

## What is the PreACT?

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A fairly new edition to standardized tests is the <u>PreACT</u> test. The PreACT will prepare students for the actual <u>ACT</u> test. The test is offered to tenth grade high (sophomore) school students and covers the four main topics of the ACT: English, Mathematics, Reading and Science. It does not offer a written section.

The test is graded on the same scale as the regular ACT, ranging from scores of 1 to 36. The typical ACT is fairly long, lasting 2 hours and 55 minutes without the written section and 3 hours and 35 minutes with the written section. The PreACT is significantly shorter, taking only 1 hour and 55 minutes. The tests are administered between September 1st and June 1st and only costs \$12 to take. Students can only take the PreACT if their high school offers it. Unfortunately, students cannot sign up to take the test on their own.



Like the ACT, the PreACT is based on multiple choice questions. The questions are based on prior ACTs, therefore they are both set to the same standards.

The intention of this test is to give students a rough estimate on how they might score on the actual ACT. The scores of the PreACT have no direct effect on the college admissions process and is used

as just a practice tool. Students can choose to send their scores to a college/university if they choose but it is not required.

Additionally, the test shows what subjects students are proficient in and where they may need to seek assistance. Each student is allowed to keep his/her PreACT test booklet, giving them an opportunity to see where they can improve their scores on future tests. Test scores are given to students two weeks after they have taken the test. The PreACT also gives recommendations on

future career paths. This is a great tool for students to take a look into a career that they may not have thought of pursuing before.

Tip: As a student, if you plan to take the ACT as an 11th grader, you might want to consider taking your PreACT in 10th grade. This will give you an opportunity to test your preparedness for the actual ACT. Nonetheless, Success Pathway highly advises purchasing practice tests and workbooks to help improve your score.

