PreACT® Student Record Layout

Record Length = 1,200 characters

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9–14	Student Attended Site Code	6-digit ACT-SAT code; from School Header if testing at own school; from block L if not testing at own school
15-20	District Code	Unique code assigned by ACT
21–22	State Code	2-digit state code assigned by ACT; see State Codes on page 9
23–25	Group Code	
26–28	Sort Code	Optional local code entered in block M of answer folder
29–31	Cycle	Processing cycle assigned by ACT
32	Equating Flag	1 if administered in equating study; otherwise blank
33	Testing at Your Own School	Y/N
34–39	Test Site Code	6-digit ACT-SAT code; from School Header
44–85	Student Name	
44–68	Last Name	
69–84	First Name	
85	Middle Initial	
107–109	Doc ID	Document type assigned by ACT
110–117	Date of Birth	yyyymmdd
118	Gender	M = Male
		F = Female
		A = Another Gender
		P = Prefer not to respond
119	Race/Ethnicity	1 = Black/African American
		2 = American Indian/Alaska Native
		3 = White
		4 = Hispanic/Latino
		5 = Asian
		6 = Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander
		7 = Two or more races
		8 = I prefer not to respond
130–131	Reporting Grade	08/below-12/other, system derived grade used in reporting
132-139	Test Date	yyyymmdd
140-141	School Header Grade	08/below–12/other, as recorded by test coordinator in
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145	Public/Private	Type of school: 1 = Public; 2 = Private
146-147	Student Grid Grade	08/below–12/other, as recorded by student in Block J
		of answer folder or Pre-ID
150–161	Test Scale Scores	01–35
150–151	English	"**" = test voided by administrator
152–153	Mathematics	"" = test not attempted
154–155	Reading	
156–157	Science	
158–159	Composite	
160–161 162–195	STEM Subtest Raw Scores	"**" = test voided by administrator
162-193		"" = test voided by administrator "" = test not attempted
164–165	Production of Writing Knowledge of Language	test not attempted
166–167	Conventions of Standard English	
168–169	Preparing for Higher Math	
170–109	Number & Quantity	
170–171	Algebra	
172-173	Functions	
174-173	Geometry	
178–177	Statistics & Probability	
180–181	Integrating Essential Skills	
182–183	Modeling	
184–185	Key Ideas & Details	
186–187	Craft & Structure	
188–189	Integration of Knowledge & Ideas	
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190–191	Interpretation of Data	
192-193	Scientific Investigation	
194–195	Evaluation of Models, Inferences &	
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198-221	PreACT Scale Score Range	01-35
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200–201	PreACT English High	"**" = test voided by administrator
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210-211	PreACT Science Low	
212-213	PreACT Science High	
214-215	PreACT Composite Low	
216–217	PreACT Composite High	
218–219	PreACT STEM Low	
220–221	PreACT STEM High	
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230-231	Pred. ACT English Low	•
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234–235	Pred. ACT Math Low	
236–237	Pred. ACT Math High	
238-239	Pred. ACT Reading Low	
240-241	Pred. ACT Reading High	
242-243	Pred. ACT Science Low	
244–245	Pred. ACT Science High	
246–247	Pred. ACT Composite Low	
248–249	Pred. ACT Composite High	
250-251	Pred. ACT STEM Low	
252-253	Pred. ACT STEM High	
254–271	National Norms	001–100
254–256	9	"" = test not attempted
257-259	Mathematics	
260–262	Reading	
263–265	Science	
266–268	Composite	
269–271	STEM	
280–283	Plans and Background	
280	Language	A = English
		B = A language other than English
		C = English and another language about the same
		D = Prefer not to respond
281	High School Study	A = College prep
		B = Other (career/technical, other)
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282		B = High school diploma or equivalent
283	Highest Ed Level of Father/Guardian 2	C = Career/technical training such as military,
		apprenticeship, certificate program, etc.
		D = Some college, but no degree
		E = 2-year college degree (associate's)
		F = 4-year college degree (bachelor's)
		G = Some education or degree above a 4-year college degree
		H = I don't know
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285	Vocal music	blank = not selected by examinee
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287	Speech/public speaking/debate	
288	Art-related	
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289	Dramatics, theater	
290	Varsity athletic	
291	Science-related	
292	Academic honors organizations	
293	Cheerleading/school spirit	
294	Community service/involvement	
295	Ethnic organization	
296	Foreign exchange or study abroad	
297	Political organization	
298	Radio/TV	
299	Religious organization	
300	ROTC	
301	Social club or fraternity/sorority	
302	Student government	
303	Not currently participating in any of the	ese activities
304	Participation in College Outreach	Y/N
305	Hours Worked	A = None
		B = 1–5 hours per week
		C = 6-10 hours per week
		D = 11–15 hours per week
		E = 16–20 hours per week
		F = more than 20 hours per week
306	Educational Plans after High School	A = Not planning to complete high school
		B = No education or other training planned for after
		high school
		C = Job-related training offered through military
		service
		D = Apprenticeship or other on-the-job training
		E = Career/technical school
		F = 2-year community college or junior college
		G = 4-year college or university
		H = Graduate or professional studies after a 4-year
		degree
		I = Undecided about future educational plans J = Other
307	Career Choice	See Career Clusters and Career Areas, page 10
307 308–309		
300-309	Religious Preference	See PreACT Instructions for Completing Your Answer Folder
310	EOS Release	Y/N
311–314	Void Scoring Codes	1 = test voided by administrator
311	English	
312	Mathematics	
313	Reading	
314	Science	
315-321	Needs Assessment	Y/N See Needs Assessment, page 10
315	Post High School Plans	
316	Writing	
317	Reading	
318	Study	
319	Mathematics	
320	Computer	
321	Public Speaking	
322-411	UNIACT Interest Inventory Items	1 = Dislike
		2 = Indifferent
		3 = Like
412-430	Career Map Regions	
412-413	Region 1	0 = Region 99; 1–12 (see Career Map on page 17 of
		the Interpretive Guide)
414–415	Region 2	0 = Region 99; 1–12
416–417	Region 3	0 = Region 99; 1-12
420–422	% L responses	000-100
		(continued on next page)

PreACT S	Student Record Layout De	-
LOCATION	FIELD NAME	FIELD CONTENT
423-425	% I responses	000-100
426-428	% D responses	000-100
429	II IOK (For ACT use)	
430	II Shading Flag (For ACT use)	
431-436	UNIACT Stanines	1-9
431	Technical	
432	Science & Technology	
433	Arts	
434	Social Service	
435	Administration & Sales	
436	Business Operations	
437-448	UNIACT Standard Scores	20-80
437-438	Technical	
439-440	Science & Technology	
441-442	Arts	
443-444	Social Service	
445-446	Administration & Sales	
447-448	Business Operations	
449-466	UNIACT Percentiles	0-100
449-451	Technical	
452-454	Science & Technology	
455-457	Arts	
458-460	Social Service	
461-463	Administration & Sales	
464-466	Business Operations	
467-596	Course/Grade Information	For each course listed; if no value, reported as blank.
467-469	English 9	1st byte:
470–472	English 10	1 = Responded: Completed or currently taking for ½ year
473–475	English 11	2 = Responded: Completed or currently taking for 1 year
476-478	English 12	3 = Responded: Plan to take for ½ year
479-481	Other English	4 = Responded: Plan to take for 1 year
482-484	Other English	5 = Assumed: Completed or currently taking for $\frac{1}{2}$ year
485–487	Other English	6 = Assumed: Completed or currently taking for 1 year
488–490	Total Years of English Taken or Planned	7 = Assumed: Plan to take for 1/2 year
491–493	Algebra 1	8 = Assumed: Plan to take for 1 year
494–496	Geometry	0 = No Response
497–499	Algebra2	2nd byte: grade each for full term
500-502	Trigonometry	4 = A; 3 = B; 2 = C; 1 = D; 0 = F
503–505	Pre-Calculus	3rd byte: 1 = Honors, AP or IB
506–508	Calculus	
509–511	Other Advanced Math	
512–514	Other Advanced Math	
515–517	Integrated Math 9	
518–520	Integrated Math 10	
521–523	Integrated Math 11	
524–526	Integrated Math 12	
527–529	Total Years of Math Taken or Planned	
530–532	US History	
533–535	World History	
536–538	Government/Civics	
539–541	Global Studies	
542–544	Geography	
545–547	Economics	
548–550	Psychology	
551–553	Sociology	
554–556	Other Social Studies	
557–559	Other Social Studies	
560–562	Total Years of Social Studies Taken or Pla	anned
563–565	Physical Science	
566–568	Biology 1	
		(continued on next page)

PreACT	Student Record Layout	Description (continued)
LOCATION	FIELD NAME	FIELD CONTENT
569–571	Biology 2	
572-574	Chemistry 1	
575-577	Chemistry 2	
578-580	Physics	
581–583	Anatomy/Physiology	
584-586	Other Natural Science	
587-589	Other Natural Science	
590-592	Total Years of Natural Sciences Take	n or Planned
593-596	Foreign Languages	1 = 1-1.5 years
593	Spanish	2 = 2–2.5 years
594	French	3 = 3–3.5 years
595	German	4 = 4–4.5 years
596	Other Language (not English)	5 = 5 or more years
597	Interest Career Fit	
598–600		0.0–4.0, or blank
601–612	Calculated HS GPA by Subject	0.0–4.0, or blank
601–603	Calculated English GPA	
604–606		
607–609	Calculated Social Studies GPA	
610–612	Calculated Natural Sciences GPA	
613	Core Indicator	1 = Meets core
		2 = Does not meet core
		3 = Incomplete CGIS Information
61/ 605	Complemental Level Bone	0 = Blank CGIS Information
614–625 626–628	Supplemental Local Items	A–E, locally defined
	Test Form Assumed Form Indicator	Diamita - valid taat farma musiidad
629	Assumed Form indicator	Blank = valid test form provided 1 = Test form missing or double gridded, default form
		code assigned
		2 = Test form missing or double gridded, assumed
		form logic used to assign a form code
630	Accommodation	1 = Extended time/standard materials
		2 = Large-print test/standard time
		3 = Large-print test/extended time
		4 = Audio USB Drive test/extended time
		5 = Reader script/extended time
		6 = Braille test/extended time
		7 = Scribe/standard time
		8 = Scribe/extended time
		9 = Assistive communication device/extended time
		0 = Reserved for future use
631–640	Special Status	All Y or blank
631	HB SE	Homebound
632 633	LEP	Special Education Limited English Proficiency
634	FL	Eligible for free/reduced price lunch
635	ME	Migrant Education
636	M	Title I Math
637	B	Title I Reading
638	X	Locally defined
639	Y	Locally defined
640	Z	Locally defined
641–785	Test Item Responses	1 = A or F
		2 = B or G
		3 = C or H
		4 = D or J
		5 = E or K (math only)
		"*" = Double Grid
		(continued on next page)
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LOCATION	FIELD NAME	FIELD CONTENT
641–685	English	
691–726	Math	
731–755	Reading	
756–785	Science	
786-930	0/1 Vectors	1 = correct response
		0 = incorrect response
786–830	English	
836–871	Math	
876–900	Reading	
901-930	Science	
931–938	Test Raw Scores	
931–932	English	00–45
933-934	Math	00–36
935–936	Reading	00–25
937–938	Science	00–30
947-1022	Student Address	
947-986	Mailing Address	
987-1011	City	
1012-1013	State	State postal abbreviation
1014-1022	ZIP	ZIP plus 4
1050-1064	Student ID Number	Assigned by school or district
1065–1079	User Defined Field 1	Pass through fields from Pre-ID file
1080-1094	User Defined Field 2	Pass through fields from Pre-ID file
1095-1109	User Defined Field 3	Pass through fields from Pre-ID file

STATE CODES (positions 21–22)					
	NUM.	ALPHA.		NUM.	ALPHA.
Alabama	01	AL	North Dakota	35	ND
Alaska	02	AK	Ohio	36	ОН
Arizona	03	AZ	Oklahoma	37	OK
Arkansas	04	AR	Oregon	38	OR
California	05	CA	Pennsylvania	39	PA
Colorado	06	CO	Rhode Island	40	RI
Connecticut	07	CT	South Carolina	41	SC
Delaware	08	DE	South Dakota	42	SD
D.C.	09	DC	Tennessee	43	TN
Florida	10	FL	Texas	44	TX
Georgia	11	GA	Utah	45	UT
Hawaii	12	HI	Vermont	46	VT
Idaho	13	ID	Virginia	47	VA
Illinois	14	IL	Washington	48	WA
Indiana	15	IN	West Virginia	49	WV
lowa	16	IA	Wisconsin	50	WI
Kansas	17	KS	Wyoming	51	WY
Kentucky	18	KY			
Louisiana	19	LA	Puerto Rico	52	PR
Maine	20	ME	Canada	53	CN
Maryland	21	MD	All Other	55	FN
Massachusetts	22	MA	All Other	22	FIN
Michigan	23	MI	Marshall Islands	57	МН
Minnesota	24	MN	Northern Mariana	58	MP
Mississippi	25	MS	Micronesia	60	FM
Missouri	26	MO	American Samoa	61	AS
Montana	27	MT	Palau	62	PW
Nebraska	28	NE	Guam	63	GU
Nevada	29	NV	Virgin Islands	66	VI
New Hampshire	30	NH	J		**
New Jersey	31	NJ	U.S. Military		
New Mexico	32	NM	Europe	85	AE
New York	33	NY	Stateside	86	AA
North Carolina	34	NC	Pacific	87	AP

Needs Assessment

(Areas in which the student indicated they needed additional help)

- Making plans for my education, career, and work after high school
- 2. Improving my writing skills
- 3. Improving my reading speed or comprehension
- 4. Improving my study skills
- 5. Improving my mathematical skills
- 6. Improving my computer skills
- 7. Improving my public speaking skills

Career Clusters and Career Areas

Administration & Sales Career Cluster

A. Employment-Related Services

Managers (Human Resources, Training/Education, Employee Benefits, etc.); Recruiter; Interviewer; Mediator

B. Marketing & Sales

Agents (Insurance, Real Estate, Travel, etc.); Buyer; Sales/ Manufacturers' Representatives; Retail Salesworker; Telemarketer

C. Management

Executive; Purchaser; General Managers (Financial, Office, Property, etc.); Specialty Managers (Retail Store, Hotel/Motel, Food Service, etc.). Other managers are in Career Areas related to their work. For example, see Career Area A.

D. Regulation & Protection

Inspectors (Customs, Food/Drug, etc.); Police Officer; Detective; Park Ranger; Security Manager; Guard

Business Operations Career Cluster

E. Communications & Records

Receptionist; Secretary (including Legal and Medical); Court Reporter; Clerks (Order, Billing, Hotel, etc.)

F. Financial Transactions

Accountant/Auditor; Cashier; Bank Teller; Budget/Credit Analysts; Tax Preparer

G. Distribution & Dispatching

Shipping/Receiving Clerks; Warehouse Supervisor; Mail Carrier; Dispatchers; Air Traffic Controller

Technical Career Cluster

H. Transport Operation & Related

Truck/Bus/Cab Drivers; Locomotive Engineer; Ship Captain; Aircraft Pilot; Sailor; Chauffeur

I. Agriculture, Forestry & Related

Farmer; Nursery Manager; Forester; Groundskeeper; Animal Caretaker; Soil Conservationist

J. Computer & Information Specialties

Programmer; Systems Analyst; Information Systems Manager; Computer Repairer; Website Developer; Actuary

K. Construction & Maintenance

Carpenter; Electrician; Bricklayer; Tile Setter; Painter; Plumber; Roofer; Firefighter; Custodian

L. Crafts & Related

Cabinetmaker; Tailor; Chef/Cook; Baker; Butcher; Jeweler; Silversmith: Hand Crafter

M. Manufacturing & Processing

Tool & Die Maker; Machinist; Welder; Woodworker; Printing Press Operator; Water Plant Operator

N. Mechanical & Electrical Specialties

Mechanics/Technicians (Auto, Aircraft, Heating & Air Conditioning, Electronics, etc.); Repairers (Office Machine, Appliance, TV/DVD, etc.)

Science & Technology Career Cluster

O. Engineering & Technologies

Engineers (Aerospace, Agriculture, Nuclear, Civil, Computer, etc.); Technicians (Electronics, Mechanical, Laser, etc.); Surveyor; Drafter; Architect; Technical Illustrator

P. Natural Science & Technologies

Physicist; Astronomer; Biologist; Statistician; Soil Conservationist; Food Technologist; Crime Lab Technician

Q. Medical Technologies (Also see Area W)

Pharmacist; Optician; Prosthetist; Technologists (Surgical, Medical Lab, EEG, etc.); Dietitian

R. Medical Diagnosis & Treatment (Also see Area W)

Physician; Psychiatrist; Pathologist; Dentist; Optometrist; Veterinarian; Nurse Anesthetist; Audiologist; Physician Assistant

S. Social Science

Sociologist; Experimental Psychologist; Political Scientist; Economist; Criminologist; Urban Planner

Arts Career Cluster

T. Applied Arts (Visual)

Artist; Graphic Artist; Photographer; Illustrator; Floral/Fashion/ Interior Designers; Merchandise Displayer

U. Creative & Performing Arts

Writer/Author; Musician; Singer; Dancer; Music Composer; Movie/TV Directors; Fashion Model

V. Applied Arts (Written & Spoken)

Reporter; Columnist; Editor; Advertising Copywriter; Public Relations Specialist; TV Announcer; Librarian; Interpreter

Social Service Career Cluster

W. Health Care (Also see Areas Q and R)

Administrator; Recreational Therapist; Psychiatric Technician; Dental Hygienist/Assistant; Geriatric Aide; Licensed Practical Nurse

X. Education

Administrator; Teachers & Aides (Preschool, Elementary & Secondary, Special Education, PE, etc.). Other teachers are in Career Areas related to their specialty. For example, Physics Teacher is in Career Area P.

Y. Community Services

Social Service Director; Social Worker; Lawyer; Paralegal; Home Economist; Career Counselor; Clergy

Z. Personal Services

Childcare Specialist; Hairstylist/Barber; Makeup Artist; Flight Attendant: Barista: Travel Guide