

2011-2012 ACT Test Information

The ACT[®] test assesses high school students' general educational development and their ability to complete college-level work.

- The multiple-choice tests cover four skill areas: English, mathematics, reading, and science.
- The Writing Test, which is **optional**, measures skill in planning and writing a short essay.

Registration Procedures: Pick up a registration packet in your counselor's office and submit the completed registration packet to ACT by the deadline listed below for the ACT test date you plan to take the ACT test. You may register online by going to www.actstudent.org.

Test Date	Registration Deadline	<i>(Late Fee Required)</i>
September 10, 2011	August 12, 2011	August 13 – 26, 2011
October 22, 2011	September 16, 2011	September 17 – 30, 2011
December 10, 2011	November 4, 2011	November 5 – 18, 2011
February 11, 2012*	January 13, 2012	January 14 – 20, 2012
April 14, 2012	March 9, 2012	March 10 – 23, 2012
June 9, 2012	May 4, 2012	May 5 – 18, 2012

• **Basic fees**

- = \$34.00 for the ACT (No Writing)
- = \$49.59 for the ACT Plus Writing

Fee Waiver: If you are a high school junior or senior and can't afford the registration fee for the ACT (No Writing) or ACT Plus Writing, you may be eligible for an ACT Fee Waiver. Information about the eligibility requirements and how to request a fee waiver is sent each summer to high schools. See your high school counselor to see if you are eligible for a fee waiver.

Fee Reimbursement: Hazelwood School District will reimburse the ACT fee for two ACT tests for each student who is not eligible for a fee waiver, one test during the student's senior year and one test during April or June of the student's junior year. In order to receive reimbursement, students must complete a 6 – hour ACT Workshop or the ACT Prep class. Students need to sign up for the workshops in their Guidance Office (see the workshop schedule). The following documentation is needed for reimbursement:

- ◆ **Completion of an ACT Workshop (6-hour minimum) for each ACT fee reimbursement – ACT teachers will submit attendance to the Guidance Office**
- ◆ **Complete the ACT Prep class**
- ◆ **ACT Scores – College Board sends scores to Guidance Office**

Workshop Schedules: (see attached schedule)

- ◆ Six-hour student workshops prior to each ACT Exam date led by 2 teachers will be divided between Math/Science and Communication Arts/Reading
- ◆ ACT Test Taking Strategies Workshop (6 – hrs)
- ◆ ACT Content Review Workshop for Math/Science/English (6 - hrs):
 - \$10 fee needs to be paid in the guidance office when signing up for the Content Review Workshop
- Saturday Workshops – 8:30 – 3:00 p.m. (bring a lunch)
Location: The Learning Center, 15955 New Halls Ferry Road
- Afterschool Workshops – 2:35 – 4:35 p.m. Locations: Central HS, East HS, West HS

How High Schools and Colleges Use ACT Results

High schools

High schools use ACT results in academic advising and counseling. They also use ACT results in:

- evaluating the effectiveness of instruction
- identifying students who need special help with certain subject areas or academic skills
- planning changes and improvements in the curriculum

Colleges

Colleges use ACT results in a variety of ways:

- **Admissions decisions**
ACT test results, high school grades, academic preparation, out-of-class accomplishments, and future plans—these and other kinds of information help admissions officials identify applicants who can benefit most from their programs.
- **Course placement**
Colleges usually try to take into account individual strengths and weaknesses as they place students in first-year courses. For example, a college may offer three sections of a subject—developmental, regular, and advanced. A student's ACT test results, academic background, and high school grades might be used to determine which section would be most appropriate.
- **Academic advising**
College academic advisors may consider ACT results, high school academic program, high school grades, planned extracurricular activities, areas in which there is a need for help, and part-time employment plans to help a student tailor an appropriate program of study.
- **Scholarships and loans**
Some scholarship and loan agencies may use ACT test results with other information such as high school grades to identify qualified candidates. However, the agencies may not look only at academic potential. The ACT score report provides information about a student's educational needs, extracurricular achievements, and educational plans. This information, along with high school grades and test scores, helps the agencies evaluate applications for scholarships, loans, and other financial assistance.

**HAZELWOOD SCHOOL DISTRICT
ACT WORKSHOP SCHEDULE
2011-2012**

Six-hour student workshops prior to each ACT Exam date led by 2 teachers
ACT Test Taking Strategies (6 – hours)
ACT Content Review for Math/Science/English (6 - hours)- \$10 fee (pay in guidance when signing up for workshop)

Sign up for ACT Workshops in your Guidance Office

ACT Exam	Saturday Workshop 8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Afterschool Workshop 2:35 – 4:35 p.m.
September 10, 2011 Test Taking Strategies Workshop		Test Taking Strategies: September 6, 2011 September 7, 2011 September 8, 2011 Location: West HS Central HS East HS
October 22, 2011 Content Review Workshop Test Taking Strategies Workshop	Test Taking Strategies: October 15, 2011 Location: The Learning Center 15955 New Halls Ferry Road (Bring Lunch)	Content Review : October 4, 2011 October 5, 2011 October 6, 2011 Test Taking Strategies: October 11, 2011 October 13, 2011 October 18, 2011 Location: West HS Central HS East HS
December 10, 2011 Content Review Workshop Test Taking Strategies Workshop	Test Taking Strategies December 3, 2011 Location: The Learning Center	Content Review: November 29, 2011 November 30, 2011 December 1, 2011 Test Taking Strategies: December 6, 2011 December 7, 2011 December 8, 2011 Location: West HS Central HS East HS
February 11, 2012 Content Review Workshop Test Taking Strategies Workshop		Content Review : January 31, 2012 February 1, 2012 February 2, 2012 Test Taking Strategies: February 7, 2012 February 8, 2012 February 9, 2012 Location: West HS Central HS East HS

