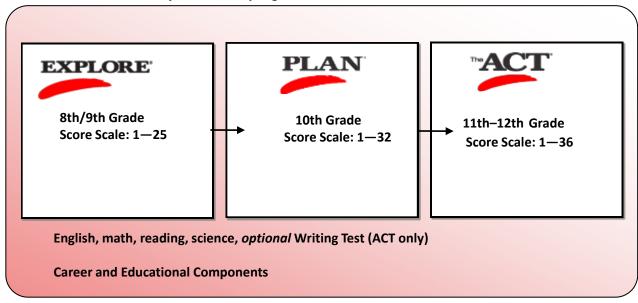
Understanding Your Child's EXPLORE[®] Results

Preparing them for a World of Possibilities In High School and Beyond!



What is the EXPLORE? It is part of ACT's College and Career Readiness System

The College Readiness System is a comprehensive program intended to help assist schools and districts in preparing every student for college and a career. The system is a fully aligned curriculum and research-based solution.



Why take the EXPLORE?

- EXPLORE shows your child's academic strengths and weaknesses in English, mathematics, reading, and science.
- EXPLORE helps your child search for careers and learn which ones might be right for them.
- EXPLORE helps your child choose high school courses that will prepare them for college and work.

EXPLORE Results will help your child:

- See what their academic skills are right now, and how they can improve them.
- Know if they are on track to be college ready.
- Think about careers.

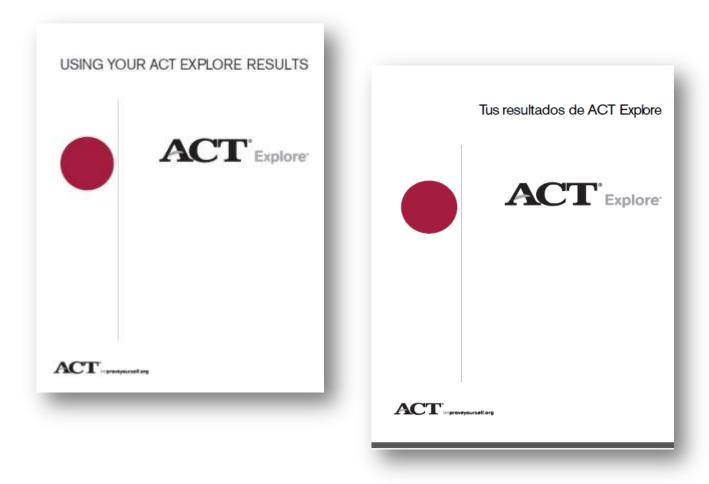
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Materials For This Session



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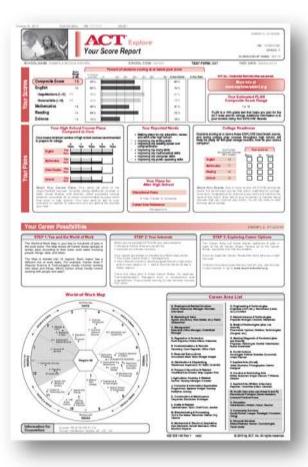


What's the test like?

EXPLORE includes four multiple-choice tests covering English, mathematics, reading, and science (the same subjects covered by the ACT test).

Subject	Number of Questions	How Long It Takes
English	40	30 minutes
Math	30	30 minutes
Reading	30	30 minutes
Science	28	30 minutes

EXPLORE also includes a 72 item interest inventory that asks questions about the types of work tasks your student would or would not like to do.



EXPLORE Score Report Side 1

Student/School Information



College Readiness benchmarks What do they mean?

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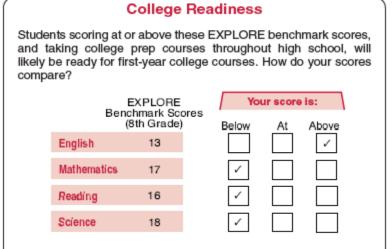
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English	English Composition	13	15	18
Math	Algebra	17	19	22
Reading	Social Sciences	15	17	21
Science	Biology	20	21	24

50% chance of achieving a B or higher or about a 75% chance of achieving a C or higher in the corresponding credit-bearing college course

College Readiness



About Your Scores. One or more of your EXPLORE scores fall below the benchmark scores that show readiness for collegelevel work. Suggestions for improving your skills are listed on the back of this report. Also, talk to your counselor or teacher about courses that can improve your skills. It's not too early to start thinking about college.

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Your Child's Estimated PLAN[®] Composite Score Range

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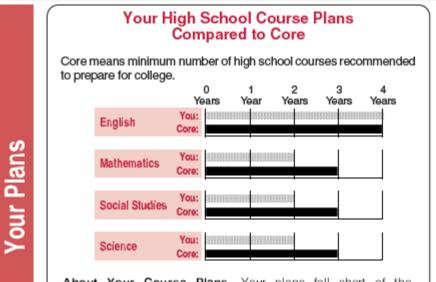
More Info at www.explorestudent.org

Your Estimated PLAN Composite Score Range

15-18

PLAN is a 10th-grade test that helps you plan for the ACT tests and for college. Additional information is in your booklet *Using Your EXPLORE Results*.

Your Child's High School Course Plans Compared to Core



About Your Course Plans. Your plans fall short of the recommended courses. Consider taking additional courses in Math, Social Studies, and Science. (Most successful college students completed all of these recommended courses when they were in high school.) You may want to talk to your counselor or teacher to make sure you are getting the courses you need.

Student Scores

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Rhetorical Skills (1-12)	08	70%								74%	
Mathematics	14	36%							1	41%	
Reading	15	64%							T T	72%	
Science	13	15%								18%	

Areas in Which You Child Would Like Additional Help

Your Reported Needs

- Making plans for my education, career, and work after high school
- Improving my writing skills
- Improving my reading speed and comprehension
- Improving my study skills
 - Improving my mathematical skills
 - · Improving my computer skills
- Improving my public speaking skills

Your Child's Plans for After High School



Interest Inventory & The Holland Codes

"The choice of a vocation is an expression of personality"

72 interest inventory questions generate scores associated with theory:

Realistic - practical, physical, hands-on, tool-oriented Investigative - analytical, intellectual, scientific, explorative Artistic - creative, original, independent, chaotic Social - cooperative, supporting, helping, healing/nurturing Enterprising - competitive environments, leadership, persuading Conventional - detail-oriented, organizing, clerical

Career Possibilities

Your Career Possibilities

The World-of-Work Map is your key to hundreds of jobs in the work world. The Map shows 26 Career Areas longups of similar jobs) according to their basic work tasks involving people, things, dats, and ideas.

The Map is divided into 12 regions. Each region has a different mix of work tasks. For example, Career Area P (Natural Science & Technologies) mostly involves working with ideas and things. Which Career Areas mostly involve working with people and data?

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E. Communications & Records Secretary, Court Reporter, Office Clerk

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Career Area List

STEP 2: Your Interests STEP 3: Exploring Career Options When you compliated EXPLORE you were alread to

Why Think About College Now ?









DEAR ARIZONA STUDENT,

When I was young, I had big dreams for my future. Thanks to the support and encouragement of my parents, teachers and friends, I worked my way through high school and graduated from college.

One of the first lessons I learned early on was that in order to achieve my dreams, I had to work hard and be committed. I also learned that it's never too early to start planning and preparing for the life you want after high school.

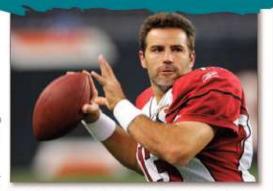
Using this brochure as your guide, both you and your family can work together to plan and prepare for the

variety of opportunities that lie ahead for you. High school graduation is no longer the finish line. Postsecondary education is a must and is an option for every student. You just have to take proactive steps to get there.

Good luck, and remember, don't ever give up on your dreams. All things are possible. And don't be alraid to ask for help along the way!

Rod R Kurt Warr





Four Steps to Success

FOUR STEPS TO A SUCCESSFUL AND REWARDING LIFE



The first step to success is to dream. Envision your ideal life. What kind of lifestyle do you want to have? How do you want to spend your time? How might your interests and talents be used in an ideal job? What could you do to make the world a better place? Give yourself the freedom to dream big about your future.

STEP 2 PLAN

Planning is the critical second step to success. Once you've pictured the life you want, you'll need to figure out the steps to get there. Regardless of the career you envision for yourself. you will need training beyond high school to get there. And, you will need to complete specific classes in high school. So, starting with your goal in mind, work backwards to figure out what you need to be doing now, and throughout high school, to prepare for the education or training you will need after high school.

WORK HARD

Working hard is the third step to achieving your goals. There is no substitute for hard work and determination. As you take the steps toward your own successful future, challenge yourself and always give 100% effort to your school work and your out-of-school activities. Performing well academically not only opens doors for you, but also gives you the personal satisfaction of knowing that you did your best.

TRACK

You've got a dream, you've got a plan, and you're working hard! But unless you keep *track* of the progress you're making to achieve your goals, it can be easy to get off-track along the way. Use this Guide to help you dream, commit to your plan (write it down), and then keep track of your progress as you go along. Use the grade-by-grade checklists in this Guide to help make keeping track easier.

What does college cost?

> TO FINDING MONEY

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DID YOU KNOW? In 2010-11, there was more than \$227.2 belion in financial aid distributed to graduate and undergraduate students.

SUBMIT AFAFSL Submit a FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) by February 14 of your senior year. Even if you don't receive federal grant assistance, the FAFSA is required for other types of assistance. Visit www.fstas.ed.gov to learn more and to compile

Scores http://www.scollegeboard.org/ downloads/Student Air 2011.mlf

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SAVE YOUR MONEY. Any money that you save or start putting aside before you graduate high school will be helpful with the costs of college later. Visit your local bank to open a savings account for your deposits. If you receive monetary gifts from family or friends, put at least half in your college-savings bank account.

EXPLORE ALL YOUR OPTIONS. Find out If your parents' workplaces offer scholarships for children of employees. If so, apply for them!

FIND FREE MONEY. Use tree scholarship searches such as www.FastWeb.com, www.flraid.org, www.azbundation.org/ static/Scholarships/currentOpportunities.shtml, and www.pay4collegeartzona.gov to learn about scholarships.

ASK ABOUT WORK STUDY PROGRAMS. Ask about work-study jobs when you apply for financial aid. Employment at your school can benefit you in many ways.

SWE SMART. Consider opening a tax-advantaged college savings account such as the Artzona Family College Savings (529) Program or Coverdate Educational Savings Account. Contributions to a 529 college savings account can grow tax-free and distributions are not taxed when used for qualified higher education expenses such as suffort, books and frees. See www.azfs29.gov for more information.



8E PERSSEENE. Explore any and all organizations that might be offering scholarships including churches, your parent's employers and civic organizations.

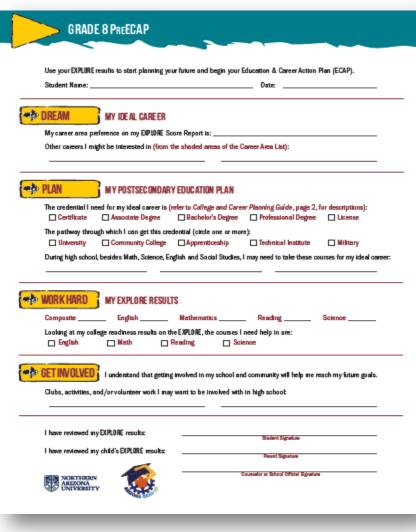
WHAT DOES COLLEGE COST?

Going to college full-time in Arizona can cost annually anywhere from \$3,000 to attend a community college (while living at home) to \$21,000 for a public university (living on campus) for tuftion, book, fees and housing. You need to plan ahead by saving, applying for financial assistance and/or competing for scholarships. Don't assume you cannot afford college. There are many resources available. Find more at finald.org and www.studentaid.ed.gov.



What is a PreECAP?

Please look for your student's PreECAP – Parents, please review this with your child and return to the school with your signature.



Keys to Good Educational and Career Planning

- Explore the many career options available and think about how their career choices will affect their future.
 - STEP2 PLAN
- Set career goals and develop an educational plan to achieve them.



 Students should take challenging college prep courses in high school.



Your Child should now:

- Think about what they have learned about themselves from the EXPLORE Results.
- Study hard and take the right courses in high school.
- Ask for help when they need it, from teachers, counselors and parents.
- Remember every day in school and every test they take is important for their future –
- They should always do their best!



Check out EXPECT MORE ARIZONA Website for Parent Resources along with the College and Career Planning Guide.



Map Your Way to Success!

It's never too early to start thinking and planning for postsecondary education. There are many options available to you and now is the time to start preparing for your postsecondary education experience.

Your College and Career Dreams are Just Four Steps Away!



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Frequently Asked Questions about the EXPLORE[®] Test

The <u>EXPLORE</u>[®] program prepares eighth- and ninth-graders for their high school coursework and their post-high school choices. EXPLORE tests have content similar to the PLAN[®] and the ACT[®].

- Why should my kid take EXPLORE?
- What's the test like?
- How do we sign up?

Why should my kid take EXPLORE?

EXPLORE helps students identify areas of academic strength and weakness in four areas important for success in



Using EXPLORE and PLAN to Get Ready for College This five-minute video illustrates how ACT's EXPLORE and PLAN programs can help

students get ready for college.

Using EXPLORE, PLAN and ACT test scores

http://www.act.org/path/parent/tests/explore.html