

What's New for 2020-2021

Welcome to ACT® Aspire® testing. We've made several enhancements to system navigation, testing process, and reporting for ACT Aspire. Details about these enhancements can be found in the following table.

Category	ACT Aspire Enhancement
Navigation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Printing student score reports from PearsonAccess^{next}: at least 10 times more reports/students can be printed at one time. This will enable organizations to print many more reports at a time. • On the Students screen in the Setup Menu and on the Student Tests screen in the Testing Menu, an additional filter option has been added to filter by students' actual grade. • Now able to print student testing tickets for multiple sessions at a time as well as still print a single session. • In addition to adding one of a student's tests at a time to a selected Group/Class, now all displayed tests can be added to a Group/Class with a single click.
Test Accommodations and Supports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Personal Needs Profile (PNP) information imported into PearsonAccess^{next} by file upload will be added at the student level, requiring only one row of PNP information per student. This simplifies addition of students' PNP needs, the ability to export PNP information from one administration to another and allows the addition of student demographic information at the same time as student PNP information. Student PNP information can still be edited for specific tests on the Student Tests page. • PearsonAccess^{next} description information tips for PNP assignments were refined to provide better clarification for PNP options. • Tests administered with Text-to-Speech and Text-to-Speech plus Orienting Description no longer need to be assigned to separate Test Sessions.
Online Testing	<p>TestNav tools have been updated to enable smooth testing processes and ease of use. Key updates include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Network Check (via the existing App Check tool) will allow organizations to check network performance to better understand the number of students who will be able to test simultaneously. • The device battery indicator will display in the TestNav header for all battery powered devices. • Text-to-Speech tools have been updated to provide easier access and additional options during testing, including play forward and jump back buttons and a select to listen button.
Paper Testing Materials	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The number of pages in the answer documents has been reduced, so answer documents are easier to store, review, and use. • New separate answer documents for 9th and 10th grade paper testing, instead of the previously combined 9th and 10th grade answer document. The color of the answer documents will continue to match the test booklet. • Packing inserts will no longer be included to explain Pre-ID/barcode labels, return materials, and order summary information. Information about these topics is included in the <i>ACT Aspire Test Coordinator Manual</i>. • For organizations participating in both state testing and the general administration, return shipping labels will be different colors to more easily distinguish which program the return materials are from.

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Score Reports and Data Files	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All aggregated average score fields will have aligned decimal places, except for Proficiency Reports, where integers ending in zero will not include a decimal place. Report layouts have undergone minor revisions to accommodate these new features and to streamline the included text.
Historic Data	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Historical Student Data can be printed in batches including multiple students, instead of one student at a time. Historical data printed for one student at a time will have more detailed information than when batches of multiple students' data are printed. Writing raw scores will be visible in historical data files for the 2019-2020 school year and newer.
Reporting Groups	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ability to create a Reporting Group from a single test session in just one step. Still available is creating Reporting Groups by adding students individually. All steps to create a new Reporting Group have been added to a single task, which facilitates easier Reporting Group creation by requiring navigation to that one task, rather than multiple tasks.
PearsonAccess^{next} File Layouts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The requirement to include leading zeros for grade-level fields has been dropped. The organization code will be included in a single field to align with the organization code layout as it appears on-screen in PearsonAccess^{next}. All file layouts were updated to improve ease of use and consistency. The file layout documentation has been updated to include all updates and directions for using the file layout files. Reporting Groups: The Pearson Student Identifier column will not be required as a student match criterion.
Student ID Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Pearson Student Identifier is updated to match the State Student ID, making tasks requiring this ID more easily completed.