



*Why  
Take  
PLAN?*

**PLAN<sup>®</sup>**



ACT's Every-Student College Readiness Program for 10th Graders



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## How can taking PLAN help me?

PLAN is a great way to prepare for the ACT® 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

Learn more about using PLAN results at [www.planstudent.org](http://www.planstudent.org)

### 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

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





## 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 or Social Security 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)



### 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.

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



## Tips for Doing Your Best on PLAN

- Get plenty of sleep the night before the test.
- 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.

Check out some PLAN sample test questions at [www.planstudent.org](http://www.planstudent.org)

## 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 their 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 they need to succeed in college
- Areas where they need extra help or additional courses
- Career areas that match their 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)**

