

Schedule of Events

Fall Test Dates for the ACT® Test

Type of Testing	Date/Window
Test Date Option # 1	
Initial test date—standard time	September 22, 2020
Initial testing window—accommodations and/or supports	Weekdays September 22, 2020 – October 2, 2020
Test Date Option # 2	
Makeup test date—standard time	October 6, 2020
Makeup testing window—accommodations and/or supports	Weekdays October 6, 2020 – October 12, 2020
Test Date Option # 3	
Emergency test date—standard time	October 20, 2020
Emergency testing window—accommodations and/or supports	Weekdays October 20, 2020 – October 26, 2020

Note: As recently announced by the NCDPI, if the above test options will not work for schools due to the pandemic, current grade 12 students who were unable to test in spring 2020 or fall 2020 can test on the below dates:

The ACT Taken on Paper

Initial Test Window 1:	February 23, 2021
Test Accommodations Window 1:	February 23 - March 5, 2021
Makeup Test Window 2:	March 9, 2021
Test Accommodations Window 2:	March 9, 2021 - March 19, 2021

The ACT Taken Online

Test Window 1:	February 23-25, 2021 and March 2-4, 2021
Test Window 2:	March 9-11, 2021 and March 16-18, 2021

Communications

ACT communicates with the school test coordinator (TC) and the district test coordinator (DTC) about upcoming activities. ACT does not communicate with any other staff. The TC is responsible for including test accommodation coordinators (TAC), room supervisors (RS), and proctors (P) in activities and training opportunities.

Note: In many cases the role of TC and TAC are shared by the same person at a school.

Contact Information

ACT General Questions: 800.525.3731

State Policy Questions: Please contact your Regional Accountability Coordinator (RAC).

Website

The [North Carolina website](#) is your one-stop-shop for all of your resources. Please refer to “The ACT Test – Fall” tab for information to help guide the fall test administration.

Open Date	Close Date	Who Takes Action	Event
May 4, 2020	August 25, 2020	TC, TAC	<p>Submit new accommodations/supports requests or reconsideration accommodations/supports requests for eligible examinees through the Test Accessibility and Accommodations System (TAA).</p> <p><i>Note: Approved accommodations authorizations from Spring 2020 will apply to Fall 2020 testing.</i></p>
August 3, 2020	August 21, 2020	TC	<p>Manage participation and shipping dates in PearsonAccess^{next}™.</p>
August 3, 2020	August 21, 2020	TC	<p>Verify the shipping address in PearsonAccess^{next}.</p> <p>Submit an Address Change Request form if the address needs to be updated.</p>
August 4, 2020		TC, TAC	<p>Attend a Q&A session about accommodations and supports.</p> <p>Registration link: https://event.on24.com/wcc/r/2418735/7B8951C6060C796BA67068EAD9F251B3</p>
August 3, 2020	August 21, 2020	TC	<p>Verify student enrollment for test materials and enroll/unenroll students who need to be added or removed in PearsonAccess^{next}.</p> <p><i>Note: Students added after this deadline will not receive barcode labels.</i></p>
After receiving a decision notification	September 1, 2020	TC, TAC	<p>Request reconsideration of accommodations and/or supports in TAA.</p>
August 17, 2020	September 18, 2020	TC, TAC	<p>Request late consideration of accommodations and/or supports for eligible examinees in TAA using the Late Consideration Request form. See the form for details.</p>
August 31, 2020	September 11, 2020	TC	<p>Order additional standard time materials for use on the initial test date, September 22, as needed.</p>
September 7, 2020	September 11, 2020	TC	<p>Receive test materials for use on the initial test date, September 22.</p>
After materials arrive	September 21, 2020	TC	<p>Train room supervisors and proctors.</p> <p>Prepare rooms and materials.</p>
After materials arrive	September 22, 2020	TC	<p>Conduct sessions for examinees to complete non-test information. The non-test portion may be completed during a session on test day immediately before testing begins.</p>

September 22, 2020	TC, RS, P	Administer the ACT with standard time using standard materials on the initial test date.
September 22, 2020 – October 2, 2020	TC, TAC, RS, P	Administer the ACT with accommodations and/or supports using accommodations and/or supports materials during the initial testing window. <i>Note: Test only on weekdays.</i>
September 23, 2020	TC	Return test booklets, used answer documents, and test administration forms from the initial test date—standard time to ACT. Receipt deadline at ACT: September 29, 2020. <i>Note: Late-arriving answer documents will not be scored.</i>
October 7, 2020	TC	Return test booklets, used answer documents, and test administration forms from the initial testing window—accommodations and/or supports to ACT. Receipt deadline at ACT: October 9, 2020. <i>Note: Late-arriving answer documents will not be scored.</i>

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September 22, 2020	September 25, 2020	TC	<p>Order standard time materials for use on the makeup test date, October 6, as needed.</p>
September 22, 2020	September 25, 2020	TC	<p>Order accommodations and/or supports materials for makeup testing by calling ACT Accommodations at 800.553.6244, ext. 1788, as needed.</p>
September 22, 2020	September 25, 2020	TC	<p>Request that ACT add or remove students by submitting the Enroll or Unenroll Students file in PearsonAccess^{next} for changes in enrollment.</p> <p><i>Note: Students added during this window will not receive barcode labels.</i></p>
September 28, 2020	October 2, 2020	TC	<p>Receive materials for makeup testing. Both non-secure and secure test materials will arrive in the same shipment.</p>

After materials arrive	October 6, 2020	TC	<p>Conduct sessions for examinees to complete non-test information. The non-test portion may be completed during a session on test day immediately before testing begins.</p> <p><i>Note: This is only required for examinees who have not previously completed it.</i></p>
October 6, 2020		TC, RS, P	<p>Administer the ACT with standard time using standard materials on the makeup test date.</p>
October 6, 2020 – October 12, 2020		TC, TAC, RS, P	<p>Administer the ACT with accommodations and/or supports using accommodations and/or supports materials during the makeup testing window.</p> <p><i>Note: Test only on weekdays.</i></p>
October 7, 2020		TC	<p>Return materials from the makeup test date—standard time to ACT.</p> <p>Receipt deadline at ACT: October 13, 2020.</p> <p><i>Note: Late-arriving answer documents will not be scored.</i></p>
October 13, 2020		DTC/TC	<p>Return materials from the makeup testing window—accommodations and/or supports to ACT.</p> <p>Receipt deadline at ACT: October 19, 2020.</p>

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October 6, 2020	October 9, 2020	TC	Order standard time materials for use on the emergency test date, October 20.
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August 24, 2020	October 19, 2020	TC	Request that ACT add or remove students by submitting the Enroll or Unenroll Students file in PearsonAccess ^{next} for changes in enrollment. <i>Note: Students added during this window will not receive barcode labels.</i>
October 12, 2020	October 16, 2020	TC	Receive materials for emergency testing.
After materials arrive	October 19, 2020	TC	Conduct sessions for examinees to complete non-test information.

October 20, 2020	TC, RS, P	Administer the ACT with standard time using standard materials on the emergency test date.
October 20, 2020 – October 26, 2020	TC, TAC, RS, P	Administer the ACT with accommodations and/or supports using accommodations and/or supports materials during the emergency testing window. <i>Note: Only test on weekdays.</i>
October 21, 2020	DTC/TC	Return materials from the makeup test date—standard time to ACT. Receipt deadline at ACT: October 27, 2020. <i>Note: Late-arriving answer documents will not be scored.</i>
October 27, 2020	DTC/TC	Return materials from the makeup testing window—accommodations and/or supports to ACT. Receipt deadline at ACT: November 2, 2020. <i>Note: Late-arriving answer documents will not be scored.</i>