

SAT to ACT

BOE

October 15, 2024

Why the change?

- A SAT contract ended
- RFP
- ISBE Board selected ACT
- Contract 2025-2030
- \$53 Million



Basic Information:

- 9th Grade & 10th Grade
 - Pre ACT
 - Spring 2025
 - Assessments of English, Math, Reading, & Science
 - Designed to predict ACT score after another year (or two) of learning
 - Designed to be easier than the ACT
 - Familiarize students with the ACT
 - Online Administration
 - No writing component

PreACT 9 Secure & PreACT Secure Components Standard Time Testing

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English

Time: 35 minutes

PreACT 9 Secure # of Items: 44

PreACT Secure # of Items: 48

- Usage/Mechanics:
 - Punctuation
 - Grammar and Usage
 - Sentence Structure
- Rhetorical Skills:
 - Strategy
 - Organization
 - Style

Reading

Time: 40 minutes

PreACT 9 Secure # of Items: 33

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- Literary Narrative or Prose Fiction
- Humanities
- Social Studies
- Natural Science

Mathematics

Time: 45 minutes

PreACT 9 Secure # of Items: 35

PreACT Secure # of Items: 38

- Pre-Algebra
- Elementary Algebra
- Intermediate Algebra
- Coordinate Geometry
- Plane Geometry
- Trigonometry

Science

Time: 35 minutes

PreACT 9 Secure # of Items: 32

PreACT Secure # of Items: 36

- Biology
- Earth/Space Sciences
- Chemistry
- Physics Data Representation
- Research Summaries
- Conflicting viewpoints

***Note: There is a 15-minute break
after the Mathematics component.***

Basic Information: 11th Grade

- 11th Grade
 - ACT Plus Writing
 - Spring 2025
 - Assessments of English, Math, Reading, & Science
- NMSQT
 - 11th Grade
 - Fall 2024

ACT with Writing Components

Standard Time Testing

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English**Time: 45 minutes****# of Items: 75**

- Usage/Mechanics:
 - Punctuation
 - Grammar and Usage
 - Sentence Structure
- Rhetorical Skills:
 - Strategy
 - Organization
 - Style

Science**Time: 35 minutes****# of Items: 40**

- Biology
- Earth/Space Sciences
- Chemistry
- Physics Data Representation
- Research Summaries
- Conflicting viewpoints

Mathematics**Time: 60 minutes****# of Items: 60**

- Pre-Algebra
- Elementary Algebra
- Intermediate Algebra
- Coordinate Geometry
- Plane Geometry
- Trigonometry

Writing (keyboard required)**Time: 40 minutes****# of Items: 1**

- Argumentative writing

Note: There is a 15-minute break after the Mathematics component and a 5-minute break after the Science component.

Reading**Time: 35 minutes****# of Items: 40**

- Literary Narrative or Prose Fiction
- Humanities
- Social Studies
- Natural Science



Basic Information: 12th Grade

- If no previously approved state assessment
- If no RNVTA
- If no enrollment code for 2023-2024 school year
 - Then ACT is required for graduation

When?

- ACT with Writing (for grade 11 and 12, as *required*)
- Digital Testing Window Options:
 - Tuesday, March 25 – Friday, April 4, 2025
 - Tuesday, April 8 – Friday, April 18, 2025
 - Tuesday, April 22 – Friday, May 2, 2025

Testing may be scheduled anytime within the selected window. If necessary for any reason (e.g., change in testing date, makeup testing, testing transfer students who haven't tested), schools may test throughout any or all additional two-week windows. Details on how schools will communicate their initial selection and any subsequent shifts in scheduling are forthcoming.

- PreACT 9 Secure (for grade 9) and PreACT Secure (for grade 10) Digital Testing Window:
 - Monday, March 17 – Friday, April 25, 2025
 - Schools may schedule testing on any weekday(s) during the six-week window

Questions

