# 2021-2022 Statewide High School Assessments - ACT and ACT Aspire

## Test Windows

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| Online: April 4 – April 29  
Paper: April 4 – April 13 | Paper: March 1 or April 5  
Online: March 1-3 & March 8-10 or  
Online: April 5-7 & April 12-14 | Grade 9 (Cohort 2025) | Grade 11 (Cohort 2023) |

## Who Tests

ACT Aspire  
Grade 9 (Cohort 2025)  
ACT  
Grade 11 (Cohort 2023)

## ACT Aspire and ACT - Similarities

- Available online and paper-based – check specific test windows
- Content areas included: English, Math, Reading, Science, Writing
- Test sections are timed
- Accommodated – Extended time available. See Accommodations Manual for details
- Text-to-Speech and Speech-to-Text are allowable accommodations which must be approved. See Accommodations Manual for details.
- Both have Test Administration Directions, which must be followed
- Monitoring of test by Proctor or Test Administrator
- Online tests are administered in TestNav

## ACT Aspire and ACT - Differences

- Aspire test sections may be administered in any order and in one day or over multiple days. ACT (standard administration) test sections must be administered in one day in a certain order. See Detailed Test Calendar for details.
- Students complete MyACT for ACT only (not available for Aspire)
- iPads are not supported or allowed for ACT testing but are supported and allowed for Aspire.
- ACT – hard copies of manuals will be sent; ACT Aspire – manuals are online only
- ACT has Practice Tests. Aspire has Student Sandbox and Exemplars.
- ACT webpage and ACT Aspire Schedule of Events

Contact ADE at [Testing@azed.gov](mailto:Testing@azed.gov)
Contact ACT at 319-337-1567 or here: [contact form](#)
Contact ACT Aspire at 855-730-0400 or here: [contact form](#)
### ACT Aspire (Grade 9/Cohort 2025)

- **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
- **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 2023)

- **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
- **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**
- **ACT Practice Tests**
- **Sample Essays and Writing Test Scoring Rubric**

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**ACT Aspire Technical Manual**

**Calculator Policy** (both ACT and ACT Aspire)

**ACT Technical Manual**