



# PreACT Online or Paper/Pencil Assessments, You Choose



**PreACT® 8/9 and PreACT® now offer an online administration option starting in the 2024-25 school year.**

ACT has offered the choice of online or paper/pencil on ACT® School Day and District Testing programs to high school juniors and seniors since 2015.

We understand the value of aligning familiar testing experiences to younger students and extending the choice of administration methods to educators.

## Why Consider Online Testing?

### Familiarity for Students



- PreACT online administration gives students a streamlined experience in the same platform as the computer-based ACT test used by state and district testing.
- 50% of schools who offer ACT school day testing choose the online administration. We see a trend of more schools choosing online each year.

### Ease of Implementation for Educators



- PreACT online testing is easy for schools and districts to set up and administer.
- PreACT online saves time by removing orders and returns of paper materials – reducing reliance on shipping, handling, and storage.
- For record keeping – test booklets are available in .pdf formats which is a more sustainable and shareable record of achievement.
- For administration – we are aligning paper and online testing in a single administrative platform so educators can easily decide which mode is right for each student.

# Online vs Paper/Pencil Comparison

Use the comparison below to assess your PreACT needs and make a plan for next year.

|                                 | <i>PreACT 8/9 &amp; PreACT Online</i>  | <i>PreACT 8/9 &amp; PreACT Paper/Pencil</i>  |
|---------------------------------|--|--|
| <b>Ordering for 2024-25</b>     | Ordering opens June 2024<br>Online form on ACT.org   | Ordering opens June 2024<br>Online form on ACT.org   |
| <b>Administration Platforms</b> | ACT Now & TestNav  | Option A: ACT Now & TestNav<br>Option B: CCRIS   |
| <b>Test Timing</b>              | 130 min PreACT 8/9<br>130 min PreACT<br>155 MIN PreACT Secure                                    | 130 min PreACT 8/9<br>130 min PreACT   |
| <b>Interest Inventory</b>       | Coming fall of 2025  | Available in PreACT and PreACT 8/9<br>(optional for students to complete)                        |
| <b>Reports</b>                  | Online in ACT Online Reporting<br>+2 printed individual student reports (ISR) sent to the school | Online in ACT Online Reporting<br>+2 printed individual student reports (ISR) sent to the school |
| <b>ACT Recruit Me Opt in</b>    | Coming fall of 2025  | Yes  |
| <b>Test Booklets Retained</b>   | Yes - PDF only   | Yes - hard copy  |
| <b>Testing Window</b>           | Sept. 3, 2024 - May 30, 2025   | Sept. 3, 2024 - May 30, 2025   |

\*Schools in FL, KS, OR, and OK will continue in CCRIS for the 2024-25 school year  
\*\*Dates and testing modality may vary depending on your State supported contract.

**Embrace the flexibility of the choice between paper/pencil and online administrations.**

**You decide what is best for your school and student body.**



**OR**



**Connect with our experts to make a plan for PreACT assessments at [act.org/preact](https://act.org/preact).**

