

Frequently Asked Questions Regarding the ACT administered on March 1

On March 1, 2016, all Juniors in Wisconsin will be administered the ACT (including the writing portion). Juniors should report to the Germantown High School and come prepared with at least two sharpened pencils with erasers and a calculator that meets the [requirements](http://www.actstudent.org/faq/calculator.html) on the ACT website (<http://www.actstudent.org/faq/calculator.html>).

Is the ACT administered on March 1 to all Juniors in Wisconsin the same as the ACT typically taken on Saturdays?

Yes! The ACT being administered on March 1 is identical to the ACT typically offered at various site locations on Saturday mornings. The ACT administration on March 1 includes the writing portion as well.

Do students need to register to take the ACT on March 1 as they typically would for a Saturday administration session?

No. All Juniors in the state of Wisconsin will be taking the ACT on March 1. There is no need to register for the testing session.

Are students able to notify colleges of the score they receive on the March 1 administration?

Yes! Students are able to use the Educational Opportunities Services (EOS), the ACT communication system between ACT and potential colleges. Students can choose to report the scores to no more than four colleges.

Can students cancel reports to colleges after receiving the scores?

No. Once the ACT is administered and collected on March 1, there is not a way to cancel reports to colleges.

Do students need to report the score of the ACT taken on March 1 to colleges?

No. Students can opt out from EOS and not report scores to colleges. However, if a student decides to report out the scores to the colleges after the ACT has been taken, the cost of communicating the score to colleges will be responsibility of the student/family.

Is there a fee for the March 1 administration?

No. This ACT administration is offered at no charge to students.

What if a student is ill on March 1?

There is a make-up date scheduled for March 15.

Can a parent/guardian opt-out of the ACT testing? If so, how?

A parent or guardian can request an opt-out for his/her student for state assessments. According to state statute, “a parent must submit a written request for student opt-out to the principal or school board. If the student is in grades 4, 8 and 9-11, the request must be granted. However, if the student is not in the above mentioned grade levels, the decision to grant the request is at the discretion of the school board.” All students opting out the testing will be documented as “not tested” for the school and district reporting.

Will Germantown High School continue offering the Saturday administration of the ACT?

Yes. Germantown High School will continue offering the ACT on designated Saturday test dates.

Why would a student decide to take the ACT at a location of a Saturday administration if he/she is required to take it on March 1?

According to the ACT website, “research shows that of students from the 2014 graduating class who took the ACT more than once:

- 57% increased their Composite score on the retest
- 21% had no change in their Composite score on the retest
- 22% decreased their Composite score on the retest

For students with an initial ACT Composite score between 13 and 29, the typical ACT Composite score from the second testing is about 1 point higher.

- The lower your initial ACT Composite score, the more likely your second score will be higher than the first score.
- The higher your initial ACT Composite score, the more likely your second score will be the same as or lower than the first score.”

For additional information about the ACT, please visit the [ACT FAQ website](#). Please note that the questions in the “Registration Questions” do not pertain to the March 1 test administration session. However, the “General Questions about the ACT,” “Understanding Scores,” and the “Score Reports” provide additional information about the ACT.