

ACT Accommodations vs. Other Arrangements

Which option is appropriate—ACT accommodations or local testing accessibility supports?

ACT-Authorized

Options that require approval from ACT

Scores may be reported to colleges, scholarship agencies, or other entities.



One and one-half time; double time; triple time; breaks as needed; multiple-day testing



Alternate test formats (pre-recorded audio, human reader, text-to-speech, screen reader, braille, large print, sign language interpreter for test items)



Scribe or word processor for the writing test



Scribe for multiple-choice responses



Cell phone or smart watch to monitor a medical device



All other accessibility supports not listed as a designated support

Designated Supports

Accessibility supports for State and District testing programs authorized by the local test accommodations coordinator (most designated supports require ACT authorization prior to use on a National test date)

Scores may be reported to colleges, scholarship agencies, or other entities UNLESS the examinee also uses non-college reportable supports.



Small-group or individual testing



Wheelchair-accessible room



Seating near front of room to lip-read spoken instructions



Access to food, drink, or medication (based on medical needs)



Color filters/overlays



Written verbal instructions and visual notifications of time



Marking answers in the test booklet (no Scantron)



Audio amplification

Non-College Reportable

Accessibility options not authorized by ACT

Scores are not available to report to colleges, scholarship agencies, or other entities. Scores may be used for state or district assessment purposes only.



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Online testing NOT available

IMPORTANT: Non-college reportable accommodations are a contract option and may not be available in your state and/or district. If not applicable to your contract, these accommodations cannot be offered to your students.

For more information on requesting accommodation/EL support, view www.act.org/the-act/accomms. If you have further questions, you may contact us at www.act.org/contactaccm.