

Oregon ACT Council

Helping Oregonians achieve education and workplace success.



ACT State Organizations is comprised of grassroots volunteers in all 50 states and the District of Columbia. Our efforts work to ensure that the political and education landscape is conducive to the success of ACT's mission: Helping people achieve education and workplace success. Our vision is to eliminate the skills gap by connecting the outcomes of K-12 and postsecondary to career opportunities.

The ACT State Organization Goals are to:

1. Develop, implement, and increase awareness of academic and career development.
2. Identify innovative solutions that advance successful collaborations between academic and workforce development efforts.
3. Advocate for policies to support and address academic and workforce issues.
4. Develop, leverage, and support initiatives that promote advancement of educational equity and access for all.

The Oregon ACT Council facilitates these goals by creating an awareness utilizing ACT's holistic approach to education and workforce readiness from kindergarten to career.

Collaboration is essential. The Council, consisting of educators and workforce professionals, meets with ACT staff and other Oregon thought leaders to discuss local and national education policy issues, review research, and to share, collect, and distribute best practices.

The Council works to improve student access and growth. These efforts include providing equitable access to postsecondary education and career opportunities. Our work supports academic growth using research-based assessment practices and by using a data-based process to make decisions. The Council recognizes that educational equity provides the underpinning of the growth development of the Oregon economy.

Interested in learning more? Join the Oregon ACT State Organization at www.act.org/stateorgs/membership

Free ACT Resources

Solutions for K-12 Education, Higher Education, and Career Readiness

Students Academic/Career Interest

ACT Profile: Learn more about yourself and your future

- Planning for college: major exploration, test prep, and more.
- Planning for career: career exploration, alignment, and more.
- Learn about yourself: interests, abilities, and values inventories.
- ACT Question of the Day and access to OpenEd to strengthen your knowledge and skills.
- Check it out: <http://www.actprofile.org/login>

Preparing for the ACT® Booklet:

Sample practice test, answer keys, sample writing prompts, and more.

<http://bit.ly/ACT-booklet>

ACT Academy: Free test prep including personalized study plans, diagnostic tests, diverse resources, and test taking tips and strategies - www.act.org/academy

Tips for Taking the ACT and Free Practice Test: <http://bit.ly/ACT-test-preparation>

Student with a Fee Waiver/ Academic Support

ACT Online Prep: Prepare for the ACT online or through the mobile app with practice tests, daily goals, flashcards, and more.

ACT Rapid Review: Provides a range of test prep content and delivery options.

The application for an ACT fee waiver can be found at: <http://bit.ly/ACT-fee-waiver-eligibility-2018-2019>

Teachers Academic/Career Exploration

The ACT Holistic Framework™ includes four domains: Core academic skills, cross-cutting capabilities, behavioral skills, and education and career navigation. These domains provide a more integrated picture of education and work readiness from kindergarten to career. Learn more: www.act.org/stateorgs

Drill down into what core academic skills and behavioral skills look like at each grade level:

- Performance Level Descriptors for Behavioral Skills: <http://behavior.actlabs.org/map-v2?subject=Behavior>
- Core Academic Skills Map: <http://skillsmap.actlabs.org/> (username and password: actlabs)

OpenEd: A "smart library" of resources that accurately aligns instructional content to each student or classroom. Learn more: www.OpenEd.com and <http://resources.opened.com/ACTPrep/>

Higher Education Class Profile/Retention

ACT Class Profile Service: Provides a comprehensive summary of a college's ACT-tested entering freshman class, shows parallel descriptions for students who sent scores, who enrolled, and who sent scores did not enroll, and helps make comparisons with enrolled freshman nationally.

<http://www.act.org/research/services/freshman/index.html>

Retention/Attrition Report: Compares your entering freshman with those who returned for their second year and those who didn't.

<http://www.act.org/research/services/freshman/index.html>

Prediction Service Report: Describes the academic achievements of previous first-year students and generates information that can help predict the academic performance of future applications.

<http://www.act.org/research/services/predict/index.html>

*Must have at least 40 ACT-tested students each year for these free reports.