



# Enhanced ACT

## 2025-2026

### Updates At-a-Glance



ACT has modernized the assessment with updates designed to improve the testing experience for students. Known as the Enhanced ACT, these changes shorten the overall test time, provide more time per question, and simplify portions of the test while maintaining ACT's core purpose: **measuring students' readiness for college and career.**

#### What has changed?

- ➡ Reduces Number of Questions
- ⌚ Shortened Test Time
- ⏰ More Time Per Question
- ✓ Reduced Answer Choices for Math Questions (5 to 4)

#### What is staying the same?

- 📊 ACT Scale and Benchmarks Remain Unchanged
- ⌚ Prior Test Scores Will Remain Unchanged
- 🎓 No Impact on Predicting First-Year College Success

#### How Scores are Determined

##### ACT Composite Score

The Composite score is the average of a student's English, Math, and Reading scores.

##### ACT Superscore

If a student takes the ACT on a national test date in addition to the Utah state test, the Superscore is the average of the student's highest English, Math, and Reading scores across both tests.

##### Utah STEM Score

Students who participate in the Utah state ACT receive a STEM score, calculated as the average of the Math and Science scores.