



WHY TAKE **PreACT** **Assessments?**

FOCUS ON
CRITICAL AREAS
FOR
IMPROVEMENT.

IT'S NEVER TOO EARLY TO START GETTING COMFORTABLE WITH THE ACT[®] TEST. PREACT[®] ASSESSMENTS PROVIDES THE FIRST STEP TOWARDS PREPARING FOR THE ACT BY HELPING YOU:

- Identify your current academic readiness for college and career using your PreACT score report
- Predict how you'll perform on the ACT after an additional year of learning
- Determine skills you can improve based on your performance
- Explore with PreACT[®]8/9 and PreACT assessment how your career aspirations align with your interests

Common Questions About Assessments:



WHEN CAN I TAKE PRACTICE?

Your school will announce the time, date, and place. Look for an announcement that lists this information or talk to your counselor.



WHAT IF I REQUIRE ACCOMMODATIONS DURING TESTING?

ACT provides accommodations for students who may need them for PreACT testing. Your school will request these, so speak to your teacher or counselor if you have questions.



WHAT SHOULD I BRING ON TEST DAY?

- Three sharpened soft-lead (No. 2) pencils with good erasers
- A watch to pace yourself (no phones, please)
- Calculator for the math test (not required)
- Visit act.org/theact/calculator to review the ACT calculator policy

BENEFITS OF PRACTICE ASSESSMENTS

- **Test questions like those on the ACT**—Gives you valuable practice, including questions and scores similar to those on the ACT test.
- **Ideas for improvement**—Includes multiple-choice questions in English, reading, math, and science. Your scores will reveal your current knowledge and skills in each area. Since you get to keep your PreACT test booklet, you can go back through the questions and compare your answers with the correct ones after you get your results. This can help you focus on critical areas for improvement. PreACT assessments student report will give you targeted ideas to work on based on your subject scores report.
- **Career suggestions based on your goals and interests**—PreACT® 8/9 and PreACT reports include information about career possibilities, based on your answers to the ACT Interest Inventory, which you can use to start thinking about your future. The reports also provide career suggestions based on your interests.

TIPS FOR DOING YOUR BEST ON PRACTICE ASSESSMENTS

- Follow directions exactly, and don't be afraid to ask questions.
- Don't spend too much time on any single question. For difficult ones, choose the answer you think is best and move on.
- If you complete a test before time is called, recheck your work.

MESSAGE TO PARENTS

PreACT assessments provides you and your child with information that can help you select the right high school courses, think about ways to target areas for improvement, and even begin discussions about college and career.

These assessments help identify:

- How a student is doing with the skills and knowledge required to succeed in college and beyond
- Areas where extra help or additional courses are needed
- Career possibilities on PreACT 8/9 and PreACT that match the student's interests

Your son or daughter also may choose to have their information shared with colleges and scholarship agencies when they take PreACT assessments, which can help them get discovered for college recruitment and scholarship possibilities.