing your best to demonstrate your skills.

ACCUPLACER uses the latest computer-adaptive technology and the questions you see are based on your skill level. Your response to each question drives the difficulty level of the next question so it's important to give each question as much thought as you can before selecting your answer.

- The number of questions varies depending on which ACCUPLACER tests you take. There could be as few as 12 questions or as many as 40.

- **No one passes or fails ACCUPLACER tests, but it's important to complete the test using your best effort, so you and your college have an accurate measure of your academic skills.”**

# ASVAB

ARMED SERVICES VOCATIONAL APTITUDE BATTERY TEST





The **ASVAB** (Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery Test) is a multiple-aptitude battery that measures developed abilities and helps predict future academic and occupational success in the military or other career paths. It is a way of indicating whether or not an individual is well qualified to serve.



**The ASVAB also provides students with career exploration scores which can help you determine your readiness for further education and training in different career areas, not just the military.**

**Air Force** - The minimum ASVAB score is 36. In actual practice, though, more than 70% of those accepted for enlistment score a 50 or higher.

**Army** - The minimum ASVAB score is 31.

**Coast Guard** - The minimum score to enter the Coast Guard is 50.

**Navy** - As a general rule, the minimum ASVAB score is 35.

**Marine Corps** - The minimum ASVAB score is 31.

# WHERE CAN I FIND HELP?

SCHOOL-BASED AND ONLINE RESOURCES





Start tutorials and practice tests now!

This online resource contains practice tests on ACT, SAT, Workkeys, Accuplacer, ASVAB and more. You'll get immediate scoring, complete answer explanations, and an individualized analysis of your results.

**Free** access from school or home. Find out how from your media center or guidance department.



# Union Test Prep

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**USATestprep provides the most effective and comprehensive online solution for students needing help with the EOC / ACT WorkKeys / ACT / SAT / AP / SCCCR / SCSAS.**



NAVIANCE

**Naviance provides test preparation solutions for ACT, ACT WorkKeys, SAT, and AP tests. Naviance Test Prep provides proven, game-based courses that help students to perform their best on test day. Naviance Test Prep is also seamlessly integrated with Naviance to help students be college and career ready, all from one place.**

A college readiness partnership



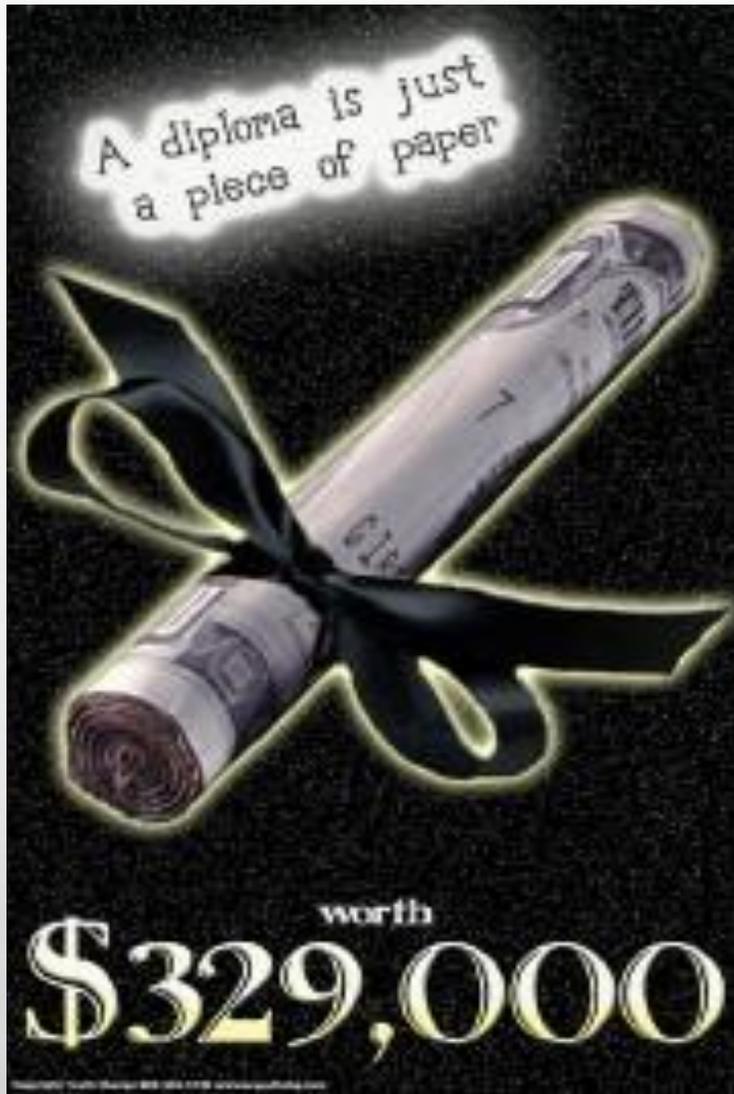
# Official SAT<sup>®</sup> Practice

# When and how do I take these tests?



- ACT and SAT are offered seven times throughout the school year. Fee waivers are available.
- TCL Accuplacer assessment is offered here three times a semester.
- ASVAB is offered here twice a semester.

***See your school counselor for more information.  
They are your best resource for success!***



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WARS  
MAY THE SCORES  
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