



ACT QUICK REFERENCE SHEET

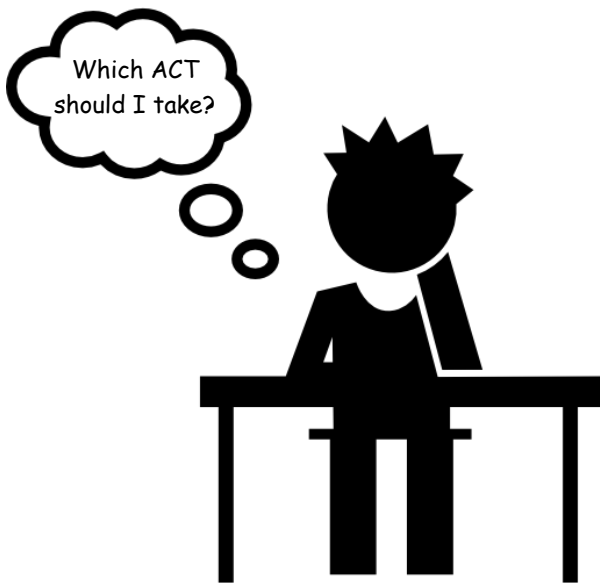
The ACT, a standardized test widely used for college admission, is a curriculum-based education and career planning tool for high school students that assesses the mastery of college readiness standards. It measures a student’s English, mathematics and reading skills. Optional writing and science tests are available as Add-Ons, however, these sections do not affect a student’s Composite score. The highest score possible on each test is 36. The Kansas Regents Qualified Admissions score is 21.

- This document is compiled as a quick reference for LHS students and parents. Access the [ACT website](#) for the most up-to-date information.
- Students should check the admissions requirements for schools they are interested in and talk to their guidance counselor to determine whether to take the SAT, ACT, or both ACT and SAT.
- 🙌 It is very **important** that students not wait until their senior year to take the ACT because many college applications have deadlines beginning in the fall of the senior year. If you are a college-bound senior and you have not registered for the SAT or ACT, see your counselor immediately.
- Students can take the ACT more than once to try to improve their score. Colleges and universities use students’ scores for admission determination, course placement, academic advising and scholarship options. ACT Superscores takes the average of the four best subject scores from each ACT test attempt. Not all colleges will accept ACT Superscore and may still want your highest composite score for a single testing session.
- Students with **disabilities** and students who receive **English language support** may qualify for testing with accommodations. A student with an IEP, 504 Plan or ILP should talk to their counselor so the required paperwork can be submitted.
- Students who plan to play a **college sport** at an NCAA or NAIA school must register with the respective eligibility center. In January 2023, the NCAA (<https://web3.ncaa.org/ecwr3/>) removed test scores from initial eligibility requirements, but your college/university may still require the ACT/SAT for admission. NAIA (<https://play.mynai.org/>) may require an ACT/SAT score depending on your GPA/rank.
- There are additional testing options for the ACT, including Writing and Science Add-Ons. *See information below about Writing/Science Add-Ons.*
- Test Fees for 2026-27 (as of June 1, 2025): 💰
 - ACT (no writing): \$70 Writing Add-On: +\$25 Science Add-On: +\$5
 - If a student receives free or reduced lunch, he/she can take the ACT up to four times during their junior or senior year free of charge by filing a **fee waiver**. Students who qualify can obtain a form from their guidance counselor.
- Students should **prepare** for the ACT by:
 - Taking a rigorous, college-preparatory curriculum.
 - Utilizing [Free ACT Practice](#) through ACT.
 - Seeking opportunities listed below. Additional opportunities often arise throughout the year.
 - Use Methodize through your Xello account (under “Resources”), which can be accessed by logging into your PowerSchool.
 - ACT Prep classes held at LHS will be published when those dates are finalized. Sign-up information will be posted in grade-level Google Classrooms several weeks before the class.
 - Peterson’s DoD MWR Library & www.eknowledge.com/mil offer preparation materials to military families.
- Students **register** for the ACT online at www.act.org. **Use a personal email, not your lvpioneer email account.** The process to set up the account and register for the exam can take up to an hour the first time, so plan accordingly when you decide to register. You will need to know the classes you have taken and the grades received. If you do not know this information, go to PowerSchool>Forms>Grade History or see your counselor.

2026-27 ACT TEST DATES/DEADLINES

TEST DATE	REGULAR REGISTRATION DEADLINE	LATE REGISTRATION DEADLINE (\$42 ADDITIONAL FEE)
SEPT 19	AUG 14	SEP 1
OCT 17	SEPT 11	SEPT 29
DEC 12	NOV 6	NOV 29
FEB 27	JAN 22	FEB 9
SPRING - DATE TBA (@LHS)	Junior SCHOOL DAY TESTING - NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED	FEE PAID BY STATE OF KANSAS
APR 10	MAR 5	MAR 23
JUNE 12	MAY 7	MAY 25
JULY 10	JUNE 4	JUNE 22

Be sure to include **Leavenworth High School's high school code (171700)** so we receive your scores.
For other test dates, you can find a location nearby on the [ACT website](#).



Should I take the ACT with
 **or without writing?** 

What about the science
 **section?** 

The ACT Writing section can help students show colleges their writing and communication skills. Some colleges and scholarship programs still recommend or require it, and a strong writing score can make an application more competitive. It also provides an additional English Language Arts score that gives colleges a better picture of a student's academic strengths. For more information, check out this [ACT "writing" link](#).

Taking the ACT Science section can help students demonstrate their ability to analyze data, read graphs and think critically about scientific information. This section may be especially helpful for students interested in STEM majors or careers. Although the Science section is now optional, some colleges and scholarship programs may still recommend or require it, and a strong score can highlight readiness for college-level science and math courses. For more information, check out this [ACT "science" link](#).