

PLAN in grade 10 serves as the midpoint measure of academic progress in the series of longitudinal assessments that comprise a component of the ACT College Readiness System. The longitudinal assessments also include EXPLORE[®] (grades 8 and 9) and the ACT[®] (grades 11 and 12). All three programs share the same score scale, enabling educators to seamlessly document student progress in grades 8 through 12. PLAN is a powerful predictor of success on the ACT, an early indicator of college readiness, and a tool to help students explore careers that match their interests. Learn more at www.act.org/plan.

PLAN English Test

30 minutes

| Content/Skills | Number of Items |
|--------------------------|-----------------|
| Usage/Mechanics | 30 |
| Punctuation | 7 |
| Grammar and Usage | 9 |
| Sentence Structure | 14 |
| Rhetorical Skills | 20 |
| Strategy | 6 |
| Organization | 7 |
| Style | 7 |
| Total | 50 |

PLAN Reading Test

20 minutes

| Content Area | Number of Items |
|----------------|-----------------|
| Prose Fiction | 8 |
| Humanities | 9 |
| Social Studies | 8 |
| Total | 25 |

PLAN Mathematics Test

40 minutes

| Content Area | Number of Items |
|----------------------------|-----------------|
| Pre-Algebra/Algebra | 22 |
| Pre-Algebra | 14 |
| Elementary Algebra | 8 |
| Geometry | 18 |
| Coordinate Geometry | 7 |
| Plane Geometry | 11 |
| Total | 40 |

PLAN Science Test

25 minutes

| Content Area | Format | Number of Items |
|----------------------|------------------------|-----------------|
| Biology | Data Representation | 10 |
| Earth/Space Sciences | | |
| Chemistry | Research Summaries | 14 |
| Physics | | |
| | Conflicting Viewpoints | 6 |
| Total | | 30 |

Key Educational and Career Planning Components

Approximately 65–75 minutes

- Needs Assessment—collects information about students' perceived needs.
- High School Course/Grade Information—helps evaluate course-taking patterns in light of recommended core courses.
- UNIACT Interest Inventory—helps students explore personally relevant career options.
- Educational Opportunity Service (EOS)—provides relevant college and scholarship information based on PLAN information.

PLAN Testing Timeline

Before Testing

- Order test materials at least three weeks before your scheduled test date.
Existing customers visit www.act.org/plan.
New customers call 800/553-6244, ext. 1029.
- Customer will be invoiced when test materials are **shipped**.

September–May

- Administer PLAN test as scheduled by school.

After Testing

- Return student Answer Folders to ACT for scoring.
ACT recommends a method that tracks shipment.
- Expect to receive reports two to four weeks after ACT receives all Answer Folders from your school or district.
NOTE: If you are from a District and ordered the Enhanced Reporting Package, reports will be held until Answer Folders from **all** schools have been received.

June 30

- Last date for scoring in the 2008–2009 testing cycle.

Program Packages

Standard Package

Test Materials

- Test Booklets
- Answer Folders
- Student Instruction Booklets
- *Why Take PLAN?*

Testing Administrator's Support

- Test Supervisor's Manual
- Room Supervisor's Manuals
- School Headers
- PLAN Posters
- Let's Go to College Poster

Reports and Supporting Materials

- Student Score Reports
- Student Score Labels
- High School List Report
- *Using Your PLAN Results*
- Presentation Packet
- Early Intervention Rosters
- Profile Summary Report
- College Readiness Standards Report

Enhanced Reporting Package

Includes all items in the Standard Package, **plus:**

- Item-Response Summary Report
- School and/or District Norms
- Data File on CD (School and District)

ACT's Longitudinal Assessments

EXPLORE®

8th–9th Grade

- Baseline assessment
- Helps increase PLAN and ACT scores

PLAN®

10th Grade

- Midpoint assessment
- Helps increase ACT scores

The ACT®

11th–12th Grade

- Measures what students have learned
- Increases college readiness when used with EXPLORE and PLAN
- Documents readiness for college

Assessment Component ACT's College Readiness System

- Only curriculum-based, research-validated system available today
- Increases readiness for college or a career
- Provides link between scores and skills
- Promotes college enrollment, persistence, and success
- Built on a common score scale to measure academic progress from grades 8 through 12
- Helps students identify postsecondary options

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