



**W**hy take  
**PLAN?**

Taking **PLAN**<sup>®</sup> is a great way to prepare for the ACT<sup>®</sup> test. It covers the same subjects and gives you an estimated ACT score.

PLAN also:

- lets you know if you're on track for college
- points out your academic strengths and areas you need to improve
- helps you find careers that match your interests
- connects you with more colleges interested in you

**ACT**<sup>®</sup>

research  
readiness  
**results**



Students who take **PLAN** score higher on the ACT than those who do not.

#### PLAN includes:

- Tests in English, math, reading, and science—just like the ACT
- A career interest inventory that can help find the best career choices for you
- A guide that explains what your scores mean and how you can use them

#### A Message to Parents

If you're the parent of a 10th grader, now is a critical time to talk with your son or daughter about the future. PLAN can provide both of you with information that helps your decision-making process.

Taking PLAN is an important step toward making college a reality. It helps you and your son or daughter identify:

- skills and knowledge required to succeed in college
- areas where extra help or additional courses are needed
- career areas that match the student's interests

PLAN also provides an estimated ACT score—one of the best indicators of readiness for college. And PLAN also connects your son or daughter to more information about college and financial aid choices.

Students who take PLAN are more likely to be ready for college. Learn more about other ACT resources for students at [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org).

#### Common Questions About PLAN

##### When can I take PLAN?

Your counselor will announce the time, date, and place. Look for a poster in the counseling office that lists this information.

##### How do I sign up?

Your counselor has details about PLAN registration and fees.

##### What if I have a disability?

Accommodations are available if you have a diagnosed physical and/or learning disability. See your counselor for details.

##### What should I bring on test day?

- Your school ID number to identify your PLAN record
- Three sharpened soft-lead (No. 2) pencils with good erasers
- A watch to pace yourself (no beepers, please)
- Calculator for the math test (not required)

Visit [www.planstudent.org](http://www.planstudent.org) for a list of approved calculators.

##### Should I guess?

Just like the ACT, there is no penalty for guessing. Be sure to answer every question.

Read all the possible answers before choosing one. Eliminate every answer you know is wrong, then pick the best one from those left.

#### Tips for Doing Your Best on PLAN

- Follow directions exactly, and don't be afraid to ask questions.
- Mark your answer folder carefully. Fill in the ovals neatly.
- Don't spend too much time on any single question. For hard ones, choose the answer you think is best and move on.

Want to learn more about taking PLAN? Check out some PLAN sample test questions at [www.planstudent.org](http://www.planstudent.org).

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