

ACT with writing

The ACT with writing is a state-wide measurement used by the State of Wisconsin, but it is commonly used for students' college admissions too. The ACT consists of four multiple-choice tests: English, Mathematics, Reading, and Science; and a 40-minute essay test that measures student writing skills. **School-wide testing is done in the Spring of a student's 11th grade year and is no cost to the student.**

Many students decide to take the test multiple times to ensure they have the best score possible since the score is used for college entrance, scholarships, NCAA eligibility requirements, etc. If a student would like to take *additional* tests, they must register directly with ACT at www.act.org.

Test Preparation and Practice

Most of the preparation for the ACT is done in the classroom daily. This is why daily success is important for students throughout all of high school. And the more rigorous a course load, the better prepared a student will be for the content covered on the test.

Students also have access to an on-line program called **Method Test Prep** through the new Xello software program. Xello helps students create their own, unique roadmap for future success through self-knowledge, exploration and planning. This test prep program that is a part of Xello assesses your skills and knowledge in the four subject areas you will be tested on. It provides a pre-test, study guide that is broken down into the specific subject areas, and a post-test. You can access this through ClassLink at <https://launchpad.classlink.com/kusd>.

Here are some additional sites that provide sample and practice test questions:

The ACT with writing practice test:

<http://www.act.org/content/dam/act/unsecured/documents/Preparing-for-the-ACT.pdf>

The ACT Plus Writing sample: <http://www.act.org/content/act/en/products-and-services/the-act/test-preparation/writing-sample-essays.html>.