



"The Twelve Week Challenge": Helping Students Maximize the Opportunities they have from the ACT Fee Waiver Program

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I am constantly thinking about the ACT mission and what a difference we can make in society, creating equal chances for all."

- Marten Roorda, Chief Executive Officer







In the 2018-2019 academic year, ACT issued 820 ACT fee waivers to qualified Connecticut students

Of those, 209 students (25.5 percent) did not take advantage of this opportunity to test for free

WE have an opportunity to make a huge difference

http://ctschoolfinance.org/students/low-income | http://www.act.org/content/dam/act/unsecured/documents/cccr-2019/Connecticut-CCCR-2019.pdf

How can the ACT help your students prepare for success in college?

What opportunities do your financially disadvantaged students have from the ACT in the coming school year?

How can you ensure that these students make the most of the opportunities that they have?

What are the ACT College Readiness Benchmarks?

Students who meet this score :	on these ACT tests:	have a high probability of success in these college courses:
18	English	English Composition
22	Mathematics	College Algebra
22	Reading	Social Sciences
23	Science	Biology

Based on ACT analysis of actual student performance in college.



The Science Behind the Numbers

STUDY

A COLLABORATIVE project between ACT and the National Student Clearinghouse

OBJECTIVE

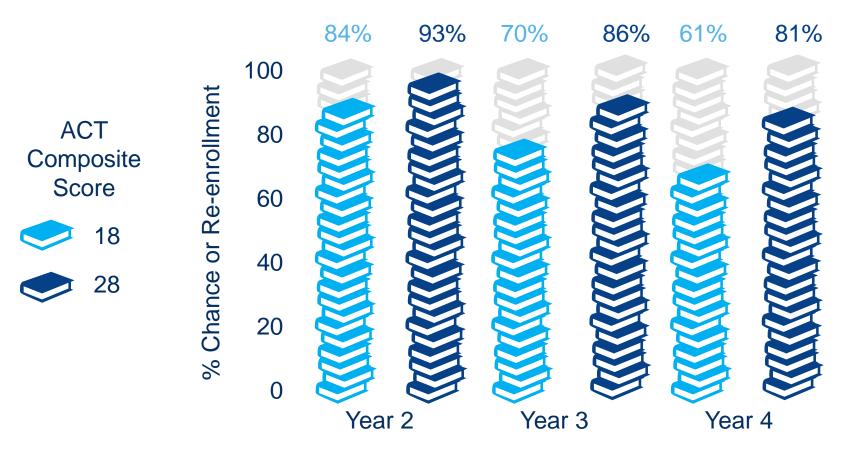
EXAMINE how ACT scores can help identify students at-risk of not completing a degree

DATA & METHODOLOGY

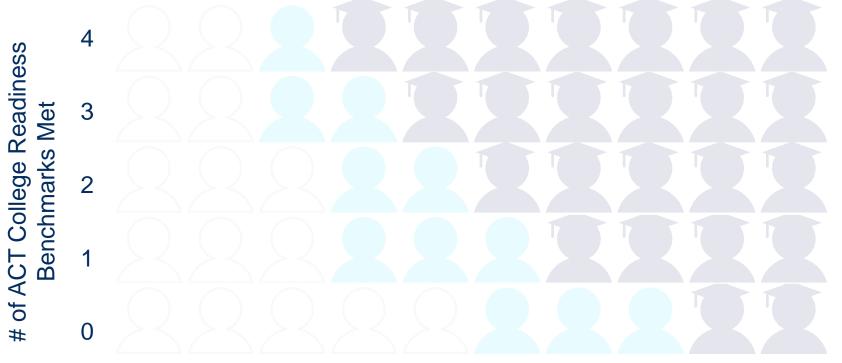
Matched ACT records and National Student Clearinghouse enrollment and degree information for the 2010 ACT-tested high school graduating class



College Readiness Translates to Persistence



College Readiness Translates to a College Degree



% of every 10 graduates



do not enroll in college



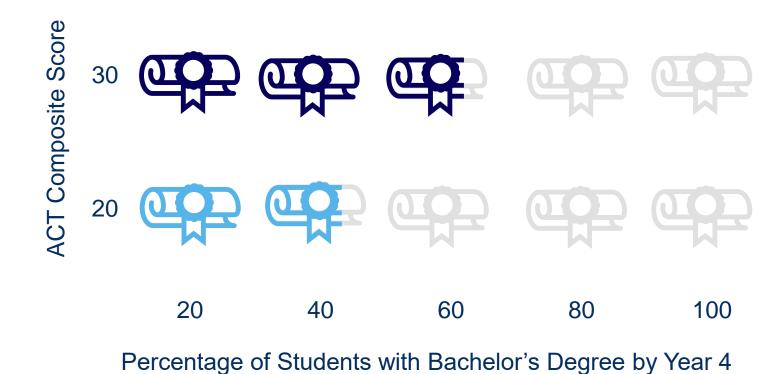


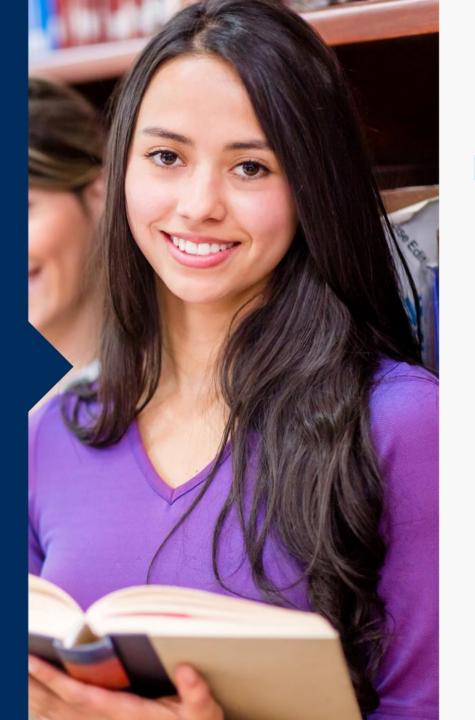
enroll in college enroll in college and earn a degree





College Readiness Translates to a Timely Degree





Fee Waivers

Starting in September 2020, ACT will double the number of fee waivers to **four per student.** Students can choose to use the fee waivers for either the full ACT test or an ACT section retest.

OUR Mission...



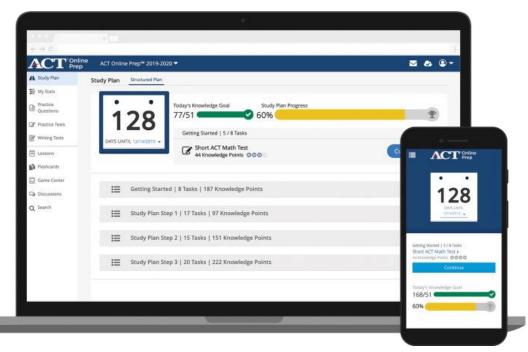


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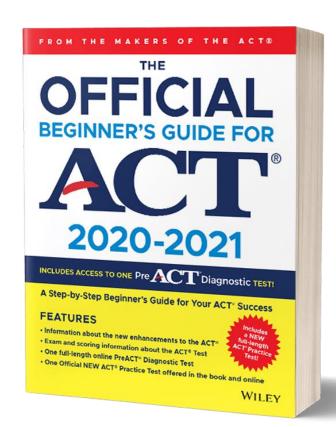
- 1. **Weeks 1-2 (September 16th-27th)** Collaborate with your school's team to order 100 ACT fee waivers for the 12/12 National ACT Test Date (*See ordering instructions and fee waiver eligibility requirements*)
- 2. Weeks 1-2 (September 16th-27th) Collaborate with your school's team to order 100 PreACT test booklets (<u>See PreACT ordering instructions</u>).
- 3. Weeks 3-8 (September 30th-November 15th) 100 students take the PreACT in October/early November (Total fee for 100 students would be \$1450. PreACT can be delivered any day/any time).
- 4. PreACT results come back to you and the schools in about **10-15 days from submitting answer sheets** to ACT to be scored.
- 5. **Weeks 5-10 (October 11th-November 29th)** Students receive instructions on how to enter their scores into ACT Academy for a customized prep plan (See the 3 minute <u>ACT Academy Video about inputting PreACT results into the free ACT Academy)</u>
- 6. Weeks 5-10 (October 11th November 29th) Meeting to examine the data Facilitated by Greg N. from ACT with you and anyone from your school team.
- 7. Your 100 students take **the ACT on 12/12/20 Saturday National Test Day** (For students who do not qualify for the fee waiver (if any), an alternative option for schools to consider the ACT National Pre-billed Voucher is attached.)
- 8. (January-April) Collaborate to discuss strategies to help students explore "next steps" once they receive their ACT results.



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ACT Online Prep





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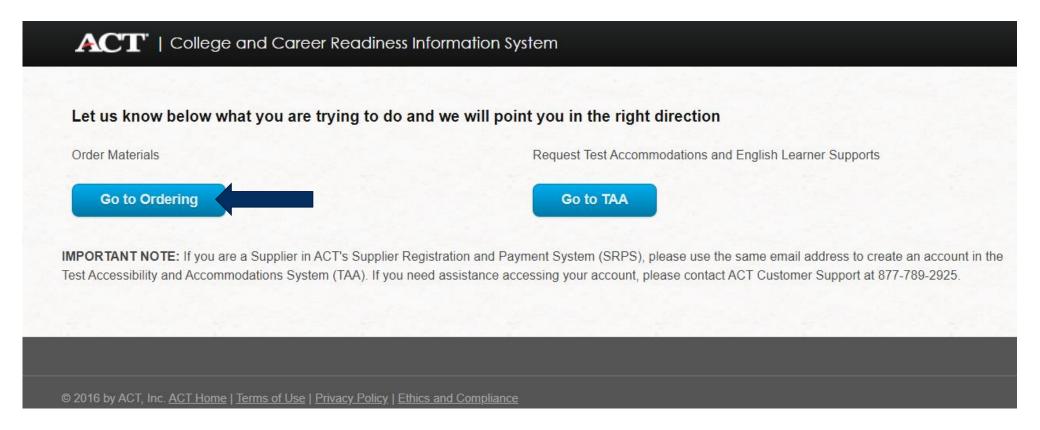
Consider becoming an unlisted test center on December 12th?











ACT Fee Waiver Ordering

Questions?

Thank you!

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