What We've Heard From You

How the ACT Test Is Improving

What Does This Mean for Your Testing Experience?

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

We're glad you asked:
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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.

"The science section scares me."

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

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

Your score report will include a science score and a STEM score if you choose to take the science section.

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

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

A test that's more manageable and less stressful so you can shine, while also maintaining the integrity and rigor of the ACT that colleges rely on and trust to aid in the admissions process and place you into the right courses.

You get more choice and more flexibility, allowing you to tailor your experience to fit your needs. This gives you more control over your testing experience.

If you're planning to major in science or STEM, or take science courses in college, you still have the option of taking the ACT with science to showcase your skills and work towards your future goals.

You can test the way you feel most comfortable and show off your best performance.

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

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