

ACT PREPARATION

Preparation for the ACT exam is highly important. A student's high school GPA, together with their ACT composite score, will be deciding factors for both college admissions and academic scholarships. To get into your desired school, you should be taking this test seriously.

You should take the ACT at least once during your junior year. By the end of your junior year in either April or June, you should take it again. If needed, take it again in the fall of your senior year. The December ACT of your senior year is the last exam permitted for deciding admissions and scholarships at most Utah colleges and universities. Check with each college you wish to attend for both admission and scholarship deadlines, as well as their scholarship grid, which will reflect the needed high school GPA and ACT score.

The ACT exam is a timed test, so practicing and learning test-taking skills is important. For example, do not spend a lot of time on each question. Skip a question immediately if you do not know the answer. At the end of each timed section, when there is 5 minutes left, go back to each test question and fill in any missing bubbles with guesses. You are not deducted any points on the ACT for making a guess. Also, if you read a question, and you don't know the answer, but you are able to eliminate answers right away, and you know the answer is between two choices, make a guess at that time. You have a 50-50 chance.

Here are some helpful websites with information and practice tests.

<http://www.act.org/products/k-12-act-test/>

<https://www.number2.com>

<http://www.shmoop.com/>

<http://www.sparknotes.com/testprep/books/act/>

ALSO, check with your school counselor for any ACT workshops or classes that your school might be offering.