

What We've Heard From Students

"The test is too long. I need more time!"

"The science section scares me."

"I want to show off my science and math skills for my major."

"I don't want to test on a computer. I still want paper!"

How the ACT Test Is Improving

We're glad you asked:

We've reduced the number of questions overall (44 fewer questions to be exact).

We've reduced the test length from 195 minutes to 125 minutes.

You get more time per question.

We've reduced the number of math question answer choices from 5 to 4.

Students can now choose to take the ACT with or without science.

Their score report will include a science score and a STEM score if students choose to take the science section.

The choice is still theirs! The ACT is available via paper/pencil or online.

What Does This Mean for the National (Saturday) Testing Experience?

We're providing a test that's more manageable so students can shine, while also maintaining the validity and reliability, as well as predictiveness for first-year success at an institution of higher education, of the ACT.

Students get more choice and more flexibility, allowing them to tailor their experience to fit their needs. This gives them more control over their testing experience.

For students who want to pursue a STEM career, the science section is still there to showcase their skills. This change is all about offering students more control and making the test experience better suited to future goals.

Students can test the way they feel most comfortable and be given the chance to show off their best performance.

Note: If students choose to take the National test online, these enhancements will be made available beginning with the April 2025 ACT test. These enhancements to the National test will take effect, regardless of testing mode, beginning with the September 2025 ACT test.