



**ACT**  
**Preparation**

**2/23/22**

# State Testing Notification



## GOOD NEWS JUST FOR NORTH CAROLINA JUNIORS

On **March 1**, you and your classmates will participate in the weekday administration of the ACT<sup>®</sup> test, accepted by most colleges and universities in the United States. As you prepare for the ACT, know that colleges and universities in North Carolina look forward to receiving your ACT scores.

On or before the test date, you will complete the non-test/demographic questions in your MyACT account. At this time, you may **select up to four colleges and universities to receive your ACT score report free of charge**. Your school will provide you with instructions to complete the information in MyACT.

A wide range of colleges, universities, and majors are available in your home state. Should you decide to stay in North Carolina for this next phase of your educational career and want to send your scores to one or more North Carolina colleges or universities, a list of codes is provided on the reverse side of this letter. Feel free to bring this document to identify your selection(s) when you complete the non-test information.

To help with the process of determining the right school for you, ACT provides **free college and career planning** self-assessments. You can log in using any computer, smartphone, or tablet. The questions pinpoint your unique interests, values, and skills. Based on your answers, personalized results are populated onto interactive career and major maps. From there, you can take a closer look to find information related to specific schools, majors, and careers. You can also explore your options, save your favorites, and share them with others. If you would like to take advantage of this service provided by ACT please log in to: **[www.act.org/profile](http://www.act.org/profile)**.

We encourage you to discuss these choices with your parent(s) before choosing where to send your ACT scores.

Your transition from high school to college or the workforce is crucial not only for you, but also to North Carolina's future and that of our nation. ACT staff and North Carolina educators encourage you to do your best on the ACT, as well as on your remaining high school coursework.

Sincerely,  
ACT and the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction

# ACT Prep Opportunities



**All Juniors have been enrolled in ACT  
Online Prep**

- **Getting Started**
- **Study Plan Steps 1 through 10**
- **Subject Short Tests (4)**
- **Full ACT Practice Exam 1**
- **Attendance**
- **Service Learning Hours**
- **March 1st - ACT**

**All ACT Prep Work is due**  
**March 4th**

**Grades can be  
viewed on  
PowerSchool**



# ACT Testing Schedule



***Please be on time!***

**8:45**      Test Preliminary

**9:00**      ACT Start

**1:00**      ACT End

**1-1:30**    ACT Account Creations

# Subject Test Times



| <b>~ 3 Hours Total</b> | <b>Time</b> | <b># of questions</b> |
|------------------------|-------------|-----------------------|
| <b>English</b>         | 45 min      | 75 questions          |
| <b>Math</b>            | 60 min      | 60 questions          |
| <b>Reading</b>         | 35 min      | 40 questions          |
| <b>Science</b>         | 35 minutes  | 40 questions          |

**ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS!  
THERE IS NO PENALTY FOR WRONG ANSWERS.**

# Drop-Off / Parking



**You may be dropped off or attempt to park as close to the student center as possible. Please make sure you are not parking anywhere that is restricted, not limited to: fire/loading zones, handicap parking, grassy areas, etc.**

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# ACT Checklist



- Be on time (no later than 8:45am)**
- Bring a device (laptop/iPad)**
- Location is the gym**
- Calculators will be provided**
- Breakfast/snacks will be provided**

# Testing Site Layout





# FAQS



**Who has to take the test?** All juniors enrolled in school in the state of NC.

**Will social distancing guidelines be in place?** Yes, all students will be at a minimum 4 feet apart. Face masks are now optional for students.

**If I want to retake the test, how do I do that?** You may want to consider retesting if you don't believe that your scores accurately represent your abilities. You will need to register and pay for the retest (this can be done via your MyACT account). You may be able to retake parts of the test.

Once you have a composite score, when you retake the ACT, we will automatically send to your college code recipients your ACT Superscore, to ensure they have your best overall score.

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**Is this test a requirement for college admission?** This will depend on the college you plan to apply to. Currently due to the pandemic, this requirement has been waived, but this could change in the future. **However, your test scores may benefit you and help you stand out in a crowded field of applicants.**

**What if I don't know the answer to a question?** When there are five minutes left in the test, students will be notified. Use this time to bubble in any unanswered/skipped questions. There is no penalty for wrong answers, so answering all questions increases your chances of a higher score.

**If I finish the test early, can I leave?** NO. You can not work ahead or behind in the test. You must stay for the duration of the test.



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