

Preparing for Test Day

Although what you know will determine how well you do on the ACT, your attitudes, emotions, and physical state may also influence your performance. The following tips will help you do your best.

- Be confident in your ability to do well on the ACT.



YOU CAN DO IT!

- Be prepared to work hard.
- Know what to expect on test day.
- Take practice tests.
- Prepare well in advance for the tests. Do not leave preparation until the last minute.
- Get plenty of rest the night before the tests so you will be in good physical condition for taking them.

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**RESOURCES FOR
IMPROVING YOUR
ACT SCORE**

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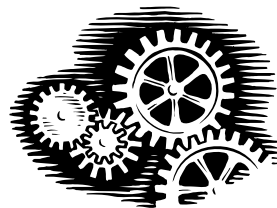
ACT TEST PREP OPTIONS

Improving your ACT score requires you to take action and to work hard. There are many resources available to you that may help you to increase your score. Several of the resources that may be beneficial are listed below. Review the options and choose what you think is best for you based on your individual needs and learning style.

- **Online Programs**— MSD offers students an ACT online test preparation program through www.bridges.com. For more information, see the following page. ACT offers *ACT Online Prep* for a fee of approximately \$20 for a year. Learn more at www.actstudent.org.
- **PLAN Score Report**—Your PLAN Score Report gives you specific individualized suggestions for improving your ACT Score. See Della Hager, Guidance Counselor, if you need a copy of your report.
- **Tutoring**—Many teachers are willing to help you after school or in the homework lab. Ask for help in specific subjects. In addition, you can hire a private tutor.
- **ACT Preparation Programs**—There are many ACT preparation programs available for a fee. Currently, Gallaudet University is offering a summer camp, *Knowledge for College*, that includes ACT preparation. Go to <http://summer.gallaudet.edu> for more information.
- **Web Sites**—www.actstudent.org offers free practice test questions, test tips, and information.
- **ACT Books**—A free student preparation booklet, *Preparing for the ACT*, is available from Della Hager, Guidance Counselor. Books, such as [The Real ACT Prep Guide](#), can be found on-line or in bookstores.

Preparing for the ACT using www.bridges.com

1. Go to www.bridges.com.
2. Click **Create a new portfolio** in the Student Sign In Section OR sign in if you already have a portfolio. (See Della Hager if you have forgotten your password).
3. Enter your required info including your site ID and password. **Site ID: 0107808 ; Password: choices.**
4. Select **testGEAR** from the Your Tools box.
5. Take the **BrainScan** to assess your strengths and weaknesses.
6. Based on your results, the **Smart Curriculum** will create a study plan just for you.
7. You may follow the curriculum or use the **Course Library** to help you build skills and strategies.
8. Take the **Practice tests** to gain a full understanding of the feeling of the real test.



ACT COLLEGE ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS

Colleges use several criteria to make admission decisions. Most frequently, colleges look at HS GPA, the difficulty of the HS course load, extracurricular activities, and ACT or SAT scores. The list below is taken from college freshmen profiles provided on college websites and from colleges self-reported criteria. This is only meant to be a guide. Contact College Admissions Offices for specific information.

College	ACT Score
California State U. at Northridge (CSUN)	16-21
Frederick Community College	Depends on Program
Gallaudet University	14 on English, Math, Reading
Hood College	18-25
McDaniel College	21-26
Nat'l Tech Institute for the Deaf (NTID)	14 +
Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT)	24-29
Towson University	20-24
University of Maryland	28-31