

What Utah Parents Need to Know About the ACT:

Testing, Support, and Resources



What is the ACT?

The ACT is a college entrance test that shows how prepared students are for college-level work. It measures skills in:



English



Math



Reading

Science
OptionalWriting
Optional

Utah ACT vs. National ACT

Statewide

All Utah juniors take the ACT during school hours at no cost to families. This ensures every student has the chance to complete the test as part of their high school experience. Utah students participate in the science skills test.

National

Students may also register and pay to take the ACT on a Saturday national test date at an official testing center. This option is helpful for students who want:

- To test earlier
- Another chance to raise their score
- More flexibility test dates
- Science and writing are optional

Tools to Help Your Student Succeed

Shmoop Test Prep

tinyurl.com/2ak5kdhb

Free for Utah students in grades 8–11.

Instructions are on the USBE Assessment website, ACT tab.

ACT Parents & Students Guide

tinyurl.com/634j7552

Tips, strategies, and test-day information.

ACT Accessibility Supports

tinyurl.com/4frmz6c6

Find supports for students with IEPs, 504 plans, and English learners.

USBE Assessment Website

tinyurl.com/4ddhavvp

Resources for families, including information for homeschool students. Select the ACT Tab.