

# COMPARISON

## Taking the ACT—Online or Paper Testing 2024–2025

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
<b>What subjects are included?</b>	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
<b>Is the same content covered?</b>	Yes, each testing option contains the same number of items and covers the same content.	Same answer as for Online
<b>How many testing opportunities are available?</b>	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.
<b>What are the different testing staff roles?</b>	Testing staff are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Test coordinator</li> <li>• Room supervisors</li> <li>• Proctors</li> <li>• Technical coordinator</li> </ul>	Testing staff are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Test coordinator</li> <li>• Room supervisors</li> <li>• Proctors</li> </ul>
<b>What is the role of the technical coordinator?</b>	The technical coordinator ensures the school's computers and network are ready for testing.	This is not applicable.
<b>How are test questions delivered?</b>	The test coordinator sets up test session(s) in PearsonAccess <sup>next</sup> . 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.
<b>Are carrels, dividers, or partitions allowed?</b>	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 <https://www.act.org/content/act/en/products-and-services/state-and-district-solutions/act-online-testing.html>