

ACT DISTRICT TESTING 2025-2026 PLANNING GUIDE

ACT continues to offer you flexibility in when and how you offer the ACT to your students, with multiple testing windows and choice of paper-pencil or online testing formats.

The ACT District Testing enrollment deadlines and testing event dates have been released for the 2025-2026 school year. Use these dates below to plan ahead and schedule in-school assessment opportunities for your students.

Test Administration*	Enrollment/Signed Agreement & School List Deadline	Paper Test Event**	Online Test Events
Fall 2025 Online & Paper	August 27, 2025	October 14, 2025 (Test Event 1)	October 14-17 & October 20-24 (Test Event 1)
		October 28, 2025 (Test Event 2)	October 28-31 & November 3-7 (Test Event 2)
Initial Spring 2026 Online Only	January 21, 2026	N/A	February 24-27 & March 2-6 (Test Event 1)
Early Spring 2026 Online & Paper	January 21, 2026	March 10, 2026 (Test Event 1)	March 10-13 & March 16-20 (Test Event 1)
		March 24, 2026 (Test Event 2)	March 24-27 & March 30-April 3 (Test Event 2)
Late Spring 2026 Online & Paper	February 18, 2026	April 7, 2026 (Test Event 1)	April 7-10 & April 13-17 (Test Event 1)
		April 21, 2026 (Test Event 2)	April 21-24 & April 27-30, May 1 (Test Event 2)

*Districts may participate in fall and one of three spring administrations.

** Standard Administration (connect with us for more info on accommodation test window dates)



Bookmark this page to see the latest on ACT District Testing enrollment notifications and what's new for the 2025-2026 school year

