

ACT College Readiness Benchmark Scores

EXPLORE, PLAN, and the ACT are the only assessments that provide benchmark scores as early indicators of readiness for college. Through collaborative research with postsecondary institutions nationwide, ACT has established the following College Readiness Benchmark Scores:

- ▼ College English Composition 18 on ACT English Test
- ▼ College Algebra 22 on ACT Mathematics Test
- ▼ College Social Sciences 21 on ACT Reading Test
- ▼ College Biology 24 on ACT Science Test

A benchmark score is the minimum score needed on an ACT subject-area test to indicate a 50 percent chance of obtaining a B or higher, or a 75 percent chance of obtaining a C or higher, in the corresponding credit-bearing college course.

EXPLORE and PLAN College Readiness Benchmark Scores

The EXPLORE and PLAN college readiness benchmark scores are based on the ACT benchmarks. They reflect students' expected growth from EXPLORE to PLAN to the ACT and assume sustained academic effort throughout high school. The EXPLORE and PLAN benchmark scores are associated with a 50 percent chance of meeting or exceeding the relevant ACT benchmark score.

College Course/ACT, PLAN, or EXPLORE Subject Area Test	College Readiness Benchmark Score		
	ACT	PLAN	EXPLORE
▼ English Composition/English	18	15	13
▼ Algebra/Mathematics	22	19	17
▼ Social Sciences/Reading	21	17	15
▼ Biology/Science	24	21	20