

The ACT[®]

DISTRICT TESTING



Designed with today's students in mind and supporting a streamlined testing experience that is more accessible and actionable, ACT has enhanced the test to offer greater flexibility while preserving the validity and reliability that K-12 leaders rely on for guiding students toward successful pathways.

Launching to districts in spring 2026, the ACT will be shorter and districts can choose to offer science (similar to writing today).

For details on the updates coming to ACT District testing, visit www.act.org/actenhancements

Each year, K-12 administrators from across the country report an increase in the number of students who apply for college after receiving their ACT[®] test scores thanks to district testing.

The ACT[®] test, a curriculum-based educational and career planning tool, is the **leading college admissions test in nearly half of U.S. states.*** As the capstone of our college and career readiness solutions, the ACT is based on what students learn in high school.

Did you know that **your district can offer an “official” test administration of the ACT at schools during regular school hours on a weekday?** Since 2007, students in 47 states have earned college-reportable scores taking the ACT in their own classrooms through ACT State and District Testing.

Participating in ACT District Testing provides your students with the opportunity to assess their academic skills and level of college readiness in a familiar environment. Having all students participate **raises every student's college readiness, awareness and exposure**, rather than only students who already have plans to attend college. For some students, the experience may help them realize they have the skills to perform college-level coursework.

*The ACT is the #1 taken college admissions test in nearly half of U.S. states (based on 2024 graduating class).



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There are many benefits to ACT District Testing, including:

Benefits To Your District:

- Establish baseline data on student performance and college readiness.
- Provide students who are English learners the ability to accurately reflect what they have learned in school.
- Use data to make informed curriculum decisions and intervention strategies and to advise students.
- Rely on 60 years of research aligned to ACT College and Career Readiness Standards.
- Decide whether to offer writing and/or science* based on your students' needs. (*Beginning spring 2026.)

Benefits to Students:

- Reduce stress levels by providing a familiar testing environment on a regular school day.
- Grant an opportunity to demonstrate what they've learned in their high school courses.
- Eliminate potential transportation concerns for traveling to a test site on the weekend.
- Contribute personalized information to explore future college and career decisions based on their strengths, challenges, and interests.
- Use their scores to apply for financial aid and scholarships.
- Get discovered by scholarship agencies and recruited by colleges if students choose to share their information.

“Before the ACT, different methods to foster student growth and readiness for college were just shots in the dark.”

Greg Upham
Assistant Superintendent
Helena Public School District
Montana

Ready to Get Started?

1

Choose Your Test Date Option(s)

ACT offers four test date options—one testing window in the fall and three testing windows in the spring.**

**Your district may participate in both fall and one spring ACT test date or choose to participate in only fall or only one spring test date.

2

Select Test Options

Two test options are available with paper or online delivery—the ACT or the ACT with writing.***

***Beginning in spring 2026, districts can choose to offer the science section of the test, similar to the current choice to offer the writing section. For details on the updates coming to ACT District testing, visit www.act.org/actenhancements

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Contact Your ACT Account Manager

Learn more about signup deadlines and pricing.

Learn more at act.org/distict-testing

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