

2026-2027 ACT Aspire

Test Window

Computer-Based Testing: March 22 – April 16, 2027

Paper-Based Testing (*Including all Special Paper Version tests*): March 22 – April 2, 2027

ACT Aspire – Grade 9 / Cohort 2030 – Overview

- ✓ Test sections 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
- ✓ Test sections may be administered in any order in one day or over multiple days. A test section must be completed on the day it is started.
- ✓ Students are tested based on their cohort in AzEDS (Cohort 2030), not based on actual grade level, courses completed, or courses enrolled in. Student cohorts should be verified in AzEDS.
- ✓ Tests are available online (by default) and paper-based (with ADE approval).
- ✓ 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.)
- ✓ A non-branded scientific calculator is embedded in the Math test section.
- ✓ Test scores provide college readiness information, including a predictive score for ACT.
- ✓ Test Coordinator's Manuals and Room Supervisor Manuals are available electronically. Hard copies of manuals will not be sent.

Accessibility

- ✓ ACT Aspire Accessibility Supports Guide:
<https://www.azed.gov/assessment/accessibility>
- ✓ Special Paper Version tests available - Braille, large print, and regular print
- ✓ Submit requests for Special Paper Version tests and Additional Accommodations to ADE **September 14, 2026 – February 5, 2027.**
- ✓ Request forms and request process quick guides:
<https://www.azed.gov/assessment/act-aspire>

Resources

- ✓ Exemplars: <https://home.testnav.com/>
- ✓ Exemplar booklets, Calculator Policy, and Alignment Guide:
<https://www.azed.gov/assessment/resources>
- ✓ PearsonAccess^{next}: <https://aspire.pearsonaccessnext.com/>
- ✓ Pearson-hosted support website:
<https://az-support.mypearsonsupport.com/aspire/>

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