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The ACT is a national college admissions examination that consists of subject area tests in:

- English
- Mathematics
- Reading
- Science



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The ACT includes 215 multiple-choice questions and takes approximately 3 hours and 30 minutes to complete, including a short break (or just over four hours if you are taking the ACT Plus Writing).



What is the difference between the ACT and SAT?

- The ACT is an achievement test, measuring what a student has learned in school.
- The SAT is more of an aptitude test, testing reasoning and verbal abilities.



Why take the ACT?

The ACT is accepted by all 4-year colleges and universities in the United States.



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The ACT multiple-choice tests are based on what you're learning.



Why take the ACT?

There are many ways to prepare for the ACT.



Why take the ACT?

The ACT helps colleges find you.



Why take the ACT?

Your ACT score is based only on
what you know.



Why take the ACT?

You choose which scores you send to colleges.



Why take the ACT?

Optional Writing Test.



When should I test?

**Advantages to testing in your junior
year:**

**You've probably completed the coursework
corresponding to the test material.**



When should I test?

Advantages to testing in your junior year:

Colleges will have your test scores in time to contact you during the summer before your senior year.



When should I test?

Advantages to testing in your junior year:

You will have your scores in time to plan an appropriate list of colleges to visit during the summer before your senior year.



When should I test?

Advantages to testing in your junior year:

You'll have the opportunity to retest if you feel your scores don't accurately reflect your abilities in the areas tested.



When is the ACT?

Test Date

April 18, 2015

Registration Deadline

March 13, 2015

Late Fee Required

March 14 – 27, 2015



When should I test?

**Expected Composite Score on a
Retest:**

- 21% No change**
- 22% Decreased**
- 57% Increased**



Where should I take the ACT

Saint Patrick High School

- Test Center code = 170240.
This code is **different** from the high school code.



How do I sign up?

- Online at <http://www.actstudent.org>
- Registration packet
- Saint Patrick high school code = 141230
This code is **different** from the test center code.
- Fee = \$38.00
- Fee + Writing = \$54.50
- Registration deadline is March 13, 2015

Prepare with a practice ACT exam.

Practice Multiple-Choice Tests

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Form 1267C

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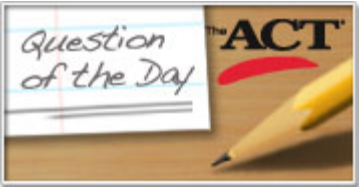
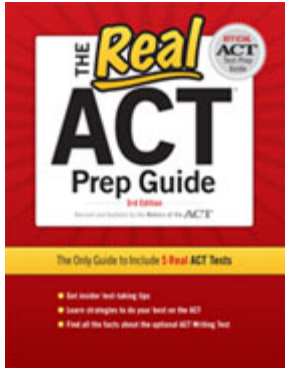
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Test Prep



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What's included in the practice exam?

Practice Multiple-Choice Tests

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Interpret your scores based on the colleges you are considering.

- **Elite universities, such as Ivy league schools, look for ACT scores in the 95th percentile or higher. They will typically accept people who score a 31 or higher.**
- **Highly selective colleges and universities look for ACT scores in the 90th percentile or higher. They will typically accept people who score a 27 or higher. The average accepted person has a score between 27 and 31.**
- **Selective private and public colleges typically accept people in the 75th percentile, who, on average, score between a 23 and a 27 on their ACT.**
- **Traditional 4-year institutions typically accept people in the 50th percentile. In 2014, the average ACT score was 21.0**
- **Open enrollment institutions take students who usually score a 17 or higher, until they reach capacity.**



How Your ACT Score Fits into Your College Application Package

**It's just another way of confirming
relative standing among applicants.**

**The ACT provides a national standard by which colleges
can evaluate applicants.**