

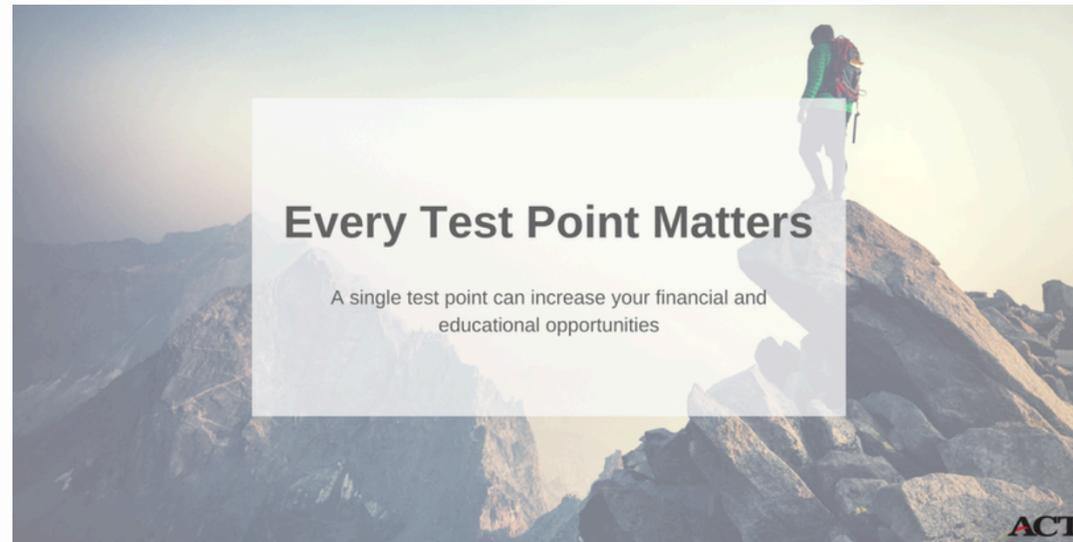
What is the ACT and PreACT?

- The ACT and PreACT Tests are digital, multiple-choice exams that all Illinois High Schools administer in the Spring.
- The PreACT test prepares 9th and 10th Grade students for the 11th Grade ACT.



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Why is it important to do well on the ACT and PreACT?



- Doing well on the ACT can help students get into college
- 88% of US colleges consider ACT test scores in their admissions decisions
- The ACT gives students information on careers they might enjoy
- High ACT scores can lead to scholarship and financial aid opportunities.



ACT & PreACT 2026 Goal

We are focused on growing every student 3 or more points on the SY26 Spring ACT.



How does Northtown prepare students?

- Classrooms lessons are connected to an ACT priority standard each week
- Classroom lessons will match grade level rigor and will build ACT aligned skills
- Administer 2 full-length practice interims in the fall and winter to prepare students for spring testing

ACT & PreACT 2026

Middle-of-Year Practice ACT Interim #2
on Tuesday, January 20, 2026.

SPRING TESTING DATES:

ASSESSMENT	DATE	GRADE LEVEL
THE ACT STATE	Tues. 4/14/26	11 th Grade
PreACT	Thurs. 4/16/26	9 th & 10 th Grade

Tuesday, January 20th: Practice ACT Interim #2

- Mandatory attendance for 9th-12th graders
- **School Day**: 8:00am-3:30pm
- **PURPOSE**: To give students practice on the ACT and build student endurance for the testing conditions
- **GOAL**: Each student demonstrates 1-3 point growth from Fall Interim score

Tuesday, April 14, 2026:

The State

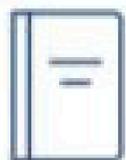
- Mandatory attendance for 11th graders and 2-day PreACT testers
- **School Day**: 8:00am – End of Test (varies)
- **PURPOSE**: Illinois, CPS and Meridian Graduation Requirement
- **GOAL**: Each student demonstrates 3+ point growth from Spring PreACT Secure score

Thursday, April 16, 2026:

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- Mandatory attendance for 9th and 10th graders and 2-day ACT testers
- **School Day**: 8:00am – End of Test (varies)
- **PURPOSE**: To prepare students for the ACT during 11th Grade; required by CPS & Meridian
- **GOAL**: Each student demonstrates 3+ point growth from Spring PreACT Secure score

ACT with Writing Components



English

Time: 45 min.

of Items: 75

- Production of Writing
- Knowledge of Language
- Conventions of Standard English

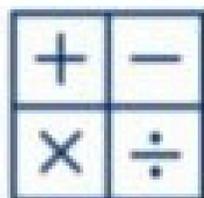
Writing

(keyboard required)

Time: 40 min.

of Items: 1

- Argumentative writing



Mathematics*

Time: 60 min.

of Items: 60

- Preparing for Higher Math
 - Number and Quantity
 - Algebra
 - Functions
 - Geometry
 - Statistics and Probability
- Integrating Essential Skills
- Modeling



Reading

Time: 35 min.

of Items: 40

- Key ideas and details
- Craft and Structure
- Integration of knowledge and ideas



Science*

Time: 35 min.

of Items: 40

- Interpretation of Data
- Scientific Investigation
- Evaluation of Models, inferences and experimental results

The times listed are for standard time testing.
*There is a 15 minute break after the Mathematics component
* 5 minute break after the Science component
* Schools can choose to offer an extended break after science that must not exceed 45 minutes

PreACT 9 Secure & PreACT Secure Components



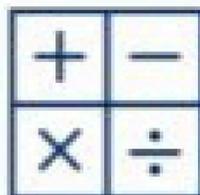
English

Time: 35 minutes

PreACT 9 Secure # of Items: 44

PreACT Secure # of Items: 48

- Production of Writing
- Knowledge of Language
- Conventions of Standard English



Mathematics*

Time: 45 minutes

PreACT 9 Secure # of Items: 35

PreACT Secure # of Items: 38

- Preparing for Higher Math
 - Numbers and Quantity
 - Algebra
 - Functions
 - Geometry
 - Statistics and Probability
- Integrating Essential Skills
- Modeling



Reading

Time: 40 minutes

PreACT 9 Secure # of Items: 33

PreACT Secure # of Items: 33

- Key Ideas and Details
- Craft and Structure
- Integration of Knowledge and Ideas



Science

Time: 35 minutes

PreACT 9 Secure # of Items: 32

PreACT Secure # of Items: 36

- Interpretation of Data
- Scientific Investigation
- Evaluation of Models; Inferences and Experimental Results

The times listed are for standard time testing.

*There is a 15 minute break between Mathematics and Reading.

Additional Information

- Students will receive their IEP and EL testing accommodations during all test sessions.
 - Students with 2-day testing accommodations will receive that accommodation
 - All students are opted into all accommodations. Families must request in writing if they want to remove their testing accommodations.
- Lunch will be provided to all students in attendance during each testing day



Universal Supports

universal supports include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Admission ticket used as scratch paper
- Working on scratch (blank, lined, or graph) paper (provided in the testing room)
- Use of a calculator that meets the ACT Calculator Policy for mathematics section
- Repetition of general administration directions, if requested
- Asking for clarification of verbal instructions
- Marking items for review
- Color contrast

When testing online through the TestNav delivery system, all students have access to built-in accessibility features, including the following:

- Answer masking
- Color contrast adjustments
- Embedded calculator
- Full screen enlargement (zoom)
- Highlighter
- Indicator of time remaining
- Keyboard navigation
- Line reader/visual tracking support tool
- Marking items for review

EL Supports

EL supports are limited to the following provisions:

- ACT-authorized word-to-word bilingual dictionary/glossary
- Translated test directions, provided by ACT on your program's ACT-hosted webpage
- One and one-half time, single day
- Small-group testing



ACT & PreACT Prohibited Behavior

1. All items brought into the test site may be searched. Items suspected of being used to engage in misconduct may be confiscated and retained.
2. **Cell phones, smart watches, fitness bands, and any other devices with recording, Wi-Fi, internet, or communication capabilities are prohibited. *You may not handle or access such devices during testing or during breaks.***
3. All electronic devices must be powered off and stored out of sight. Turning your device to silent or airplane mode is not acceptable. Alarms, vibrations, or notifications of any kind may not sound.
4. You may not give or receive assistance by any means. This includes looking at another person's test.

ACT & PreACT Prohibited Behavior

5. The test is confidential and remains so even after the exam is complete. You may not remove any materials from the test room. You may not discuss or share test questions or answers during test administration, during breaks, or after the test.
6. You may not disclose test questions or answers in any way or at any time, including through social media, in whole or in part.
7. Testers may NOT change seats. Testers must sit in the same seat in their testing room since seating charts are submitted to ACT and PreACT.
8. Finally, eating, drinking, and the use of tobacco or reading materials are not permitted in the test room.

ACT & PreACT Prohibited Behavior

If a student is observed or suspected of engaging in prohibited behavior, you will be dismissed and your test will not be scored.



Test preparation

- Attend all classes on time everyday.
- Participate in all ACT preparation during classes.
- Students should be well-rested and eat a healthy breakfast before testing.
- Students bring charged chromebooks to school.
- Arrive on time on testing days.

Follow all ACT rules - especially the technology and electronics rules!!!!

