

TAKE CHARGE OF YOUR FUTURE: ARKANSAS STUDENTS TURN GOALS INTO ACHIEVEMENTS WITH PREACT® AND THE ACT® TEST

Your Path to College, Careers, and Scholarships Starts Here

Whatever your next move is after graduation — college, technical school, the military, or jumping straight into a career — every step you take in the classroom today can lead to better opportunities tomorrow.

That's where PreACT and the ACT test come in. If you're a public school or charter school student in Arkansas, you can take these tests for free during a school day — with no weekend stress and a comfortable, familiar environment for testing.

The tests aren't just about your academic progress. They help you understand what you're good at, where you can grow, and how you can reach your goals after high school. Use your PreACT and ACT test scores to:

- Get into college.
- Earn scholarships.
- Stand out to future employers.
- Start building your career.



WHAT IS PREACT?

Every year, thousands of Arkansas students use PreACT to kick-start their college and career readiness, predict their ACT test performance, and make smart choices about their high school courses and career directions years before graduation.

WHY TAKE PREACT?

- **Practice for the ACT** — Get comfortable with the test format and questions before taking the ACT test your junior year.
- **Get personalized insights** — Your score report highlights strengths and areas to focus on before graduation.
- **Set goals early** — Envision a clearer path to making your college and career dreams a reality.
- **Preview job skills** — Score reports give a predictor of the ACT® WorkKeys® National Career Readiness Certificate (NCRC). Thousands of Arkansas students take ACT WorkKeys assessments each year.



WHAT IS THE ACT TEST?

The ACT — taken by more than 1 million students each year — measures what matters for college and career success.

WHY TAKE THE ACT TEST?

- **Stand out from the crowd** — Even with test optional policies, ACT scores open doors to colleges and universities in Arkansas and nationwide.
- **Unlock scholarship opportunities** — Many scholarship and financial aid agencies prefer and/or accept ACT scores.
- **Discover your dream career** — The ACT helps students with both college and career planning.
- **Explore career readiness** — The ACT score reports give students an estimate of the ACT® WorkKeys® NCRC likely to be obtained. Thousands of Arkansas students take ACT WorkKeys assessments each year.

DISCOVER YOUR STRENGTHS — NO MATTER YOUR PATH AFTER GRADUATION

Taking PreACT and the ACT isn't just for college-bound students — they are for anyone who wants to understand their strengths and reimagine their future possibilities. In fact, many students who initially don't plan to attend college change their minds after seeing their ACT scores. You might discover a path you hadn't even considered.

These tests go beyond academics. They measure real-world skills (English, mathematics, reading, and science) that matter whether you're thinking about:



Apprenticeships

ACT-tested skills: Problem solving, mathematics, reading comprehension, and data analysis.



The Military

ACT-tested skills: Critical reading, mathematics, scientific reasoning, and interpreting technical graphics or charts.



Technical or Trade School

ACT-tested skills: Applied mathematics, understanding scientific concepts, information synthesis, and data representation.



College

ACT-tested skills: Advanced reading comprehension, scientific inquiry, quantitative reasoning, and information synthesis.



On-The-Job Training

ACT-tested skills: Following complex written instructions, math calculations, and logical reasoning.

COST-FREE, CONVENIENT TESTING FOR ALL ARKANSAS PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS

Arkansas covers the fees for both PreACT and the ACT so you can take the assessments during the school day at no cost to you.

NEED MORE INFORMATION AND RESOURCES? VISIT:

<https://dese.ade.arkansas.gov/Offices/public-school-accountability/assessment/the-act-resources-for-parentsstudents>

act.org/student

