DISTRICT TESTING
AT A GLANCE

The ACT® test is the leading US admissions test measuring what students learn in high school to determine academic readiness for college. District testing provides the opportunity for districts to administer the ACT to their 11th- and/or 12th-grade students during the school day for a variety of purposes, including: insights for students, parents, and educators into students' college and career readiness, access to college admissions scores, and in some states, federal accountability.

Overview

- 10th, 11th, or 12th-grade assessment that produces college-reportable scores for admissions
- Curriculum and standards-based educational and career planning tool that assesses students' academic readiness for college and career planning
- Nationally normed scores are universally accepted by all four-year US colleges and universities, including highly selective institutions
- Provides a path to increase student access to postsecondary and workforce opportunities
- Reporting categories in each subject area (English, math, reading, and science)
- Provides reporting and insights on STEM, career readiness, and understanding of complex texts
- Writing scores and ELA score provided, if writing is administered

Key Benefits for Students

- ACT Academy, a FREE online ACT test prep tool for students with personalized, self-guided plans to prepare students for the ACT test
- Less stress for students testing in a familiar environment on a regular school day
- Eliminates potential concerns about finding travel to a test center on the weekend and removes possible job conflicts
- Reduces financial burden on the student
- Reaches students not previously considering college
- Accepted by all colleges in the United States
- Receive personalized information to explore future college and career decisions based on their strengths, weaknesses, and interests
- Scores can be used for financial aid and scholarship applications

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Key Benefits for Districts

- Assess students' academic achievement with nationally comparable scores and evaluate performance across districts and states
- Receive information on all students' academic achievement and college readiness levels to establish a baseline for future comparison

- Make informed curriculum decisions, intervention strategies and advise students
- Compare performance among schools in the district
- Assist counselors in directing students in appropriate course placement
- Provide students and counselors with career planning information

Test Timing

Total test time is 2 hours and 55 minutes (plus 40 minutes for optional writing test):

- **Pre-Test Activity:** 45 min (approximately)
- **English:** 45 min / 75 multiple-choice
- **Mathematics:** 60 min / 60 multiple-choice

- **Reading:** 35 min / 40 multiple-choice
- **Science:** 35 min / 40 multiple-choice
- **Writing:** 40 min (optional) / 1 prompt

Test Dates/Window

Paper Testing:

- Choice of three (3) test dates/windows—early or late spring, with an additional test date/window option in the fall
- Test windows include initial test date and makeup test date
- Two-week testing window for accommodated testing

Online Testing

- Two-week testing window for online testing and two additional weeks for makeup testing
- Online testing only available in the spring
- Additional test window in late April for online testing only

Materials & Support

- Schools receive test materials 1–2 weeks before your scheduled test date, along with administration and instruction manuals

- Free ACT Question of the Day test prep provided online or via email
- Accommodations available—including Braille, large print, reader script, and audio

Accommodations Available

- ACT-Approved College Reportable—Available in paper testing
  - Support for English learners
  - Large Type (18-point font)
  - Braille
  - Audio USB
  - Reader's script
  - Extended time
  - Sign Language Exact English or ASL for directions only

- ACT-Approved College Reportable—Available in online testing
  - Answer masking
  - Color contrast
  - Zoom/magnification
  - Answer eliminator
  - Text-to-speech
- English Language Learner Supports
- Test Accommodation approval requested through online portal

For details on all accommodations available see the ACT Test Administration Manual

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Reporting Included

Student Reports*

- ACT Student report mailed to student
- ACT Student score results available online
- ACT Student College Report(s)—delivered to student's selected colleges (up to four for free when requested prior to testing)

High School Reports*

- ACT High School Report
- ACT Student score labels (two per student)
- ACT High School Check List Report
- ACT Non-college reportable score letter; two per student if state selects option**
- ACT Profile Report—High School**

District Reports**

- ACT Profile Report
- ACT Student Level Data File—District

* Reports delivered 3–8 weeks following test date

** Delivery date to be determined with ACT

Training & Resources

ACT provides various resources to support the ACT user at any level. Resources include trainings, webinars, and workshops to support test administration, the user experience, and to provide resources to prepare the student for the ACT. Resources include but are not limited to:

- Self-Paced Tutorials
- Open Enrollment Webinars
- On-Site Workshops
- On-Demand Videos for Test Administration
- Resources to Prepare Students for the ACT

Training resources are available in the Knowledge Hub for 24/7 access and support.

Support Materials

- The ACT Technical Manual
- The ACT Writing Test Technical Report
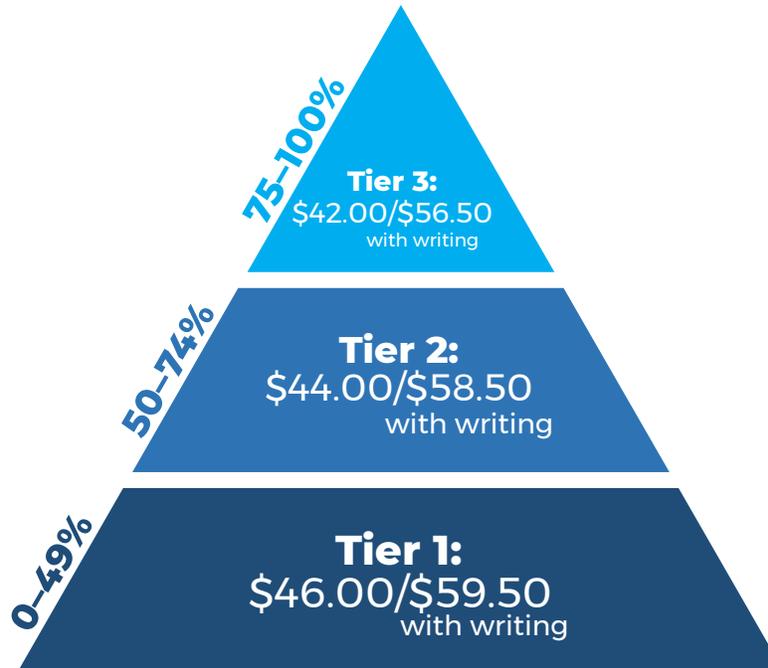- The ACT Interest Inventory Technical Manual

Resources for Students and their Families

- ACT Code Numbers for College and Scholarship Agencies
- Alternate Format Practice Tests (DVD, Braille,etc.) available at no additional charge
- Student Test Prep:
  - ACT Mobile Apps for student use
  - Tutorial designed to prepare students, familiarize with navigating the online test experience for the ACT

Pricing

ACT District Testing Free and Reduced Lunch Program (FRLP) discount pricing is shown below. Note that additional discounts are available for districts with 50%-100% of students in the Free and Reduced Lunch Program. The fees owed will be based on the total number of students included in the Customer's SDU file(s) in the ACT Online Platform by midnight on the final day of the makeup test window.

ACT District Testing Free and Reduced Lunch Program (FRLP) Discount Pricing

75-100%
Tier 3:
$42.00/$56.50
with writing

50-74%
Tier 2:
$44.00/$58.50
with writing

0-49%
Tier 1:
$46.00/$59.50
with writing

Prices are for the ACT test and the ACT test with writing. Tiers are based on student enrollment in Free and Reduced Lunch Program (0–49%, 50–74%, 75–100%).

Customer Service Support

Call center support to districts, schools, and students:

- 800.553.6244 ext. 2800
- 7:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m. central time, Monday–Friday

Extended call center hours on test day:

- 6:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m. central time
- Accommodations staff available same times
- Level 2 Technical support staff available to support online administration

Next Steps

- Learn more: act.org/state-and-district-testing
- Sign up for information on the District Testing Program - https://pages2.act.org/dt20.html
- Contact ACT 319.337.1270 or your representative.