



Dear Parent/Guardian,

Please read about this opportunity from our Hawaii Department of Education.

Opportunity to Take the ACT® Test for Free

The Hawaii Department of Education is paying for juniors to take the ACT® test with writing at school, during the school day, on **February 25, 2020**, to assist students as they prepare for their future after high school. There is **no cost to you** for this administration.

Benefits of Taking the ACT

The ACT includes multiple-choice tests in English, mathematics, reading, and science, and a writing essay in English. It matches well with the state's education standards, measures what is learned in high school, and will provide a gauge of academic readiness for college classes. Additionally, the results may be used when exploring college majors, careers, and life goals.

Completing Non-Test Information

Students will receive a *Taking the ACT* booklet, which includes a checklist for taking the ACT, information about sending and receiving scores, testing rules and policies, and non-test questions. Students are required to provide identifying information—name (first, last, middle initial), date of birth, and mailing address—for ACT to generate and deliver score reports. Questions about college and career interests are optional, and include high school course/grade information, a Student Profile Section, and an Interest Inventory section.

Participation in EOS

One of the optional non-test information questions is to participate in the **free** Educational Opportunity Service (EOS) from ACT, which allows colleges, universities, financial aid and scholarship agencies, and other educational programs to provide information to students. ACT research shows that participating in EOS benefits students by giving them greater access to information about colleges and programs of study, expanding their possibilities for future success.

Student Information Shared with Organizations Participating in EOS

- Name, mailing address, email address, gender, date of birth, racial/ethnicity background
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- High school, year of high school graduation, intended college major and occupational choice
- Information provided in the Student Profile Section, the ACT test score range

All organizations participating in EOS have agreed to use this information only for the purpose of sharing information about their educational, scholarship, or financial aid programs with students.

Opting out of EOS

This service may be stopped at any time by contacting ACT at 319.337.1350 or completing this form: <https://www.act.org/content/act/en/products-and-services/the-act/opting-out-of-eos.html>.

State Use Questions

The Hawaii department of Education has compiled a few questions that students will be asked. These are related to our school system, accountability, and accommodations.

Preparation Resources

Find preparation resources at www.act.org/info-for-examinees.

- *Preparing for the ACT*, test taking strategies, tips for each content area, a complete practice test
- ACT Academy™, a personalized learning tool and test practice program
- *Taking the ACT*, a checklist for taking the ACT, information about sending and receiving scores, testing rules and policies, non-test questions