



2010 / 2011 PLAN® at a Glance

PLAN in grade 10 serves as the midpoint measure of academic progress in the series of longitudinal assessments that constitute a component of the ACT College and Career Readiness System. The longitudinal assessments also include EXPLORE® (grades 8 and 9) and the ACT® test (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.
- **ACT Interest Inventory**—the 72-item ACT 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 four weeks before you need your test materials.

To order, visit www.act.org/education/order.

- ACT will bill you only for the number of answer folders scored; there will not be a separate charge for accommodated test materials this year. An invoice will be sent at the time we generate your reports based on the total number of answer folders scored.

August–May

- Administer the PLAN test as scheduled by school.

After Testing

- Return student answer folders to ACT for scoring. *Postage-paid envelopes are provided for returning your answer folders to ACT.*
- Expect to receive reports two to four weeks after ACT receives all Answer Folders from your school or district.

NOTE: Districts will receive district-level reports and copies of school-level reports. District-level reports will not be created until the answer document return deadline provided on the online order form.

June 15

- Last date for scoring in the 2010–2011 testing cycle.

Program Package

Test Materials

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

Testing Administrator's Support Materials

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

PLAN Reports and Supporting Materials

- Student Score Reports
- Student Score Labels
- Student List Report
- *Using Your PLAN Results*
- Profile Summary Report includes:
 - Presentation Packet
 - Intervention Rosters
 - College Readiness Standards Data
- Item-Response Summary Report
- School Norms on Student Score Report
- Data File with School and District Norms on CD

For a full list of materials, see www.act.org/plan/packages.html

College and Career Readiness System

Longitudinal Assessment and Instruction Components

ACT's Longitudinal Assessments

Instruction

EXPLORE[®]

8th–9th Grade

- Baseline assessment
- Helps increase PLAN and ACT scores
- Score scale 1–25

PLAN[®]

10th Grade

- Midpoint assessment
- Helps increase ACT scores
- Score scale 1–32

The ACT[®]

11th–12th Grade

- Measures what students have learned
- Increases college readiness when used with EXPLORE and PLAN
- Score scale 1–36

QualityCore[®]

9th–12th Grade
Instructional Improvement

- End-of-course assessments
- Research-based educator resources
- Aligned formative item pool
- Based on empirical research

- Only curriculum-based, research-validated system available
- 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 8–12

- Helps improve college readiness for all students by ensuring high school courses are focused on essential post-secondary skills

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