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Schedule of Events

Test Dates

Test only on the dates shown in the table below.

Test Mode	Test Window
ACT® Aspire® Test – Paper	March 22 – April 2, 2027
ACT® Aspire® Test – Online	March 22 – April 16, 2027

Schedule

Follow the schedule below to complete actions for testing. Pearson communicates with the Administration Test Coordinator (ATC) and will automatically assign that role to the staff member designated with the Arizona Department of Education (ADE) as the Achievement District Test Coordinator. The ATC will assign the roles of Test Coordinator (TC), Room Supervisor (RS), or Technical Coordinator (Tech) within the district or charter. The ATC is responsible for including other staff in activities and training opportunities.

See the Arizona ACT Aspire Support Site for ACT Aspire testing resources.

PearsonAccess^{next} (PAN) will open for the ACT Aspire test administration on **January 13, 2027**.

Open Date	Deadline Date	Who Takes Action	Testing Mode		Event
			Online	Paper	
BEFORE ACT ASPIRE TEST ADMINISTRATION					
Wednesday, September 14, 2026	Friday, February 5, 2027	ATC, TC	X	X	Submit requests to ADE for Special Paper Version tests or Additional Accommodations. See the following documents for additional details about requests to be submitted. • Special Paper Version Quick Guide • Additional Accommodations Quick Guide • ACT Aspire Accessibility Supports Guide
Ongoing		ATC, TC, RS	X	X	Students should practice with the ACT Aspire Exemplars and TestNav Tutorial to become experienced navigating TestNav and interacting with the various test question formats. The online Exemplars are not meant to be scored, and a full answer key is not provided. Exemplar booklets are also available on the ACT Aspire Support Page.
Wednesday, January 13, 2027		Pearson	X	X	PearsonAccess^{next} platform opens.

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Wednesday, January 13, 2027	Ongoing before testing	ATC, TC	X	X	Conduct staff training session before your first day of testing. All testing staff must receive training prior to administering any tests. All employees who will administer or proctor tests, be in contact with test materials, or have access to the testing environment, including only incidental access, must complete the Achievement Assessments *Test Security & Ethics* training module either in the AzLMS platform or through group training.
Wednesday, January 13, 2027	Friday, April 16, 2027	ATC, TC	X	X	Delegate administrative tasks and create user accounts in PearsonAccess^{next} with the correct roles assigned. Disable unnecessary users. It is recommended that PearsonAccess^{next} access be granted only after the user has completed training and has signed a test security agreement.
Wednesday, January 13, 2027	Thursday, February 5, 2027	ATC	X	X	Verify contact information and district shipping address in PearsonAccess^{next}. Any changes or corrections must be made by notifying ADE at Testing@azed.gov no later than **February 5, 2027**. *District Test Coordinators with multiple districts must verify each district separately.*
Wednesday, January 13, 2027	Friday, April 16, 2027	Tech	X		Download the TestNav™ application and run App Check for all testing devices. Conduct final tech readiness tasks (i.e., validate configurations; lock down devices).
Monday, January 25, 2027	Tuesday , January 26, 2027	ADE	X	X	ADE will upload students to PearsonAccess^{next}. • The last day to revise student enrollments in AzEDS prior to the ACT Aspire student upload is **Wednesday, January 20, 2027**.
Tuesday January 26, 2027			X	X	Students are visible in PearsonAccess^{next}.
February 25, 2027 9:00am – 10:00am		ATC, TC	X	X	Pearson will host an online ACT Aspire Chat with an Expert session to answer Test Coordinator questions. Use this link to join the Teams meeting.

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March 11, 2027 9:00am – 10:00am		ATC, TC	X	X	Pearson will host an online ACT Aspire Chat with an Expert session to answer Test Coordinator questions. Use this link to join the Teams meeting.
Tuesday, January 26, 2027	Friday, April 16, 2027	ATC, TC	X	X	For any students new to your school or not included in ADE's student upload, manually add students to PearsonAccess^{next} or load the students via SRI. • ADE does not upload students who are concurrently enrolled in more than one school.
Tuesday, January 26, 2027	Friday, February 5, 2027	ATC, TC		X	Paper-based testing schools: Add new students in PearsonAccess^{next} no later than **February 5, 2027** to receive Pre-ID labels. Any students added after this date will need their student demographic information bubbled in on their answer documents.
Tuesday, January 26, 2027	Friday, February 5, 2027	ATC, TC		X	Import the Student PNP & Test Information file to assign accommodations for **paper** testing.
Tuesday, January 26, 2027	Friday, April 16, 2027	ATC, TC	X		Import the Student PNP & Test Information file to assign accommodations for **online** testing.
Tuesday, January 26, 2027	Friday, April 16, 2027	ATC, TC	X		Create test sessions and assign students to sessions. • All accommodations should be assigned in each student's PNP **prior** to placing students in sessions.
Tuesday, January 26, 2027	Friday, April 16, 2027	ATC, TC	X		Optional: Create groups/classes.
Tuesday, January 26, 2027	Friday, April 16, 2027	ATC, TC	X	X	Optional: Create reporting groups.
Tuesday, January 26, 2027	Friday, April 16, 2027	ATC, TC	X	X	Request an Enrollment Transfer to move students and tests from old school to new school. *Note: To avoid duplication of an examinee's record, do not just automatically load the student via the SRI process.*

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Monday, March 8, 2027	Friday, March 12, 2027	ATC, TC		X	Receive paper test materials shipment. Account for and securely store all materials. • Hard copies of ACT Aspire manuals will not be shipped.
Monday, March 15, 2027	Friday, March 26, 2027	ATC, TC		X	Order additional materials for those students added after **February 5, 2027**, who will test on paper. *Note: Materials ordered during this window will not receive barcode labels. Student demographic information must be bubbled in on their answer documents.*
Monday, March 15, 2027	Friday, April 16, 2027	ATC, TC		X	Order additional materials for the return of materials (boxes, shipping labels).
Monday, March 15, 2027	Friday, April 16, 2027	ATC, TC	X		Print student authorization testing tickets.
Monday, March 15, 2027	Friday, April 16, 2027	ATC, TC, RS	X	X	Prepare test materials for each room. *Note: Be sure to maintain test materials security at all times.*
Monday, March 15, 2027	Friday, April 16, 2027	ATC, TC	X		Prepare test sessions.
Monday, March 22, 2027	Friday, April 2, 2027	ATC, TC	X	X	Set up test rooms prior to test day.
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Monday, March 22, 2027	Friday, April 2, 2027	ATC, TC, RS	X	X	**Testing Window - Paper Testing** • Includes all Special Paper Version tests (braille, large print, and regular print paper tests) in all schools, whether the school is testing online or on paper. Student responses for braille and large print tests must be transferred to standard answer documents for scoring.
Monday, March 22, 2027	Friday, April 16, 2027	ATC, TC, RS	X		Start and unlock test sessions the morning of test day.
Monday, March 22, 2027	Friday, April 16, 2027		X		**Testing Window – Online Testing**

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					• All Special Paper Version tests (braille, large print, and regular print) must be administered during the **Paper Testing Window** in all schools, whether the school is testing online or on paper.
Monday, March 22, 2027	Friday, April 16, 2027	Tech	X		Monitor for technology issues during testing.
Monday, March 22, 2027	Friday, April 16, 2027	ATC, TC, RS	X	X	Report any testing irregularities within PearsonAccess^{next}.
AFTER ACT ASPIRE TEST ADMINISTRATION					
Tuesday, March 23, 2027	Monday, April 5, 2027	ATC, TC		X	Pack and return paper materials. Standard answer documents, including from all completed Special Paper Version tests, must be returned as scorable material and must be picked up by UPS no later than **April 5, 2027**, to be scored. Retain shipment receipt.
Monday, March 22, 2027	Friday, April 16, 2027	RS	X		Remove students who are not tested from test sessions and close test sessions once online testing is completed.
Friday, April 9, 2027		ATC, TC		X	Deadline for Pearson to receive all ACT Aspire paper materials.
Friday, April 16, 2027		ATC, TC	X	X	Deadline to complete Enrollment Transfer requests for students.
Wednesday, May 26, 2027		Report, ATC, TC	X	X	Student Performance Files (SPFs), Individual Student Reports (ISRs), and aggregate PDF reports are released and viewable in PearsonAccess^{next}.
Friday, May 28, 2027		Report, ATC, TC	X	X	OnDemand Reports are available in PearsonAccess^{next}.
Wednesday, June 16, 2027		Report, ATC, TC	X	X	Printed reports are delivered to districts.