



ACT Frequently Asked Questions

What is the ACT Test?

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Additionally, the ACT test provides data for the district and schools to use in evaluating the effectiveness of curriculum and programs in preparing students for college and careers.

Why should my student take the ACT Test?

Students can benefit from participating in the ACT testing in several ways:

- ‡ Data will be provided to students and parents showing strengths and weaknesses in subject areas tested allowing students/parents to work with teachers and counselors to determine areas of focus for remaining coursework
- ‡ College and career planning component is included allowing students/parents a tool for determining career interests, college majors, and occupational fields most suited for the student
- ‡ College admissions test (Students can choose up to four colleges to send scores for free)

When is the test date?

DVUSD will be administering the ACT test on Tuesday, September 15th. Since the ACT is a timed test, students will have 20 minutes to complete a section with questions about educational and career plans. This section must be complete prior to the test date.

Will my student be penalized for not participating in the ACT test at the high school?

This is a test for students. Taking advantage of this testing opportunity has many advantages for students. Students will receive scores in each of these areas.

What is the format of the test?

The ACT is a multiple-choice test consisting of 75 questions. It takes approximately 1 hour and 10 minutes to complete, including a 5-minute break. The test is divided into four sections: English, Reading, Science, and Writing. The English section contains 75 questions and takes 45 minutes. The Reading section contains 40 questions and takes 35 minutes. The Science section contains 36 questions and takes 35 minutes. The Writing section contains 1 question and takes 40 minutes. Students in grades 11 and 12 will take the test on paper. Students at Aspire, DIHS, SOHS, and Xista Ream will take the test on their Chromebooks.