



Shaker Heights Schools

American College Test (ACT)

Description/Rationale/Benefit(s) to Students

The ACT is a college admissions exam consisting of multiple choice questions in English, math, reading and science. There is also an optional writing component. The ACT is used by some colleges to assist with admissions and scholarship decisions. The purpose of the ACT is to measure a student's readiness for college, providing colleges with one common data point that can be used to compare applicants.

Grade(s)	Open, but most often 11 and 12
Subject(s)/Course(s)	State Administration: English, math, and reading and science National Administration: science and writing are optional
Required? By whom?	Required by Ohio; Required by some colleges and universities for admission and/or scholarships; other schools are test-optional
Who is required/eligible?	Grade 11
Alignment	Not applicable
Delivery Mode	State and District administrations - online National administrations - paper or online
Date(s)	Saturday dates are listed here . (Scroll down.) Wednesday, February 25, 2026 for juniors (state administration) School Day in mid-April for juniors and seniors (district administration)
Administration Time	English, math and reading: about two hours plus instructions and a break science - 40 minutes Writing - 40 minutes
Cost to family/Fee waivers	\$68 per exam add \$25 for writing; add \$4 for science State pays for required state administration Fee waivers are available.
Accommodations/How to Qualify	Available; Family provides written permission

	<p>to the school to share information with ACT. It is recommended that this occur during the annual review in ninth grade or earlier that year.</p> <p>With permission, the school will request the accommodations for the state administration. If a student is taking the ACT prior to the state administration, then these steps should be followed.</p> <p>Once ACT has approved accommodations for a student, the student can continue to use those approved accommodations on ACT assessments through high school. If a student's IEP or 504 accommodations change, then a new request will need to be submitted.</p> <p>Please contact your child's Intervention Specialist for more information.</p>
Results - Timing/Access	<p>Students can access their scores 2 - 8 weeks after the test and will need a MyACT online account. More information about accessing scores is available here.</p>
Additional Information	<p>General information about the ACT is available here.</p> <p>More information about adding the online ACT as an option on Saturday test dates is available here.</p> <p>More information about the "enhanced" (new) ACT is available here.</p>