Based on extensive research, ACT has formed College Readiness Benchmarks that state if you score at or above, the benchmark scores, you are ready for college.

REMEMBER YOUR BENCHMARKS

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General Test-Taking Tips

1. **ARRIVE ON TIME!**
2. GET PLENTY OF SLEEP THE NIGHT BEFORE THE TEST.
3. WEAR COMFORTABLE CLOTHING AND EAT A HEALTHY BREAKFAST THE DAY OF THE TEST.
4. AS YOU GET STARTED, TAKE A FEW DEEP BREATHS TO CALM YOURSELF. KEEP A POSITIVE ATTITUDE.
5. **LISTEN** CAREFULLY TO INSTRUCTIONS AND **ASK** QUESTIONS IF YOU HEAR SOMETHING YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND.
6. FOCUS YOUR ATTENTION ENTIRELY ON YOUR WORK.
7. POSITION YOUR ANSWER SHEET RIGHT NEXT TO YOUR TEST BOOKLET SO YOU CAN MARK ANSWERS QUICKLY AND ACCURATELY.
8. READ EACH QUESTION AND POSSIBLE RESPONSES COMPLETELY **BEFORE** ANSWERING. IF YOU'RE NOT SURE OF THE ANSWER, CHOOSE THE ONE YOU THINK IS BEST AND MOVE ON.
9. USE **PROCESS OF ELIMINATION** TO ELIMINATE AS MANY INCORRECT ANSWERS AS POSSIBLE.
10. **BE SURE TO ANSWER EVERY QUESTION—THERE'S NO PENALTY FOR GUESSING.**
11. PACE YOURSELF AND OCCASIONALLY CHECK THE TIME.
12. IF YOU FINISH BEFORE TIME IS UP, REREAD THE QUESTIONS AND CHECK YOUR ANSWERS.
13. TAKE THE TEST AGAIN AFTER COMPLETING SOME TEST PREP! **57% OF STUDENTS WHO RETOOK THE ACT LAST YEAR INCREASED THEIR SCORE**

