

Ready for test day

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Test date:

Test center:

Arrival time:

Follow your admission ticket and appointment instructions. School-day, international and accommodated testing can have different requirements. For US national testing, ACT says to be inside by 8 a.m.; late arrivals cannot test.

The evening before

- ☐ Confirm the center, route, arrival time, optional sections and pickup plan.
- ☐ Review the latest ticket and approved accommodation instructions.
- ☐ Revisit a few recurring errors; leave time for your normal rest.

Pack and check

- ☐ ACT-accepted original photo ID or properly completed ACT identification form.
- ☐ Printed admission ticket with your current registration details.
- ☐ Sharpened No. 2 pencils and erasers; no mechanical pencils or pens.
- ☐ Permitted calculator with working batteries or charge, for Math only.
- ☐ Permitted timing device with no alarm; follow staff placement instructions.
- ☐ BYOD only: supported, set-up, fully charged laptop and charger.
- ☐ Snack and water for the permitted break area; comfortable clothing layers.

At the center

- ☐ Check the correct room and raise registration/equipment questions before testing.
- ☐ Keep phones and prohibited electronics off and out of sight, including during breaks.
- ☐ Leave personal notes and outside scratch paper out of the testing session.
- ☐ Follow the proctor's timing, break and optional-section instructions.

Recheck [ACT's test-day rules](#) and [online device requirements](#) for your appointment.

More details: prepsolution.com/blog/act-test-day-checklist

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