# Take Charge of Your Future: Wisconsin Students Succeed Using the ACT® Test

## Your Path to College, Careers, and Scholarships Starts Here

**Whatever your next move is after graduation — college, technical school, the military, or jumping straight into a career — every step you take in the classroom today can lead to better opportunities tomorrow.**

**That's where the ACT test comes in. If you're a public school student in Wisconsin, you can take the ACT for free during a school day — with no weekend stress and a comfortable, familiar environment for testing.**

**The ACT isn't just about your academic progress. It helps you understand what you're good at, where you can grow, and how you can reach your goals after high school. Use your ACT test scores to:**

- Get into college.
- Earn scholarships.
- Stand out to future employers.
- Start building your career.

### What Is the ACT Test?

The ACT — taken by more than 1 million students each year — measures what matters for college and career success.

### Why Take the ACT Test?

- **Stand out from the crowd** — Even with test optional policies, ACT scores open doors to colleges and universities in Wisconsin and nationwide.
- **Unlock scholarship opportunities** — Many scholarship and financial aid agencies prefer and/or accept ACT scores.
- **Discover your dream career** — The ACT helps students with both college and career planning, as students receive career readiness insights and guidance.

## Discover Your Strengths — No Matter Your Path After Graduation

Taking the ACT isn't just for college-bound students — it's for anyone who wants to understand their strengths and reimagine their future possibilities. In fact, many students who initially don't plan to attend college change their minds after seeing their ACT scores. You might discover a path you hadn't even considered.

The test goes beyond academics. It measures real-world skills (English, mathematics, reading, science, and writing) that matter whether you're thinking about:

**Apprenticeships**
*ACT-tested skills:* Problem solving, mathematics, reading comprehension, and data analysis.

**Technical or Trade School**
*ACT-tested skills:* Applied mathematics, understanding scientific concepts, information synthesis, and data representation.

**On-The-Job Training**
*ACT-tested skills:* Following complex written instructions, math calculations, and logical reasoning.

**The Military**
*ACT-tested skills:* Critical reading, mathematics, scientific reasoning, and interpreting technical graphics or charts.

**College**
*ACT-tested skills:* Advanced reading comprehension, writing/grammar, scientific inquiry, quantitative reasoning, and information synthesis.

## Cost-Free, Convenient Testing for All Wisconsin Public School Students

Wisconsin covers the fees for the ACT so you can take the assessment during the school day at no cost to you.

## Opt In to ACT® Recruit Me — Connect with Colleges, Trade Schools, and Scholarship Agencies

You can join **ACT Recruit Me** when you create a **MyACT** account — giving you highly personalized connections with institutions based on your interests, intended majors, and career aspirations. Get discovered and matched with institutions looking for students like you!

- More than **95%** of ACT Recruit Me participants are contacted by at least one college or trade school.
- Seniors who opt in to ACT Recruit Me receive contacts from an average of **20** colleges, trade schools, and/or scholarship programs.

## Need More Information and Resources? Visit:

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