



Dear Student,

As a high school junior, you and your family are likely looking forward to your senior year and graduation. ACT and the Ohio Department of Education want to make sure you are ready for the next steps after high school.

Opportunity to Take the ACT Test for Free

One way to help you on your journey is to give you the valuable opportunity to take the ACT® test—for free.

What are the benefits of taking the ACT?

- **Free:** As noted, there is no cost to you or your family for this administration of the test.
- **Local:** Testing occurs during the school day, at your school.
- **Useful:** The ACT test measures what you have learned in high school.
 - The results will help determine your academic readiness for college and provide career guidance based on information you provide to ACT.
 - You can also use the results for admission to many colleges and universities.

What information does ACT ask for?

Before test day, you will be asked to provide basic identifying information and information about you and your college and career interests to ACT. **Note:** ACT will never request your Social Security number.

- **Required:** Information ACT needs to generate and deliver your score report
 - Name (first, last, middle initial)
 - Date of birth
 - Mailing address
 - **Optional:** Information helpful for your college and career planning
 - High school courses/grades
 - Student Profile Section*
 - Interest Inventory
- * A question regarding your religious affiliation is included in the Student Profile Section. You are instructed to skip this question per Ohio law.

Completing the optional information. ACT encourages you to complete the optional sections to receive information on your score reports that is helpful for college and career planning, such as suggested college majors and occupations to consider. **Note:** If you choose not to complete these sections, your score reports will be partially blank. This includes reports sent to your high school, any colleges or universities, and your ACT Educational Opportunity Service (EOS) information (see the next page).

Participation in Free Educational Opportunity Service: EOS

The ACT Educational Opportunity Service (EOS) can help you learn about educational, scholarship, career, and financial aid opportunities—for free.

What are the benefits of EOS?

- **Free:** As noted, there is no cost to you or your family for this service.
- **Useful:** ACT research shows that students who participate in EOS have greater access to information about colleges and programs of study. This expands their possibilities for future success.

How do I tell ACT I want to participate in EOS?

One of the optional information questions you complete before the test is whether you want to participate in the EOS.

If your response is **Yes**:

- You agree to be contacted by ACT and organizations participating in EOS.
- You authorize ACT to provide information about you to colleges, universities, financial aid and scholarship agencies, and organizations that offer educational programs.
- The organizations receive the following information about you:
 - Name, mailing address, email address
 - Gender, date of birth, racial/ethnicity background
 - High school, year of high school graduation, intended college major and occupational choice

Note: Your test scores are not reported through EOS.

If your response is **No**: Your choice applies only to this ACT test administration.

If you do not respond: Your information will not be disclosed through EOS unless you previously authorized release when you registered for the ACT.

Note: 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>

Who has access to EOS information?

ACT follows industry standards for high levels of security to protect private and personally identifiable information. It only shares EOS data with the following:

- Accredited postsecondary educational institutions
- Scholarship agencies that offer programs of study at the postsecondary level, educational enrichment programs, or financial aid for postsecondary study
- Government-directed agencies, such as state or federal student financial aid agency or ROTC
- Organizations that offer educational programs and/or financial aid for education

All third-party organizations that participate in EOS agree to contact you only to share information about their educational and/or financial aid programs.

If you have any questions, please contact your school, the Ohio Department of Education (statetests@education.ohio.gov), or ACT (www.act.org/content/act/en/contact-act.html).