

PreACT
Online or
Paper/Pencil
Assessments,
You Choose



PreACT® 8/9 and PreACT® now offer an online administration option starting in the 2024-25 school year.

ACT has offered the choice of online or paper/pencil on ACT® School Day and District Testing programs to high school juniors and seniors since 2015.

We understand the value of aligning familiar testing experiences to younger students and extending the choice of administration methods to educators.

Why Consider Online Testing?

Familiarity for Students



- PreACT online administration gives students a streamlined experience in the same platform as the computer-based ACT test used by state and district testing.
- 50% of schools who offer ACT school day testing choose the online administration. We see a trend of more schools choosing online each year.

Ease of Implementation for Educators



- PreACT online testing is easy for schools and districts to set up and administer.
- PreACT online saves time by removing orders and returns of paper materials reducing reliance on shipping, handling, and storage.
- For record keeping test booklets are available in .pdf formats which is a more sustainable and shareable record of achievement.
- For administration we are aligning paper and online testing in a single administrative platform so educators can easily decide which mode is right for each student.

Online vs Paper/Pencil Comparison

Use the comparison below to assess your PreACT needs and make a plan for next year.

	PreACT 8/9 & PreACT Online	PreACT 8/9 & PreACT Paper/Pencil
Ordering for 2024- 25	Ordering opens June 2024 Online form on ACT.org	Ordering opens June 2024 Online form on ACT.org
Administration Platforms	ACT Now & TestNav	ACT Now (formerly CCRIS*)
Test Timing	130 min PreACT 8/9 130 min PreACT 155 MIN PreACT Secure	130 min PreACT 8/9 130 min PreACT
Interest Inventory	Coming fall of 2025	Available in PreACT and PreACT 8/9 (optional for students to complete)
Reports	Online in ACT Online Reporting +2 printed individual student reports (ISR) sent to the school	Online in ACT Online Reporting +2 printed individual student reports (ISR) sent to the school
EOS Opt-In	Yes	Coming fall of 2025
Test Booklets Retained	Yes - PDF only	Yes - hard copy
Testing Window	Sept. 3, 2024 - May 30, 2025	Sept. 3, 2024 - May 30, 2025

^{*}Schools in FL, KS, OR, and OK wil continue in CCRIS for the 2024-25 school year

Embrace the flexibility of the choice between paper/pencil and online administrations.

You decide what is best for your school and student body.



Connect with our experts to make a plan for PreACT assessments at act.org/preact.

