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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


Contact ADE: Testing@azed.gov

Contact ACT Aspire: 855-730-0400 or here: [Contact Form](mailto:Testing@azed.gov)

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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**

## 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**

## 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

## Resources

- **ACT Aspire Technical Manual**
- **ACT Technical Manual**
- **ACT Calculator Policy** (for both ACT and ACT Aspire)

## Contact Information

**Contact ADE:** Testing@azed.gov

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