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ACT State Organizations

# C2: ACT Updates – Making Sense of It all

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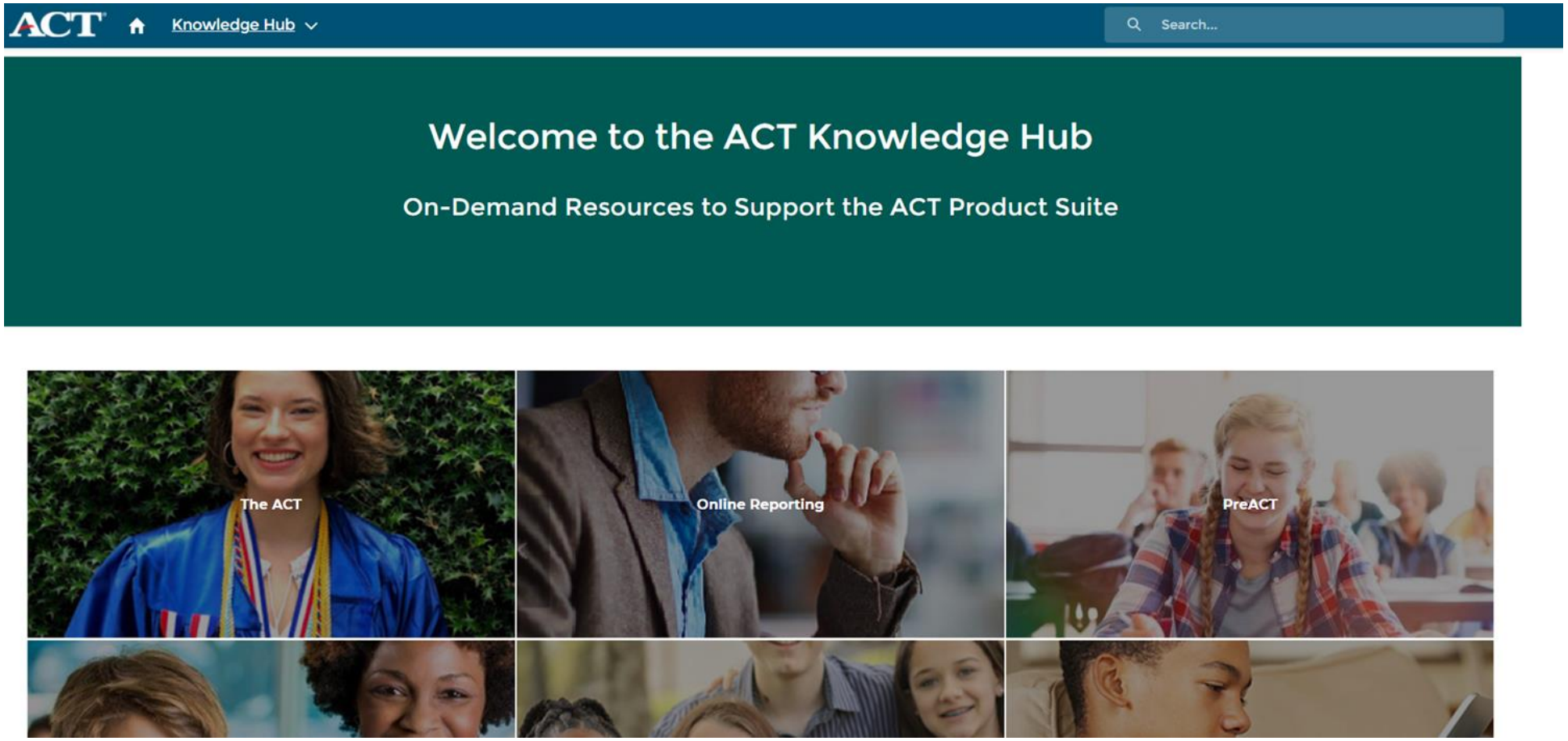
# ACT Resources

# The Knowledge Hub



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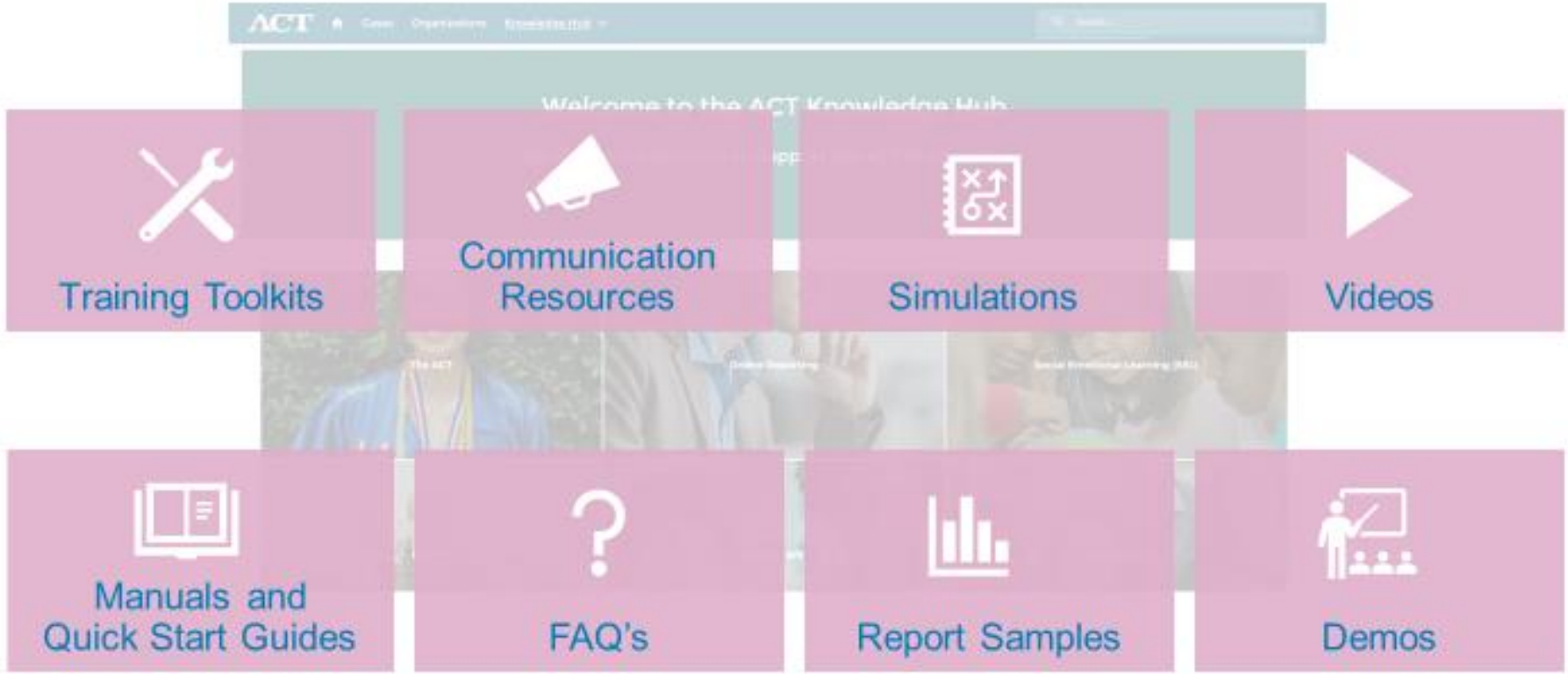

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  - PreACT Product Support
- PreACT 8/9
- Workforce US

# Articles

## PreACT Assessments - What's New

There are several updates for the 2021-2022 PreACT and PreACT 8/9 administration. Please view the linked file to learn more.

576 Views • Nov 10, 2021 • Knowledge Base

## PreACT Assessments Training Toolkit

The PreACT and PreACT 8/9 toolkit provides a wealth of assets that will help to get you started with the PreACT and PreACT 8/9 products.

2641 Views • Nov 5, 2021 • Knowledge Base

## Planning for PreACT Assessments

Video outlining administrative decisions to make in planning for test day for PreACT assessments.

484 Views • Nov 5, 2021 • Knowledge Base

## PreACT Assessments Examinee Information

Video tutorial on pre-test activities also known as the Examinee Information portion of PreACT and PreACT 8/9.

464 Views • Oct 13, 2021 • Knowledge Base

# Communication Toolkits

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### Communication Toolkit for PreACT Assessments

Preparing for Test Day: Use the different resources in this toolkit to communicate about and prepare students for the PreACT 8/9 or PreACT.

Oct 5, 2021 · Knowledge Base

**Description**

Communication Toolkit for PreACT Assessments

Use the different resources in this toolkit to communicate about and prepare students, parents, and staff, for the PreACT 8/9 or PreACT. Select each link to view in a new window.

**Announcing Your PreACT Test Date and Planning for Success**

- Planning for the PreACT
- Sample Text for Emails, Blog Posts, or Newsletter Articles
- PreACT Local Staff Training PowerPoint
- Welcome to PreACT PowerPoint
- Why Take the PreACT Assessments?

**Social Media Posts on Your Social Channels**

- Predict Your Score
- Practice Makes Possible
- Check Yes
- Plan Your Future

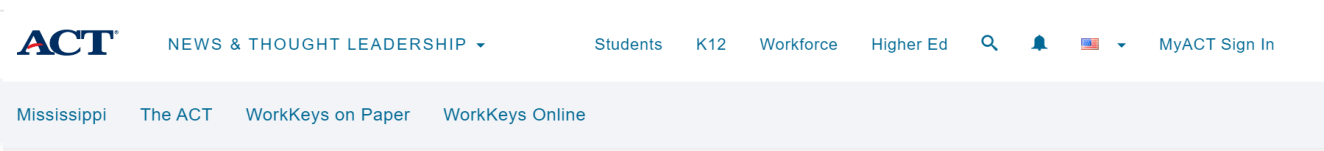
**Infographics**

- Your Path to PreACT
- 6 Ways PreACT Helps You

# ACT State Testing Websites

## State of Alabama

ACT State Testing




## State of Mississippi

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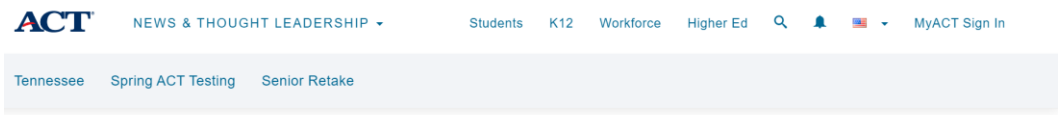
MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
Ensuring a bright future for every child




## State of Tennessee

ACT State Testing

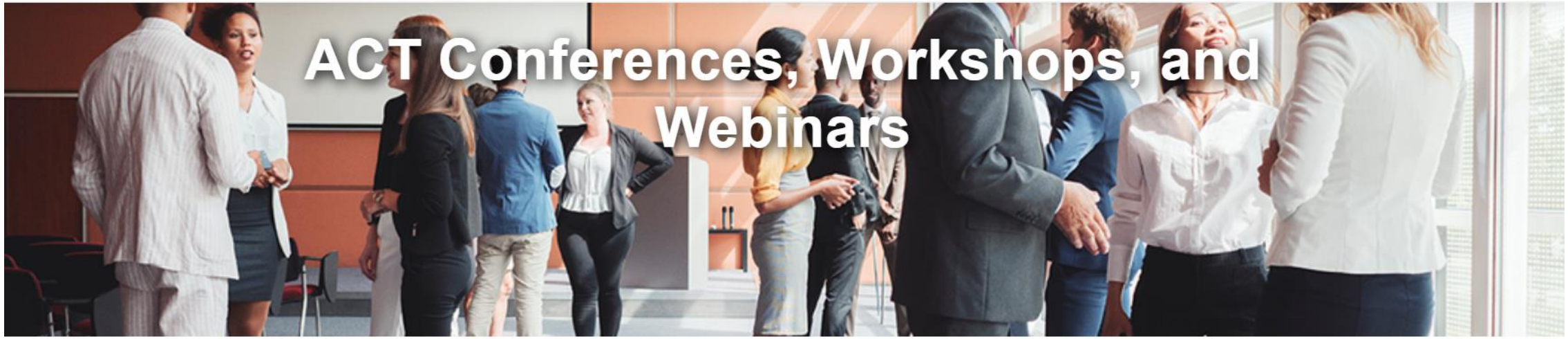
**Welcome to Your Testing Program**

AL

- Flexible scheduling
- Half or Whole Day
- Onsite or Virtual Delivery

- ACT Instructional Mastery (AIM)
- Rigorous and Relevant Learning
- Anchoring Your Curriculum

# ACT Events




## ACT College and Career Readiness Workshops

Attend a College and

## ACT Enrollment Management Summit

Experience new and innovative content geared

## ACT Workforce Summit

Network and collaborate with fellow educators, workforce and economic

## ACT My Journey Event On-Demand

Planning for the next step on your journey can be

# Mosaic™ by ACT®

- A **comprehensive** Pre-K-12 program for social and emotional learning (SEL) that includes research-based curricula and assessments
- Delivered in an **online** or **blended** learning environment with multiple deployment options
- Offers **professional development**
- Includes **English learner options** for curriculum and PD
- Provides **enhanced reporting** and **interactive dashboards**

# Why do I need an ACT score, anyway?

# Aren’t test scores optional?

Yes

No

## What colleges wanted

- More diverse student body
- More applicants
- Eliminate advantages of increased opportunities for affluent students

## What colleges got

- Missed identifying capable students from schools without rigorous coursework
- Artificially inflated average test scores
- Missed true indicators of college readiness

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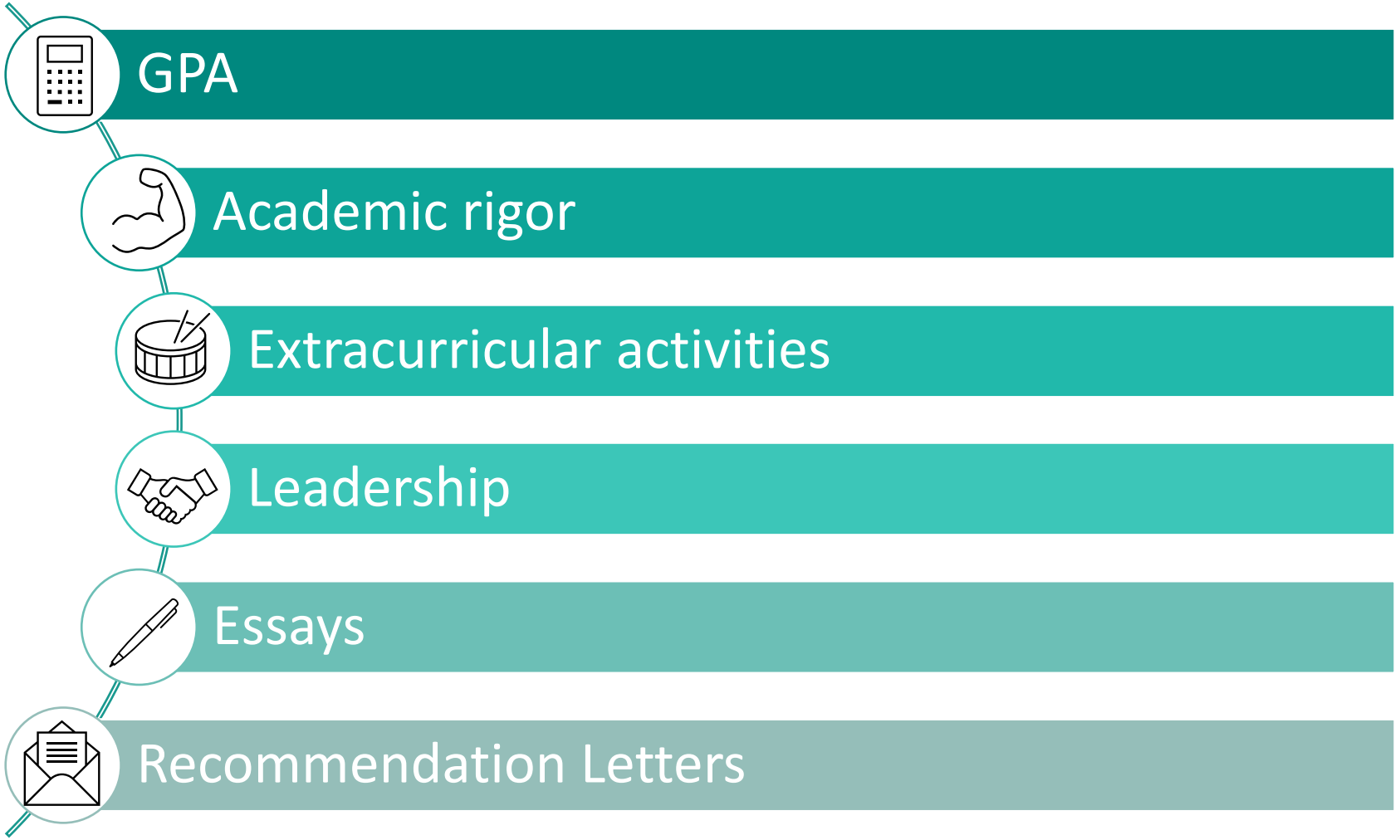
# If Not a Test Score, Then What?



Standardized exams are **most helpful for identifying socioeconomically disadvantaged students** who are well-prepared for MIT's challenging education but who don't have the opportunity to take advanced coursework, participate in expensive enrichment programs, or otherwise enhance their college applications.

Our concern is that, without the compelling clarity of a requirement, some well-prepared applicants won't take the tests, and **we won't have enough information to be confident in their academic readiness** when they apply.

My hope is that [reinstating a test requirement] will help us **recruit, select, and enroll a robustly diverse undergraduate student body** that is **well-prepared to succeed** in our challenging curriculum.

Nearly 20 percent of our students are the **first-generation in their family to attend college**, as I was. We think that if testing helped us do this before the pandemic, it can help us continue to do it now.

Stuart Schmill
MIT Dean of Admissions and Student Financial Services
https://news.mit.edu/2022/stuart-schmill-sat-act-requirement-0328

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# Why Test Scores Matter

| | |
|---|---|
| **Application Differentiator** | “Not required” does not mean “not considered” |
| **Merit Aid** | A standardized test score is a component of many scholarships |
| **College Readiness** | Students who meet or exceed ACT College Readiness Benchmarks have a demonstrated likelihood of first-year success |
| **College Fit** | Comparing an ACT score with the scores of incoming freshmen can indicate compatibility with the college’s level of rigor |

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# Why Test Scores Matter

## Certifications and Placement

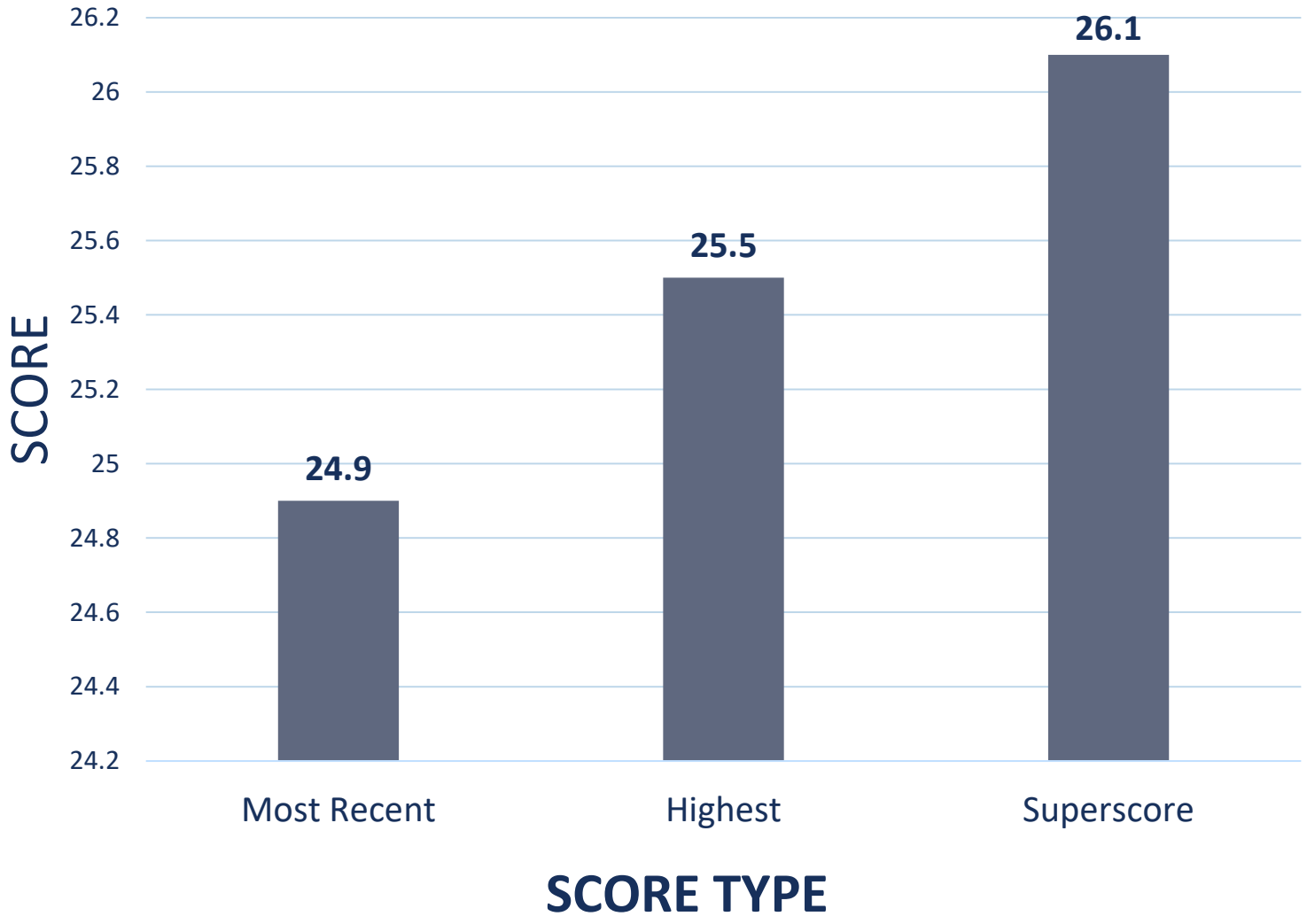
Education

Nursing

Law Enforcement

# ACT Superscores

# Retesting: A Chance to Improve



# Superscore Calculator

| TEST DATE | ENGLISH SCORE | MATH SCORE | READING SCORE | SCIENCE SCORE | COMPOSITE SCORE |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| April 2021 | 23 | 21 | 20 | 20 | 21 |
| October 2021 | 22 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 22 |
| April 2022 | 22 | 19 | 24 | 22 | 22 |
| | | | | | |

| SUPERSCORING RESULTS | BEST ENGLISH SCORE | BEST MATH SCORE | BEST READING SCORE | BEST SCIENCE SCORE | YOUR SUPERSCORE |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 23 | 21 | 24 | 23 | 23 |

Only scores from September 2016 and newer are eligible to be included in a Superscore. Older test dates will not be included.

# Superscore Calculator

| TEST DATE | ENGLISH SCORE | MATH SCORE | READING SCORE | SCIENCE SCORE | COMPOSITE SCORE |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| April 2022 | 26 | 24 | 24 | 23 | **24** |

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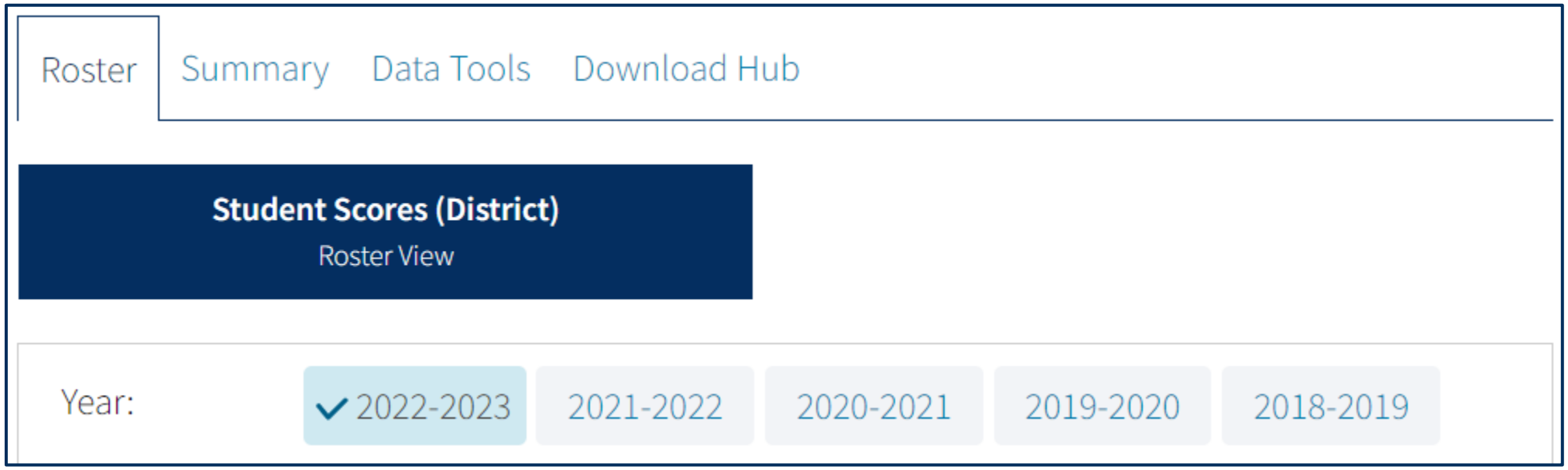
# Organization of the ACT Reporting Portal

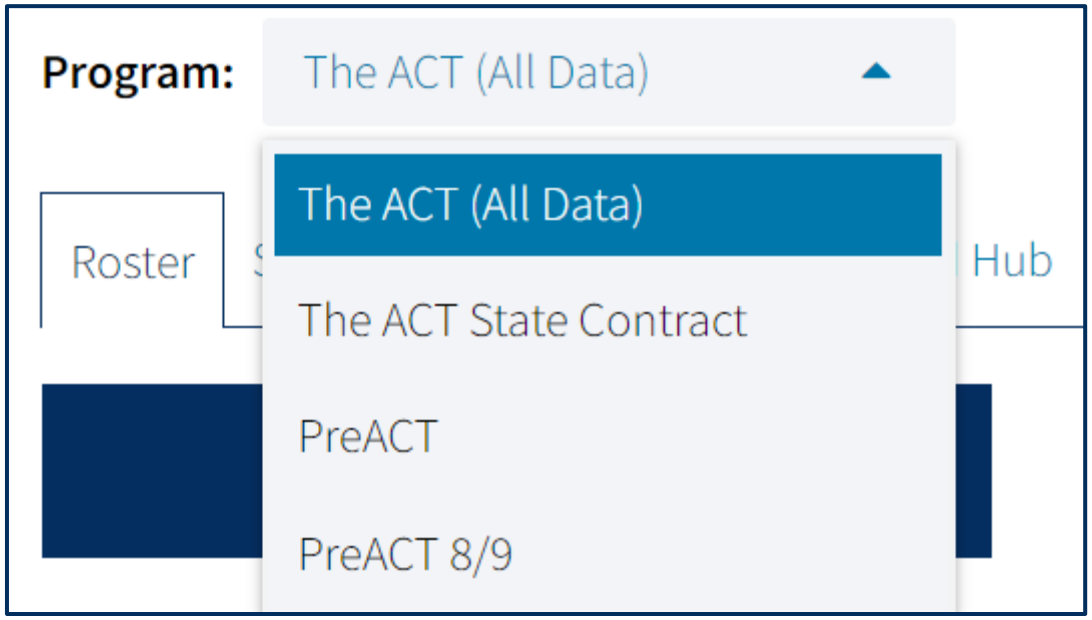
# ACT Online Reporting Portal

## Organized by School Year ‘Databases’



# ACT Online Reporting Portal

- **Can view by ALL DATA or DISTRICT CONTRACT**
  - ALL DATA – Every ACT score from ACT weekday or Saturday testing
  - DISTRICT CONTRACT – ACT scores from single ACT administration

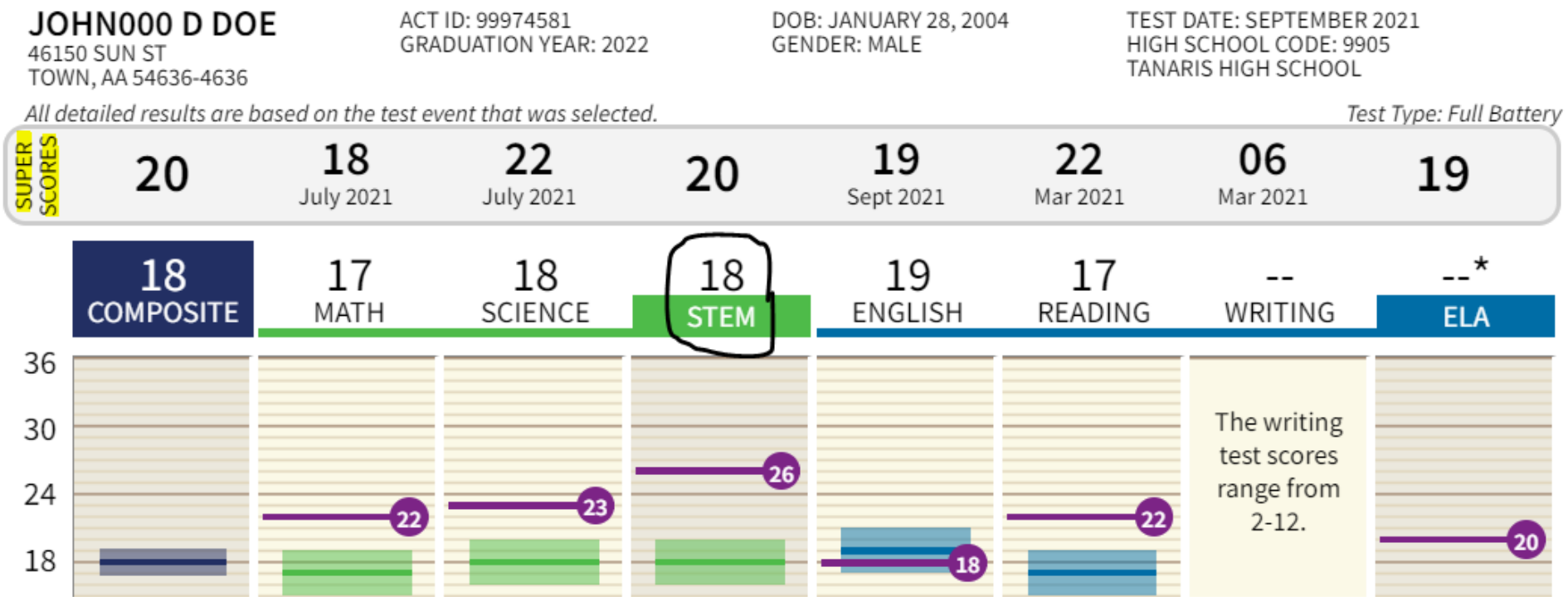


# Available ACT Data Points

# Available Data Points - STUDENT

## 1) Composite and Subject Area Scores

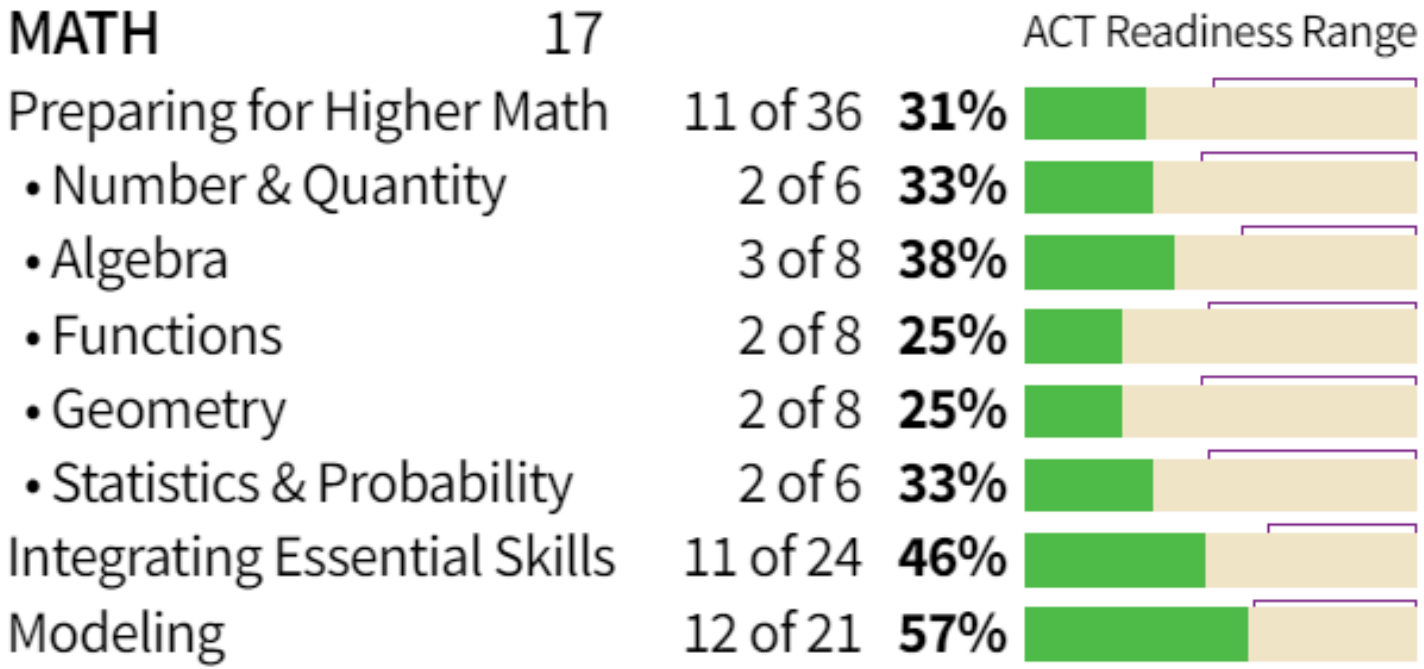
- Scores relative to the ACT benchmarks
- Superscores are also reported



# Available Data Points - STUDENT

## 2) Questions by Reporting Category

- Number of questions answered correctly
- Number of questions total
- Readiness range met/unmet

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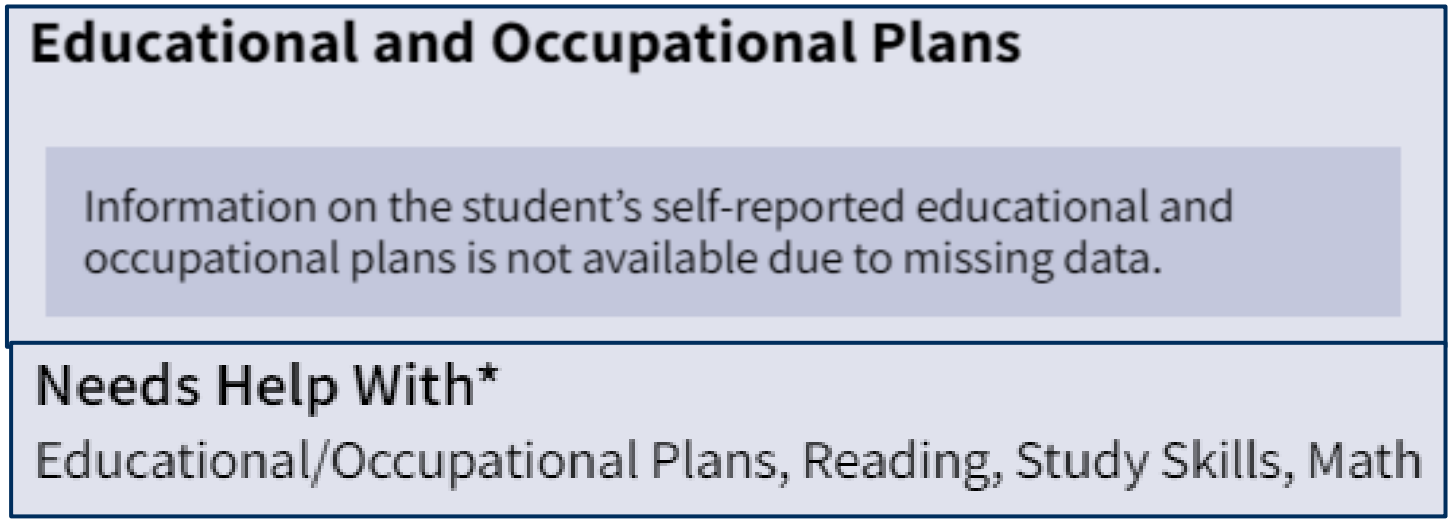
# Available Data Points - STUDENT

## 3) Student indicated plans and need areas

- College major
- Career plans
- Need areas (?): Reading, Writing, Math & Study Skills and Educational Plans



# Available Data Points - SUMMARY

## 1) Composite and Subject Area Scores

- Number of students
- Scores by Average

**Summary View:** The ACT (All Data), 2021-2022

Showing students who are College Reportable

Options | Save | Download | Table | Chart | Transpose

| Group | Year | Composite | | Math | Science | STEM | English | Reading |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | Valid Number | Mean Score | Mean Score | Mean Score | Mean Score | Mean Score | Mean Score |
| **Westfall District** | 2021-2022 | 16188 | 24.3 | 23.4 | 24.0 | 23.9 | 24.3 | 25.2 |
| **Tanaris High School** | 2021-2022 | 5443 | 24.4 | 23.4 | 24.0 | 24.0 | 24.3 | 25.2 |

# Available Data Points - SUMMARY

## 2) Percent of students scoring in ACT Score Band Ranges

- ACT College Readiness Standards
- By ACT Subject Area

| | | Math | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | CCRS (01 to 12) | CCRS (13 to 15) | CCRS (16 to 19) | CCRS (20 to 23) | CCRS (24 to 27) | CCRS (28 to 32) | CCRS (33 to 36) |
| Group | Year | % | % | % | % | % | % | % |
| **Tanaris High School** | 2020-2021 | 4 | 26 | 35 | 14 | 14 | 6 | 1 |

# Available Data Points - SUMMARY

## 3) Percent of students meeting ACT benchmarks

- By ACT Subject Area
- Meeting all 4 ACT benchmarks ?

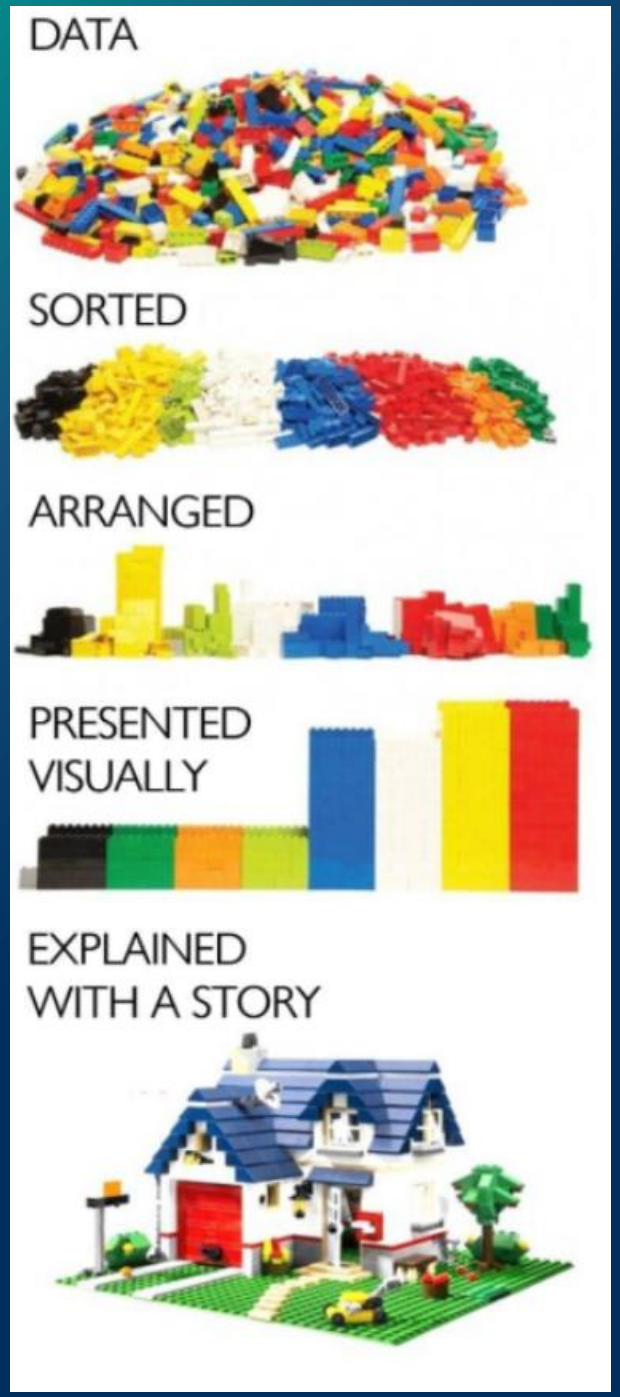
| Composite | | | Math | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Meeting All 4 Benchmarks | | Benchmark | |
| Valid Number | % Met | % Not Met | % Met | % Not Met |
| 2613 | 19 | 81 | 27 | 73 |

# Available Data Points - SUMMARY

## 4) Percent of students meeting Reporting Category Readiness Ranges

- Breaks down where in ACT subject area where students may be struggling

| Math | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Preparing for Higher Math-Readiness | | Integrating Essential Skills-Readiness | |
| % Met | % Not Met | % Met | % Not Met |
| 25 | 75 | 29 | 71 |




"Data tells a story. What is the ACT story in your district?"

What is the average ACT score gain for our students?

# Our average student scores *3 ACT composite points higher* from their sophomore year to the senior year.

How many of our students are meeting scholarship requirements?

# 38 students have met the required ACT score (29) for the MESG scholarship

Are there major groupings of student performance?

# 42% of our juniors score between a 20 and 23 in ACT Math

Are our students reflecting content learned in their classes?

# The average student answered 30 out of 60 ACT Math questions.

In which ACT reporting categories are there opportunities for growth?

# The ACT reporting category with the most room for improvement is Conventions of Standard English.

# Average number of items correct
# ACT Spring 2022

**Items Correct**

**&**

**Avg Subject Score**

| | Avg # of Items Correct | Avg Score |
|---|---|---|
| ACT English | of 75 | |
| ACT Math | of 60 | |
| ACT Reading | of 40 | |
| ACT Science | of 40 | |

# Setting ACT Performance Goals

**ACT Math & Science:**

**Items Correct and**

**Avg Subject Score**

| | Avg Math Items Correct | ACT Math Avg |
|---|---|---|
| School A | 27.7 of 60 | 19 |
| School B | 27.4 of 60 | 18.9 |
| School C | 24.5 of 60 | 17.7 |
| School D | 21.8 of 60 | 16.7 |

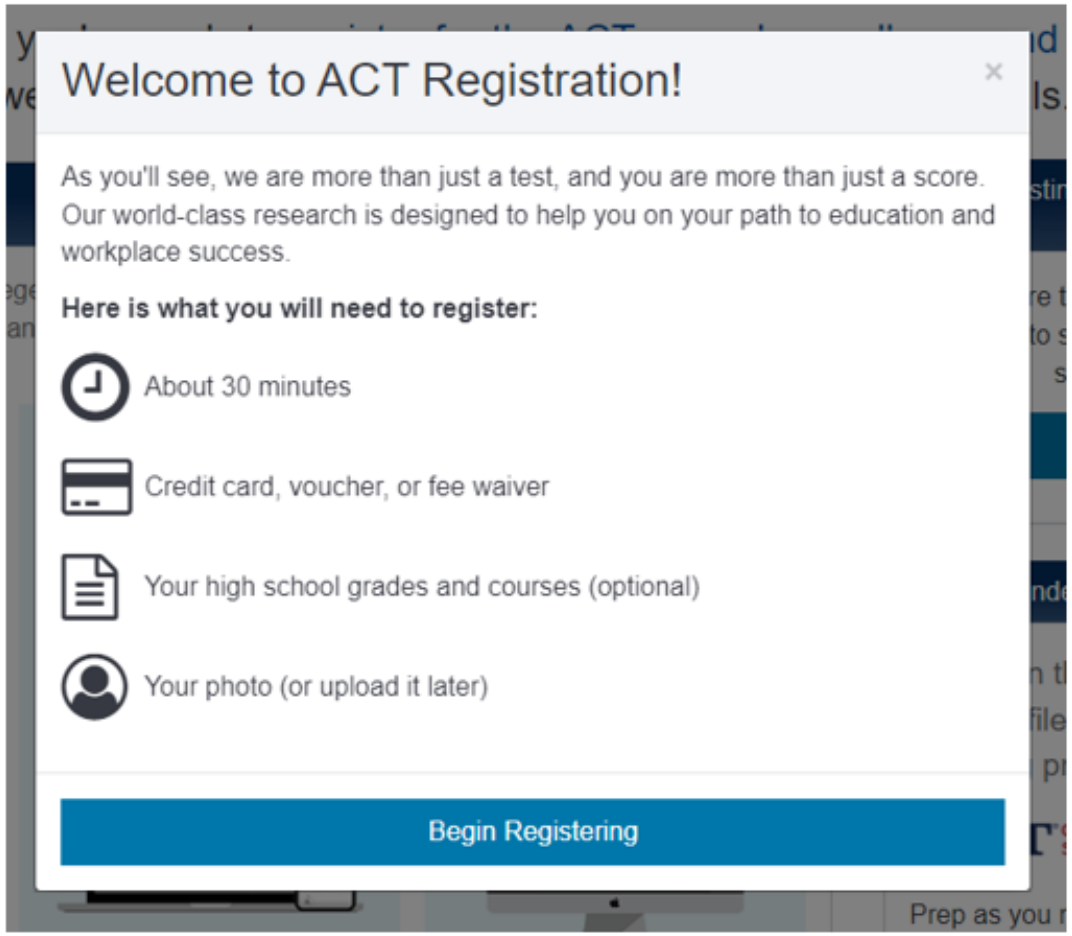
| | Avg Science Items Correct | ACT Science Avg |
|---|---|---|
| School A | 19.5 of 40 | 19.7 |
| School B | 18.7 of 40 | 19.2 |
| School C | 16.8 of 40 | 17.8 |
| School D | 16.5 of 40 | 17.6 |

# National, State, and District

**MyACT** for the ACT

ACT COLLEGE AND CAREER READINESS WORKSHOP 2022

# MyACT Accounts and ACT Registration




- All students taking the ACT create a MyACT account online
- National testing students register for the ACT test on MyACT
- State and district testing students are registered via the test platform. But they create a MyACT account with their student code

**www.myact.org**

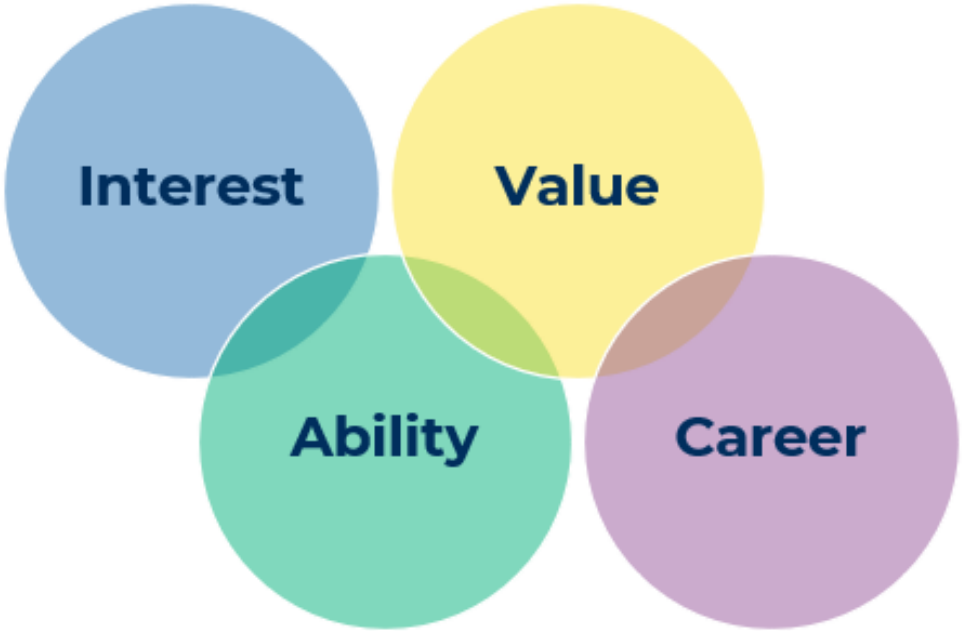
# MyACT Actions

- Register (national and international testing students)
- Request test accommodations
- Access a free online practice test
- Access frequently asked questions
- Access ACT Scores
- View and send score reports
- Purchase Official ACT Test Prep
- Complete non-test questions, including inventories

# MyACT Non-Test Questions

Questions that are not part of the test itself

- Registration information (for national testing students)
- Demographic information (for state and district testing students)
- Colleges or scholarship agencies where students want their test scores sent
- Inventories for college and career planning: Interest, Value, Ability, and Career
- Visible by schools, parents, and students have visibility via myactprofile.com

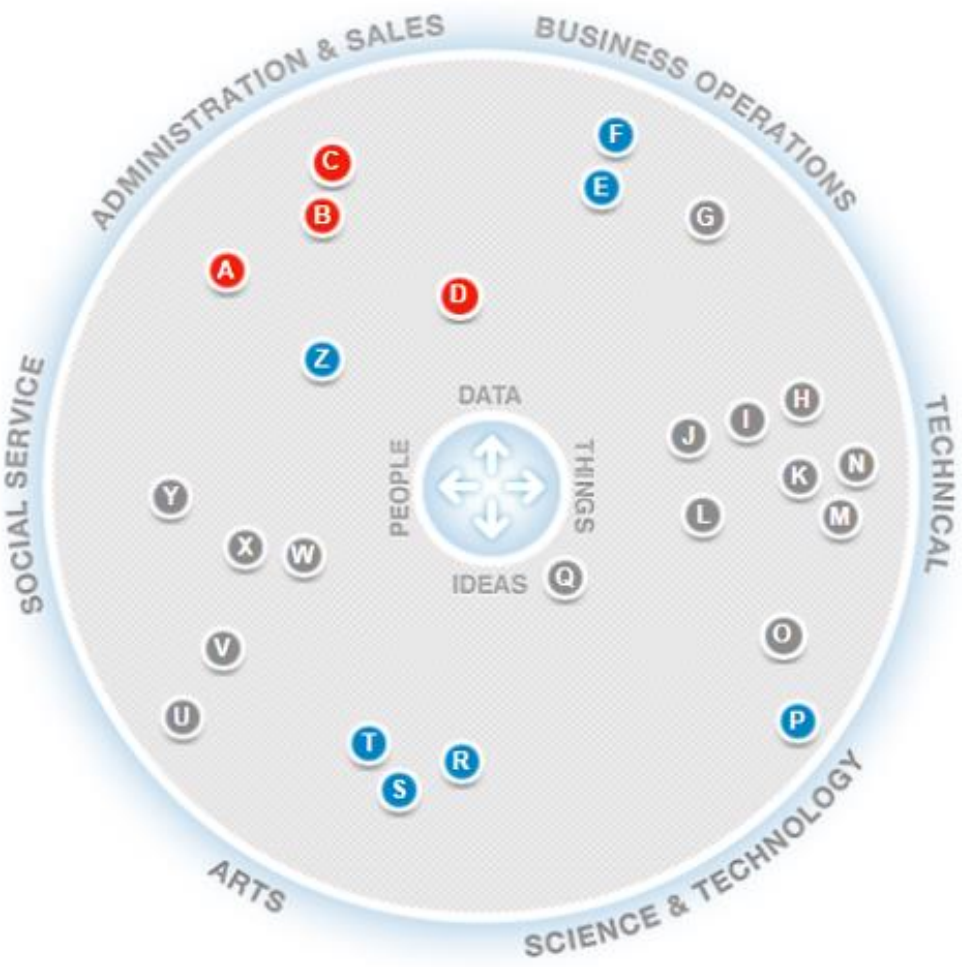


# MyACT Career Inventories

## Career Map

Map List

View Career Search




Use the Career Map to explore occupations that may be right for you.

Take a tour of Career Map

Take your inventories to see the results on the Career Map.

### Roll over and explore!

There are 26 Career Areas to discover and research.

### Career Map Key

- Career Area
- Matches at least one Inventory
- Matches two or more Inventories

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