



Why take
EXPLORE?

Taking **EXPLORE**[®] is a great way to get a head start on the ACT[®] test and to make sure you're on track for high school.

EXPLORE also:

- helps you choose high school courses that will get you ready for college
- helps you find careers that match your interests
- shows you the subjects in which you need to improve
- helps you see which subjects are most important for certain careers

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What is the ACT?

The ACT is an important test that colleges use to help them make admissions and scholarship decisions. Students who take EXPLORE are more likely to score higher on the ACT test.

Why is it important for me to do my best on EXPLORE?

Your teachers and counselors will use your EXPLORE results to help you build plans for the future. They want to see what you know now, so they know what you're ready to learn next. Doing the best you can on EXPLORE is one of the first steps you can take to get ready for college and the career you want.

A Message to Parents

More than ever before, it is important that all students have the skills needed to be successful in college and the workplace. Becoming college-ready does not happen overnight; students develop these skills by taking rigorous courses in high school.

EXPLORE helps 8th and 9th graders build high school course plans that will prepare them for college and work and introduces them to career options that are relevant to them. It shows your son or daughter:

- areas needing extra help or additional courses
- suggestions for improving skills
- careers that match the student's interests

EXPLORE scores provide early indicators of whether students are on track for college. With plenty of time before students graduate, teachers can use this information to focus on areas of need.

Students who take EXPLORE are more likely to be ready for college. Learn more about other ACT resources for students at www.actstudent.org.

Common Questions About EXPLORE

If you or your parents have questions about EXPLORE, be sure to ask your counselor. Here are a few of the most common questions about EXPLORE:

What should I bring on test day?

- Your school ID number
- Three sharpened soft-lead (No. 2) pencils with good erasers
- A watch to pace yourself (no beepers, please)
- A calculator for the math test

How many questions are on EXPLORE?

English—40 questions
Math—30 questions
Reading—30 questions
Science—28 questions

What if I have a disability?

Arrangements can be made if you have a physical and/or learning disability. See your counselor for details.

Should I guess?

There is no penalty for guessing on EXPLORE. Be sure to answer every question. If you leave a question blank, it will be marked incorrect.

Tips for Doing Your Best on EXPLORE

- Get plenty of sleep the night before the test.
- Follow directions exactly, and don't be afraid to ask questions.
- EXPLORE is a timed test, so pace yourself! Don't spend too much time on any one question.
- Not sure of the answer? First rule out every wrong answer you can. Then, pick the best answer from those left.
- If you finish early, go back and review your work.

Want to learn more about EXPLORE? Check out some EXPLORE sample test questions at www.explorestudent.org.

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