ACT Parental Consent Form

Each year, Kentucky public school students in grade eleven (11) are required by state law to take a standard college entrance exam. The Kentucky Department of Education (KDE) administers the ACT test for this purpose. Below is information to help parents understand the non-test activity that accompanies the actual test. The KDE Office of Assessment and Accountability requests you read this information, complete the consent portion, and return it to your student's school.

Features and benefits of taking the ACT® test:

- It measures what students have learned in high school.
- There is **no cost** to the student or the family for this administration.
- Testing will occur during the school day.
- The results can be used for admission to many colleges and universities.
- The results will help determine the student's academic readiness for college and provide career guidance based on information provided to ACT.

What information does ACT want to know?

Before test day, students will be asked to provide basic identifying information and information about their college and career interests. *Note: ACT does not require a Social Security number.*

Information Type	Description	Specific Field/Section
Required	These fields are required for ACT to generate and deliver the student's score report.	- Name (first, last, middle initial) - Date of birth - Mailing address
Optional	Some sections collect additional information about the student and their college and career interests. These sections are helpful for college and career planning. ACT encourages students to complete these optional sections so that they can receive additional college and career planning information in addition to the test scores on the score reports. *Note: If the student chooses not to complete these sections, the score reports will be partially blank. This includes reports sent to the student's high school, any colleges or universities, and their ACT Educational Opportunity Service (EOS) information.*	- High school course/grade information - Student Profile Section - Interest Inventory (see below)

ACT Interest Inventory

Kentucky students will have access to information for planning beyond high school by completing the non-test portions of the ACT. The ACT Interest Inventory is completed prior to the test date and is considered to be part of the "non-test" portion of the assessment. In completing the non-test portions, students will provide information which will result in personalized career information and a comprehensive profile for colleges which demonstrates work done in high school as well as future plans. As part of the Interest Inventory students are asked questions related to interest in postsecondary education, educational needs and interests, factors influencing college choices, etc. The interest inventory questions are optional and can be found in the document *Taking the ACT, https://www.act.org/content/dam/act/secured/documents/TakingTheACT-StateandDistrict.pdf*. Parents can direct their student to not participate in the interest inventory or skip specific questions.

ACT Educational Opportunity Service (EOS)

EOS is an optional program that can help students learn about educational, scholarship, career, and financial aid opportunities at no charge. Students can opt into this service and provide the Interest Inventory and other non-test information.

ACT research shows that EOS participation benefits students by giving them greater access to information about colleges and programs of study, expanding their possibilities for future success.

Who has access to EOS information?

ACT follows industry standards for high levels of security to protect private and personally identifiable information. ACT only shares EOS data with:

- Colleges and Universities
- Financial aid and scholarship agencies
- Civilian and military agencies
- Organizations that offer educational, civic engagement, extracurricular, and career opportunities, products and services

All third-party organizations that participate in EOS agree to contact students only to share information about their educational and/or financial aid programs.

Note: You may withdraw from this service at any time. Simply contact ACT or visit the EOS program information page at https://www.act.org/content/act/en/products-and-services/the-act/opting-out-of-eos.html

Contact Us

If you have any questions, you are welcome to contact your school, the KDE Office of Assessment and Accountability (Shara.Savage@education.ky.gov) or ACT (statetesting@act.org).