

Enhanced ACT: Important Information and Helpful Resources

Key Changes Starting April 2025

ACT is transitioning to a **new, enhanced version** of the test. Here's what you need to know:

- **Science section becomes optional** — no longer used in calculating the ACT Composite score.
- **Composite score will include only English, Math, and Reading**, starting with:
 - **April 2025** for students testing online at National Test Centers (on a Saturday).
 - **September 2025** for all students.
- **Shorter test duration with more time per question.**

What This Means for Students

- **Increased flexibility:** Students can choose whether to include the Science and/or Writing sections during National testing. Schools and districts also have this flexibility for District testing.
- **Score comparability:** Enhanced ACT scores are interchangeable with legacy ACT scores.
- **College readiness indicators remain valid and reliable.**

ACT Resources You Should Know

ACT has released new resources to help **students, families, and educators** prepare:

1. **[Sample Questions & Full-Length Practice Test](#)**
Get hands-on practice with the new test format.
2. **[An Educator's Guide to ACT Enhancements](#)**
A comprehensive resource for K-12 educators on ACT changes across all test administrations.
3. **[ACT Enhancements Website](#)**
Find FAQs, timelines, and detailed explanations of the new test structure.

4. [Comparison of the Legacy and Enhanced ACT Test](#)

Side-by-side breakdown of how each section test has changed both in terms of the total number of test items and the amount of time students spend testing.

5. [A Video on Enhancements to the ACT](#)

A short video summarizing key updates to help students know what to expect.

Additional Guidance for Schools & Institutions

We highly recommend reviewing:

[Interpreting Scores on the Enhanced ACT: Guidance for K-12 and Higher Education Institutions](#)

This guide outlines how the new test was designed and how to interpret scores accurately.

For more details or to access the above resources, visit [ACT's Test Enhancements and Changes website](#).