

Homeschooled students and the ACT FAQ

This page contains the answers to the most frequently asked questions about homeschooled students and the ACT. Check here for quick answers to most questions.

Q. Can homeschooled students take the state administration of the ACT at their neighborhood high school?

A. A home-schooled student is allowed to take the ACT *if* the student would be considered a junior if he or she were registered for public school (the state funded ACT applies only to juniors), and *if* the student resides within the school's geographic boundaries.

Q. How do parents of homeschooled students request to participate in state ACT testing?

A. Contact your neighborhood high school and find out who their ACT testing contact or ACT testing coordinator is. The testing coordinator will help you to get your student registered. Be sure to make this request before January 11th, 2019 if your student requires any testing accommodations or supports. The deadline for requesting ACT Accommodations is January 11th, 2019. The deadline for ordering testing materials for the February 20, 2019 testing date is February 7, 2019.

If you miss the associated deadlines for the February 20th testing date, your student may still be able to test on one of two makeup dates: March 12, 2019, or April 2, 2019. If you would like your student to test on March 12th, please note that *materials must be ordered for the March 12th test by February 21st*. Please contact your neighborhood high school by February 20th so that they can order the appropriate testing materials and register your student for testing for March 12th. The April 2nd test date is the last makeup date for the 11th grade test administration. The *materials for the April 2nd test date must be ordered by March 13th*, so please be sure to contact your neighborhood high school by March 12th so that they can get the appropriate materials ordered and register your student.

Q. How do schools register homeschooled students for the state administration of the ACT?

A. To register the student for the ACT, follow the instructions below:

Process for testing Home School students

- LEA/School creates SSID# for the student
- Enroll the student using the home-school code, 990
- Enter the student information in the PA^{next} system
- Make sure the student is included in the completion of the "Non-test Portions" prior to test day

B. Can homeschooled students who would not be juniors (i.e., they are older or younger) take the ACT with their neighborhood school on state ACT testing day?

A. No. The state ACT testing date is only for high school juniors.

Q. Can homeschooled juniors take the ACT on the state testing date at any school they wish?

A. No. The student should take the test that is their geographic boundary school as determined by their permanent address.