What are the Differences between Testing Options?

Through State testing or District testing, your school may administer the ACT® test on paper or online.

Use the chart below to understand differences between the options.

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<th>What subjects are included?</th>
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<td>The ACT consists of four multiple-choice subtests: English, mathematics, reading, and science. If part of your testing program, the ACT writing test is also available.</td>
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<th>Is the same content covered?</th>
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<td>Yes, each testing option contains the same number of items and covers the same content.</td>
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<th>How many testing opportunities are available?</th>
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<td>One standard time test date and a nine-day test window for accommodations and supports. See your Schedule of Events for specific test windows. Examinees who miss the first test administration may test during another available administration.</td>
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<td>Six weekday test dates within a 2-week test window. See your Schedule of Events for specific test windows. Examinees who miss a scheduled test date may test on one of the other available dates within the window.</td>
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<th>What are the different testing staff roles?</th>
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<td>Testing staff are:</td>
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<td>• Test coordinator</td>
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<td>• Room supervisors</td>
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<td>• Proctors</td>
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<td>• Technical coordinator—for online testing only</td>
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<th>What is the role of the technical coordinator?</th>
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<td>This is not applicable.</td>
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<td>The technical coordinator ensures the school’s computers and network are ready for testing.</td>
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<th>How are test questions delivered?</th>
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<td>There is a test booklet for the multiple-choice subtests, and, if part of your testing program, a separate test booklet for the writing test.</td>
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<td>The test coordinator sets up test session(s) in PearsonAccessnext. Tests are delivered to students in TestNav.</td>
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Requirements for an Online Administration

To test online, your school needs to:

- Appoint a technical coordinator.
- Meet hardware, software, and other technical requirements defined by ACT by completing site readiness steps.
- If you choose, install and use proctor caching as defined by ACT in The ACT Technical Guide for Online Testing.
- Use the installable TestNav app for testing.

Note: See the technical requirements web page at [www.act.org/stateanddistrict/onlinetesting](http://www.act.org/stateanddistrict/onlinetesting) for the Technical Guide and other information about online testing.