



The ACT State and District Testing

The ACT®, a curriculum-based educational and career planning tool, is the leading college readiness assessment in the United 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 state or district can offer an “official” test administration of The ACT at schools during regular school hours on a weekday? Since 2007, students in more than 30 states have earned college-reportable scores taking The ACT in their own classrooms through ACT State and District testing.

Participating in ACT State and 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 college awareness and exposure among all students, rather than only self-selected, college-bound students. For some students, the experience may help them realize they have the skills to perform college-level coursework.

Students may not know it, but they have been preparing to take The ACT for years. The ACT has always been about what students learn in high school.



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There are many benefits to ACT State and District testing, including:

Benefits to your state and/or district:

- Establish baseline information on student performance
- Receive information on all of your students' academic achievement and college readiness levels to establish a baseline for future comparison
- Use data to make informed curriculum decisions and intervention strategies, and to advise students
- Based on 50 years of research and aligned to ACT College and Career Readiness Standards

Benefits to Students:

- Feel less stress testing in a familiar environment on a regular school day
- The ACT is accepted by all four-year colleges and universities in the United States
- Tested on what they've learned in their high school core courses
- Eliminate potential concerns about finding transportation to a test center on the weekend
- Receive personalized information to explore future college and career decisions based on their strengths, weaknesses, and interests
- Use their scores for financial aid and scholarship applications
- May choose to provide information to help identify opportunities for college admissions and scholarships

Ready to Get Started?

1 Choose Your Test Date Option(s)

ACT offers three test date options—one in the fall and two 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 Test Options

Two test options are available—The ACT or The ACT with writing. All participating schools in the state or district must test using the same test option.

3 Contact your ACT Account Manager

Learn more about sign up deadlines and pricing.

Each year, state and local administrators from across the country tell ACT they have students who decide to go to college after receiving their ACT scores from state or district testing.



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