

Taking The ACT – Online or Paper Testing 2023–2024

■ PROGRAM: STATE, DISTRICT ■ PRODUCT: THE ACT ■ AUDIENCE: TESTING STAFF

Differences between testing options: State and District testing offers the choice to administer The ACT® online or by paper. Note the differences in the chart below.

Question	Online	Paper
What subjects are included?	The ACT consists of four multiple-choice subtests: English, mathematics, reading, and science. Some State or District contracts may also include a writing subtest.	Same answer as for Online
Is the same content covered?	Yes, each testing option contains the same number of items and covers the same content.	Same answer as for Online
How many testing opportunities are available?	Nine weekday test dates within a two-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.	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.
What are the different testing staff roles?	Testing staff are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Test coordinator • Room supervisors • Proctors • Technical coordinator 	Testing staff are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Test coordinator • Room supervisors • Proctors
What is the role of the technical coordinator?	The technical coordinator ensures the school's computers and network are ready for testing.	This is not applicable.
How are test questions delivered?	The test coordinator sets up test session(s) in PearsonAccess ^{next} . Tests are delivered to students in TestNav.	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.
Are carrels, dividers, or partitions allowed?	Yes	No

Online Testing Requirements

- Appoint a technical coordinator.
- Meet hardware, software, and other technical requirements defined by ACT by completing site readiness steps.
- Use the installable TestNav app for testing.

Note: See the technical requirements at act.org/stateanddistrict/onlinetesting.