

2023-2024 Statewide High School Assessments – ACT Aspire and ACT

Test Windows

ACT Aspire	ACT Test Window 1	ACT Test Window 2	Students to be Tested
Online Testing: April 1 – April 26, 2024 Paper Testing (including Special Paper Version tests): April 1 – April 10, 2024	Paper (Standard): March 26, 2024 Paper (Accommodations): March 26 – 29 & April 1 – 5, 2024 Online: March 26 – 29 & April 1 – 5, 2024	Paper (Standard): March 26, 2024 Paper (Accommodations): April 9 – 12 & April 15 – 19, 2024 Online: April 9 – 12 & April 15 – 19, 2024	ACT Aspire: Grade 9 / Cohort 2027
			ACT: Grade 11 / Cohort 2025

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 certain 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](#) (*updated coming soon*) for more information.
- ✓ Students complete MyACT for ACT only (not available for ACT Aspire)
- ✓ ACT has [Practice Tests](#). ACT Aspire has [Student Sandbox and Exemplars](#).
- ✓ ACT – hard copies of manuals will be sent; ACT Aspire – manuals are online only

Resources

- ✓ ACT-hosted website for Arizona: <https://www.act.org/content/act/en/products-and-services/state-and-district-solutions/arizona/the-act.html>
- ✓ ACT website: <https://www.azed.gov/assessment/high-school-assessments-act-and-act-aspire>

Contact ADE: Testing@azed.gov



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

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ACT Aspire (Grade 9 / Cohort 2027)

- ✓ 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
- ✓ [Student Sandbox and Exemplars](#)
- ✓ 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 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
- ✓ 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
- ✓ 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](#)
- ✓ Students complete MyACT prior to testing to send ACT scores for free to up to 4 colleges or scholarship agencies.

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- ✓ ACT-hosted website for Arizona: <https://www.act.org/content/act/en/products-and-services/state-and-district-solutions/arizona/the-act.html>
- ✓ [ACT Aspire Technical Manual](#)
- ✓ [ACT Technical Manual](#)
- ✓ ACT website: <https://www.azed.gov/assessment/high-school-assessments-act-and-act-aspire>
- ✓ [ACT Calculator Policy](#) (for both ACT and ACT Aspire)

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