

**Guidance Department
Framingham High School**

ACT Test Information for Spring 2012

For more information visit: www.actstudent.org/ or
(319) 337-1270

ACT Test Dates

December 10, 2011

February 11, 2012

April 14, 2012

June 9, 2012

Registration Deadlines

November 4, 2011

January 13, 2012

March 9, 2012

May 4, 2012

Fees

- **ACT WITHOUT WRITING** Fee: \$34.00
- **ACT PLUS WRITING** Fee: \$49.50
- *Both test fees includes reports for you, your high school (if you authorize reporting), and up to four college choices (if valid codes are provided when you register).*

Fee Waivers: *Please see your Guidance Counselor.*

- Available to students in the Free/Reduced Lunch Program
- If you do not currently participate in the F/R Lunch Program but think you might qualify, please pick up an application in the Food Services Office, located in the FHS Cafeteria.

How to register for the ACT

- Online at <http://actstudent.org/regist/index.html>, pay via credit card (or with a fee waiver card if you qualify)
- For any questions regarding registration, please contact **(319) 337-1270**.

About the ACT Test

- Accepted by all four-year colleges and universities in the U.S.
- ACT Test can be used in lieu of SAT: www.act.org or phone **(319) 337-1270**.
- Takes approximately 3 hours and 30 minutes to complete, including a short break (or just over four hours if you are taking the ACT Plus Writing). Actual testing time is 2 hours and 55 minutes (plus 30 minutes if you are taking the ACT Plus Writing).
- Includes 215 multiple-choice questions.
- Five sections: *English, Mathematics, Science, Reading and PLUS Writing (optional)*, each section is combined to give score composite of 1-36.
- The *Writing* section includes a 30-minute essay.
- The *ACT* is an achievement test that is designed to relate to what you have learned throughout your high courses in English, Mathematics, Science and Reading.
- Scores are based on the number of correct answers; you are not penalized for guessing.

Prior to Test Day

Your *Admission Ticket* will be available online, whether you've registered online or by mail.

Preparing for the ACT:

- There are many options at: <http://actstudent.org/testprep/>

Test Day

When to Arrive:

- Report to the test center by 7:45 AM unless otherwise indicated on your Admission Ticket.
- Testing starts at 8:00 a.m.
- Students taking the ACT (No Writing) in standard time rooms are normally dismissed at about 12:15 p.m AND students taking the ACT Plus Writing are normally dismissed at about 1:00 p.m.

What to Bring:

- Admission Ticket.
- PHOTO IDENTIFICATION, such as a driver's license, state-issued ID, school ID card, or valid passport.
- Two No. 2 pencils and a soft eraser; NO PENS or MECHANICAL PENCILS
- Calculator, for use on the Math section only: The testing center will not issue calculators; you must bring one with you.
 1. Every question on the mathematics section of the ACT Test can be solved without a calculator; if you choose to bring a calculator to the test, please make sure you are familiar with it.
 2. If you choose to bring a calculator to the test, please check to see if it a permitted calculator at <http://actstudent.org/faq/answers/calculator.html>.

It's also a good idea to bring:

- A snack and drinks (during breaks).
- Extra batteries for your calculator.

Cell Phones Are Prohibited

Students should not bring cell phones to the test center. If students' cell phones make noise, or if a student is seen using a cell phone at any time (including breaks), the device may be confiscated. **The student will be dismissed, and his/her test scores will be canceled.**

Score Choice for the ACT Test: Choose which scores you'd like to report to colleges

- By TEST DATE Only
- NOT by Test Section (*English, Mathematics, Science, Reading and Writing*)
- Beneficial only if your scores on all sections for a given date are higher than the corresponding scores from another test date, which is seldom the case
- Colleges consider the HIGHEST COMPOSITE score regardless of when you took the test.