

# ACT

## **Description of the test:**

The ACT is a national college admission examination that consists of subject area tests in English, Mathematics, Reading, and Science. The ACT includes 215 multiple-choice questions and takes approximately 3 hours and 30 minutes to complete with breaks. The basic registration fee is \$30.00 which includes score reports for up to four college choices.

## **Why is the test given?**

College and Universities often require ACT results as a part of admission requirements.

## **Who participates in the test?**

People of all ages and grade levels are eligible to take the ACT. This includes junior high or middle school students and those who have already graduated from high school.

## **When are the results available?**

The ACT is administered on five test dates—in October, December, February, April, and June. Results are available online approximately three weeks after administration.

## **How are the results used?**

- Universities and Colleges use ACT results as a part of the admission criteria.
- The School District of Waukesha uses ACT results to assess the rigor and relevance of the core curriculum. This includes audits of individual courses and trend analysis of student achievement.

## **How are the results communicated to the community?**

A summary of the School District of Waukesha performance is available here. The results of all public schools are available at the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction website <http://data.dpi.state.wi.us/data/selschool.asp>