



PREACT FAQ

When do I take the test? On October 2, you will report to school at the normal time, by 8:15 sharp. Late students will not be permitted in the room and will have to attend a make-up session. This test is a mandatory state assessment, so all sophomore students will take it. There are make-up days.

Where do I go to take the test? We will not be testing in Tiger Connect groups, so you will learn your testing group and room in a couple of weeks through your Tiger Connect teacher.

What do I do after the test is over? You can leave after the test. If you need to ride the bus home, you can go to the cafeteria to eat lunch and then the gym for the remainder of the day. You cannot be anywhere else on campus.

What should I bring on test day? Bring a Number 2 pencil and an approved calculator (see ACT.org for a list of approved calculators).

What's off limits in the testing room? You cannot bring your bag (including a purse), food or drink, cell phone, or smart watch into the room – having a cell phone/smart watch will lead to a disciplinary referral and voiding of your test. Please leave these items in your car or locker, or they will have to be left in the hallway.

How long is the test? There are four test sections, and three are 30 minutes long, while one is 40 minutes long, for a total of 2 hours and 10 minutes not including directions, etc. Testing starts at 8:15 sharp with a demographics section and will end around noon.

What is the PreACT test and how is it different from all the other tests? ACT assesses college readiness. The PreACT will help you know how you will perform on the ACT!

Why does the State of Alabama give the PreACT test? The State of Alabama has 2 focus points for education, are you ready for college and are you ready to work?

How does my grade affect AHS? Each school is held accountable by the state for the scores their students receive. Schools that do not show progress can face consequences from the state. This is why it is very important for you to do your absolute best – you want your diploma to be from a school that has a high state ranking like AHS currently does.

Who uses the results of my PreACT test? Students can choose to share their information with colleges and scholarship agencies by filling out the ACT Interest Inventory. Your PreACT results provide you with a personalized view of interests with college and career alignment to help you better understand what you really want to do after high school. This will be very helpful to you, your parents, and your teacher in helping you make important decisions for the future.

How is it scored? Your PreACT score and predicted ACT score ranges align to the ACT 1–36 scale. Your results will be ready to view within 2-4 weeks of receipt of answer documents.

Okay—now what do I need to remember?

- The test is October 2 and is over around noon. Make plans for transportation or have something to do in the gym after the test.
- Bring a calculator and a Number 2 pencil.
- No cell phones in the room at all – leave them in the car, a locker, or at home
- No bags in the room
- We will start at 8:15 a.m. That means you need to be here before that time
- The PreACT is used for accountability, meaning it is tied to how the state “grades” our school. Your diploma holds the most value if the school is ranked well, so do your absolute best
- Check out the [PreACT page](#) at ACT.org to prepare!

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