



*Why Take
EXPLORE?*

EXPLORE[®]



ACT's Every-Student College Readiness Program for 8th and 9th Graders



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Students who take EXPLORE are more likely to score higher on the ACT® test.

Another test? What's in it for me?

Taking EXPLORE® is a great way to get a head start on the ACT and to make sure you're on track for high school.

EXPLORE also:

- lets you know if you're on track for college
- helps you choose high school courses that will get you ready for college
- helps you find careers that match your interests
- shows you the subjects in which you need to improve
- helps you see which subjects are most important for certain careers

EXPLORE includes:

- Tests in English, math, reading, and science—just like the ACT
- A career section that shows you which careers match your interests
- Questions about your plans for high school and beyond
- A guide that tells you what your scores mean and how you can use them

Want to learn more about EXPLORE? Check out www.explorestudent.org

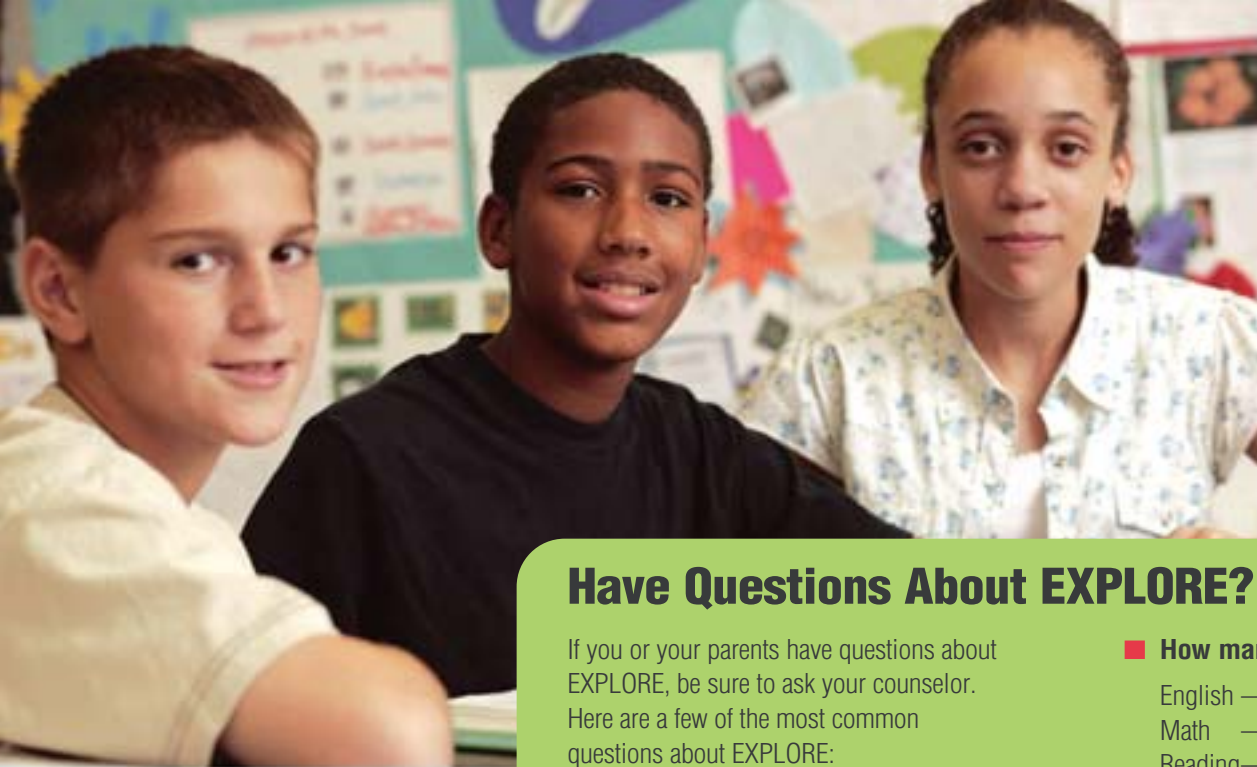
What is the ACT?

The ACT is an important test usually taken by 11th or 12th graders. Colleges use ACT scores to help them make admissions and scholarship decisions.

Why is it important for me to do my best on EXPLORE?

Your teachers and counselors will use your EXPLORE results to help you build plans for the future. They want to see what you know now, so they know what you're ready to learn next. Doing the best you can on EXPLORE is one of the first steps you can take to get ready for college and the career you want.





Have Questions About EXPLORE?

If you or your parents have questions about EXPLORE, be sure to ask your counselor. Here are a few of the most common questions about EXPLORE:

- **What should I bring on test day?**
 - Your school ID number
 - Three sharpened soft-lead pencils with good erasers. Make sure they're No. 2s!
 - A watch to pace yourself (no beepers, please)
 - A calculator for the math test

■ How many questions are on EXPLORE?

- English — 40 questions
- Math — 30 questions
- Reading — 30 questions
- Science — 28 questions

■ What if I have a disability?

Arrangements can be made if you have a physical and/or learning disability. See your counselor for details.

Visit www.explorestudent.org for a list of approved calculators.

Should I guess?

There is no penalty for guessing on EXPLORE. Be sure to answer every question. If you leave a question blank, it will be marked incorrect.

Tips for Doing Your Best on EXPLORE

- Get plenty of sleep the night before the test.
- Follow directions exactly, and don't be afraid to ask questions.
- EXPLORE is a timed test, so pace yourself! Don't spend too much time on any one question.
- Not sure of the answer? First rule out every wrong answer you can. Then, pick the best answer from those left.
- If you finish early, go back and review your work.

Check out some EXPLORE sample test questions at www.explorestudent.org





A Message to Parents

More than ever before, it is important that all students have the skills needed to be successful in college and the workplace. Becoming college-ready does not happen overnight; students develop these skills by taking rigorous courses in high school.

EXPLORE helps 8th and 9th graders build high school course plans that will prepare them for college and work and introduces them to career options that are relevant to them. It shows your son or daughter:

- areas where they need extra help or additional courses
- suggestions for improving their skills
- careers that match their interests

EXPLORE scores provide early indicators of whether students are on track for college. With plenty of time before graduation, teachers can use this information to focus on areas of need.



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**Learn more about other ACT
resources for students at
www.actstudent.org**

