

2024-2025 Statewide High School Assessments – ACT Aspire and ACT

Test Windows

ACT Aspire	ACT Test Window 1	ACT Test Window 2	Students to be Tested
Paper Testing (including Special Paper Version tests): March 31 – April 9, 2025 Online Testing: March 31 – April 25, 2025	Paper (Standard): March 25, 2025 Paper (Accommodations): March 25 – 28 & April 1 – 4, 2025 Online: March 25 – 28 & April 1 – 4, 2025	Paper (Standard): April 8, 2025 Paper (Accommodations): April 8 – 11 & April 14 – 18, 2025 Online: April 8 – 11 & April 14 – 18, 2025	ACT Aspire: Grade 9 / Cohort 2028 <hr/> ACT: Grade 11 / Cohort 2026

ACT Aspire and ACT – Similarities

- ✓ Available online (by default) and paper-based (with ADE approval)
- ✓ Timed test sections: English, Math, Reading, Science, and Writing
- ✓ Online tests are administered in TestNav
- ✓ [Arizona State Standards Alignment Guide](#) and [Alignment Matrix](#) are available
- ✓ Both tests have Test Administration Directions, which must be followed
- ✓ Accommodations are available, including extended time, Text-to-Speech, Speech-to-Text, Special Paper Version (braille, large print, and regular print), and American Sign Language (ASL). Both tests have Accessibility Supports Guides.
- ✓ Students are tested based on their cohort, not based on actual grade level or courses completed or enrolled in.

ACT Aspire and ACT – Differences

- ✓ ACT Aspire test sections may be administered in any order in one day or over multiple days. ACT standard administration test sections must be administered in one day in a specified order.
- ✓ Online embedded calculator: ACT – Desmos Graphing Calculator; ACT Aspire – non-branded scientific calculator. See [ACT Calculator Policy](#) for information about allowable handheld calculators for both ACT and ACT Aspire.
- ✓ ACT accommodations and support requests must be submitted to ACT for review.
- ✓ Some ACT Aspire accommodations must be submitted to ADE for review – See ADE Accommodations Manual for more information: <https://www.azed.gov/assessment/accessibility>
- ✓ Students complete MyACT for ACT only (not available for ACT Aspire)
- ✓ ACT – hard copies of manuals will be sent; ACT Aspire – manuals are online only

Resources

- ✓ Pearson-hosted website for Arizona ACT Aspire: <https://az-support.mypearsonsupport.com/aspire/>
- ✓ ADE ACT Aspire website: <https://www.azed.gov/assessment/act-aspire>
- ✓ ACT-hosted website for Arizona ACT: <https://www.act.org/content/act/en/products-and-services/state-and-district-solutions/arizona/the-act.html>
- ✓ ADE ACT website: <https://www.azed.gov/assessment/act>

Contact ADE for ACT Aspire or ACT questions:
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Contact Pearson for ACT Aspire support:
 888-705-9421, Option 4 or here: [Contact Form](#)

Contact ACT for support: 319-337-1567 or here: [Contact Form](#)

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ACT Aspire (Grade 9 / Cohort 2028)

- ✓ Content areas and time limits:
 - ✓ English – 62 items / 45-minute test
 - ✓ Math – 48 items / 75-minute test
 - ✓ Reading – 32 items / 65-minute test
 - ✓ Science – 44 items / 60-minute test
 - ✓ Writing – 40-minute essay
- ✓ Content area sub-tests may be administered in any order
- ✓ Sub-tests may be administered in one day or over multiple days
- ✓ ACT Aspire Exemplars: <https://tn.actaspire.org/client/index.html>
- ✓ Item Types:
 - ✓ English – Multiple-Choice
 - ✓ Math – Multiple-Choice and Constructed-Response
 - ✓ Reading – Multiple-Choice and Constructed-Response
 - ✓ Science – Multiple-Choice and Constructed-Response
 - ✓ Writing – Constructed Response
- ✓ Students will write an analytical expository essay in response to a writing stimulus
- ✓ Test scores provide college readiness information, including a predictive score for ACT

ACT (Grade 11 / Cohort 2026)

- ✓ Content areas and time limits:
 - ✓ English – 75 items / 45-minute test
 - ✓ Math – 60 items / 60-minute test
 - ✓ Reading – 40 items / 35-minute test
 - ✓ Science – 40 items / 35-minute test
 - ✓ Writing – 40-minute essay
- ✓ Content area sub-tests must be administered in order listed above
- ✓ Testing must be completed in one day unless student has received an ACT-approved accommodation for testing over multiple days
- ✓ ACT Practice Tests: <https://tn.actonline.act.org/client/index.html>
- ✓ Items on English, Math, Reading, and Science sections are multiple-choice
- ✓ Students receive one writing prompt that describes a complex issue and provides three perspectives. Students will write an essay explaining their perspective on the issue.
- ✓ College-reportable composite score (from the English, Math, Reading, and Science sections) and a STEM score (from the Math and Science sections) will be provided.
- ✓ [Sample Essays](#) and [Writing Test Scoring Rubric](#)
- ✓ Students complete MyACT prior to testing to send ACT scores to up to 4 colleges or scholarship agencies **for free**.

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- ✓ [ACT Calculator Policy](#) (for both ACT and ACT Aspire)
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