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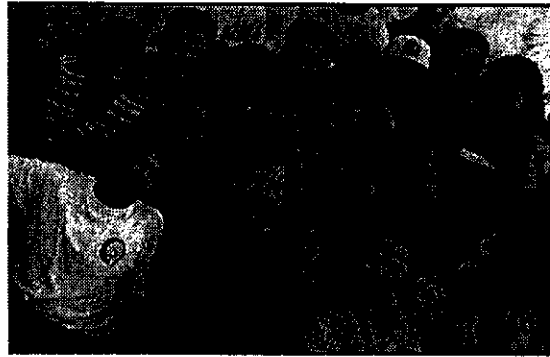
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INFORMATION FOR LIFE'S TRANSITIONS



Helping Students Prepare for College Admission
April 7, 2003

act
assessmentTM

The ACT Assessment is:

a curriculum-based
achievement test that explains
what students know and are
able to do, and provides
guidance for their future plans



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Importance of Test Prep

- Long Term
 - Developmental approach - ACT focuses on "test prep" throughout middle and high school
- Short Term
 - Understanding the content and format of the tests



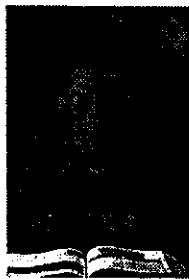
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The ACT Assessment:

focuses on four academic areas

- English
- Math
- Reading
- Science

plus Writing (2004)



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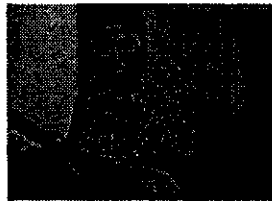
Long Term Test Prep

- Core Coursework

English	4 years
Math	3 years
Social Sciences	3 years
Natural Sciences	3 years

- ACT's Educational Planning and Assessment System (EPAS)

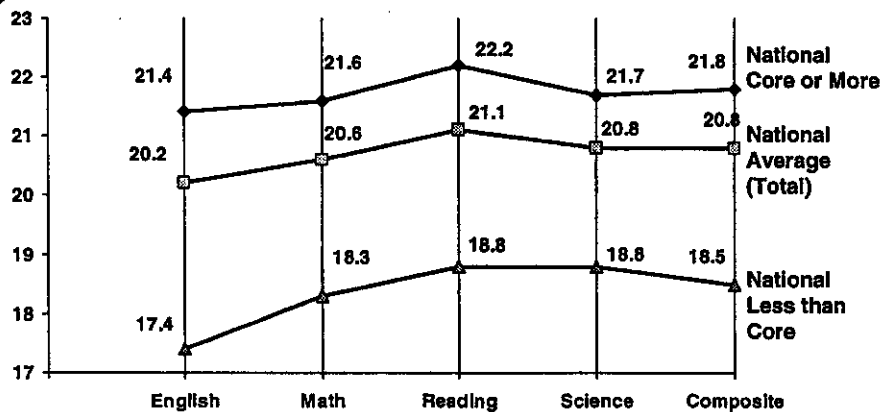
• EXPLORE	grades 8/9
• PLAN	grade 10
• ACT	grade 11/12



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Core Curriculum/ACT Scores

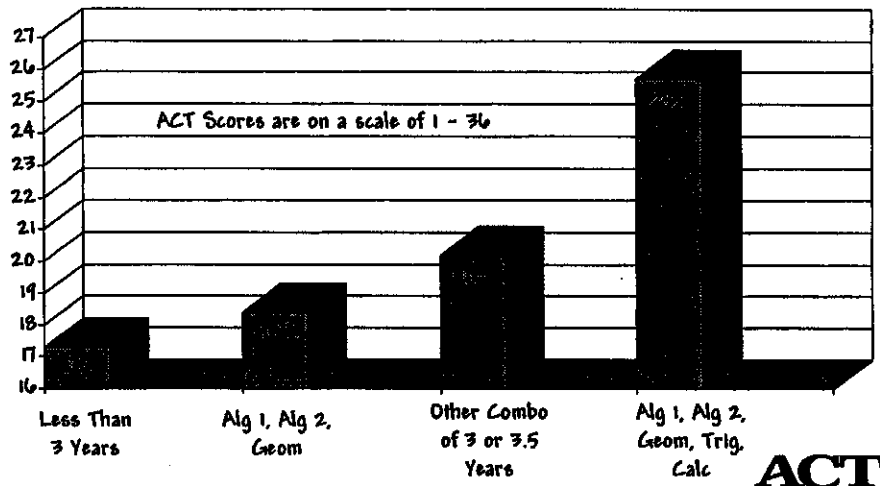
National Class of 2002



The ACT is scored on a scale of 1 - 36

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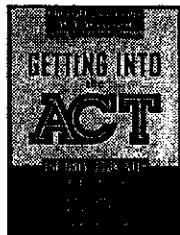
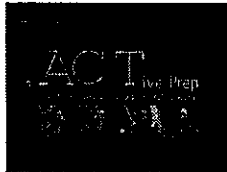
Nevada Class of 2002 ACT Math Scores and Math Course Patterns



Standards *for* Transition™

- Describe what most students are likely to know and be able to do
- Educational expectations for students
- Increasing complexity of knowledge and skills
- Identify what students are ready to learn next
- Helps students prepare for the ACT Assessment.
The Standards for Transition tell students what's *ON* the test!





Short Term Test Prep

- Free Practice tests
- Review core coursework curriculum
- Review and know test-taking tips and strategies
- Know ACT Assessment content and format
- Use ACT's test prep tools

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ACT's Approach to Postsecondary Planning

explore

plan

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- **Planful**
Readiness for life after graduation is a process - not an event
- **Curriculum-based**
Measures skills linked to states' standards and that are needed for subsequent academic success
- **Comprehensive**
Seeing students beyond a test score
- **Versatile**
Multiple purposes, including academic preparation, college readiness, career planning and exploration, course placement, needs assessment



Student Centered

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