Schedule of Events for the ACT State Testing - South Dakota - Spring

About the Schedule of Events

This Schedule of Events includes key events and tasks of test administration. It is intended to help you organize your test administration responsibilities. If you are administering tests in multiple test events, please keep in mind that some events and tasks may overlap between windows; you may need to start preparing for the next window before completing the current one. Some dates are subject to change, and test coordinators are encouraged to revisit this document frequently to ensure you're on track for a successful test administration.

Test Dates

IMPORTANT: Testing must occur only on the date(s) listed for each test event and testing mode/type.

Testing on any other date will result in a misadministration.

Date(s)	Type	Mode	Event
March 9, 2027	Standard	Paper	Test Event 1: Standard Time Paper Test Date
March 9–12, 2027	Standard	Online	Test Event 1:
March 15–19, 2027	Accommodations	Paper	• Online—Standard and Accommodations/ Supports • Paper— Accommodations/Supports
March 23–26, 2027	Standard	Online	Test Event 2:
March 29–April 2, 2027	Accommodations	Paper	• Online—Standard and Accommodations/ Supports • Paper— Accommodations/Supports
April 6–9, 2027	Standard	Online	Test Event 3:
April 12–16, 2027	Accommodations	Paper	• Online—Standard and Accommodations/ Supports • Paper— Accommodations/Supports

IMPORTANT: Testing is not available on weekends.

Resources and Communication

The ACT-hosted South Dakota web page is a resource for tutorials, guides, and other tools for administering ACT State testing.

ACT communicates with the district test coordinator (DTC) and the school test coordinator (TC) about upcoming activities identified in this Schedule of Events. The TC is responsible for including other testing staff in testing activities: test accommodations coordinators (TAC), school administrators, and test event staff—room supervisors (RS) and proctors (P).

For more information on roles and permissions in ACT Now and ACT Test Center Manager (TCM), see the User Roles document.

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Training

Date(s)	Type	Mode	Role Responsible	Event
September 23, 2026	Accommodations	Online Paper	DTC/TC	**View** and **share** this link for the test accommodations and English-learner supports Q&A session. 2:00 p.m. Central Time
November 12, 2026	Standard Accommodations	Online Paper	DTC/TC	**View** and **share** this link for the pre-test activities for test administration webinar. 11:00 a.m. Central Time
Starting November 17, 2026	Accommodations	Online Paper	DTC/TC	**View** and **share** this link to the accommodations office hours.
January 14, 2027	Standard Accommodations	Online Paper	DTC/TC	**View** and **share** this link for the test day and post-test activities webinar. 11:00 a.m. Central Time
On Demand	Standard Accommodations	Online	DTC/TC	**View** and **share** this link for the online technical readiness webinar.
February 1–April 5, 2027	Standard Accommodations	Online Paper	TC/RS/P/TAC	**Train** test event staff (room supervisors and proctors): • **Check** that all staff have active ACT Now accounts and can launch Test Center Manager (TCM) on their devices. • **Direct** staff to TCM user resources and ACT policies modules. • **Preview** Task Cards in TCM. *Note: Because all room supervisors will use TCM, devices and WI-Fi will be required for test day.*

Accommodations

Date(s)	Type	Mode	Role Responsible	Event
September 7, 2026–January 27, 2027	Accommodations	Online Paper	TC/TAC	**Request ACT-Authorized Accommodations for Test Event 1** **Access** Test Accessibility and Accommodations (TAA). See the TAA User Guide for more information. **Review** the *ACT State and District Accessibility Supports Guide* to determine locally approved designated supports and identify those that require ACT approval. **Associate** previously approved accommodations requests with the upcoming test date in TAA. **Submit** new accommodation and EL supports requests in TAA, and submit early. **Manage** requests for reconsideration in TAA, as needed.
September 7, 2026–February 10, 2027	Accommodations	Online Paper	TC/TAC	**Request ACT-Authorized Accommodations for Test Event 2** **Access** Test Accessibility and Accommodations (TAA). See the TAA User Guide for more information. **Review** the *ACT State and District Accessibility Supports Guide* to determine locally approved designated supports and identify those that require ACT approval. **Associate** previously approved accommodations requests with the upcoming test date in TAA. **Submit** new accommodation and EL supports requests in TAA, and submit early. **Manage** requests for reconsideration in TAA, as needed.

Date(s)	Type	Mode	Role Responsible	Event
September 7, 2026–February 24, 2027	Accommodations	Online Paper	TC/TAC	**Request ACT-Authorized Accommodations for Test Event 3** **Access** Test Accessibility and Accommodations (TAA). See the TAA User Guide for more information. **Review** the *ACT State and District Accessibility Supports Guide* to determine locally approved designated supports and identify those that require ACT approval. **Associate** previously approved accommodations requests with the upcoming test date in TAA. **Submit** new accommodation and EL supports requests in TAA, and submit early. **Manage** requests for reconsideration in TAA, as needed.
February 25–April 2, 2027	Accommodations	Online Paper	TC/TAC	**Request Qualified Exceptions to the Deadline (QED)** **Submit** QED requests in TAA for students who experience a qualifying event after all accommodations deadlines have passed. **Upload** the completed QED form to **Other Documentation** in TAA and verify all required documentation has been uploaded before submission. **IMPORTANT: Denied QED requests are not eligible for reconsideration. Examinees approved for a QED will be required to test in the final test event.**

Prepare for Testing

Date(s)	Type	Mode	Role Responsible	Event
November 9, 2026	Standard Accommodations	Online Paper	DTC/TC	ACT Now opens and preparation activities may begin. **Log in** to ACT Now and **agree** to Terms and Conditions. **Create** an account if you do not yet have one or use your current login credentials.
November 9, 2026–January 29, 2027	Standard Accommodations	Online Paper	DTC/TC	**Complete** these tasks in ACT Now: • **Accept** or **review** school participation invitation.
Once students are loaded–January 29, 2027	Standard Accommodations	Online Paper	CC/DTC/TC	**Complete** these tasks in ACT Now: • **Review** and **edit** students. • **Verify** student test event assignments and test mode. • **Assign/Reassign** students to a different test event, if needed. • **State will load students in early January.**
November 9, 2026–February 3, 2027	Standard Accommodations	Online	TC	**Complete** technical readiness: *Note: For more information, see Technical Guide for Online Testing.* • **Complete** the TestNav installation and checks on student devices. • **Validate** configuration and **freeze** the test environment for online testing. • **Complete** technical readiness using the Technical Readiness test rooms in TCM. See *Technical Readiness Checklist*.

Prepare for Test Event 1

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November 9, 2026–January 29, 2027	Standard Accommodations	Online Paper	CC/DTC/TC	**Complete** these tasks in ACT Now: • **Add, review,** and **edit** students. *Note:* ***State will upload/manage students via file load.*** • **Verify** student test event assignments and test mode. • **Reassign** students to different test event, if needed. • **Invite** test event staff (i.e., room supervisors and proctors). • **Verify** that the **Accommodations and Supports Roster** in TCM lists all examinees approved for ACT-authorized accommodations. *Note: Students added by this date will be included in your initial shipment of materials.*
November 9, 2026–March 19, 2027	Standard Accommodations	Online Paper	TC	**Create** test rooms in TCM for paper and online testing. Do not open test rooms until test day. **Assign** all examinees to test rooms in TCM, aligning student test mode and timing code with their room assignment.
February 8–26, 2027	Standard Accommodations	Online Paper	CC/DTC/TC	**Add** and **assign** any additional students to Test Event 1 in ACT Now. Materials, including barcode labels, are delivered the week prior to test day. After this date, students testing online may be added and assigned through test day. Students testing on paper may be added only if the school has sufficient materials already on hand; no additional materials will be shipped.
February 15–18, 2027 **February 22–25, 2027**	Standard Accommodations	Online Paper	TC	**Receive** test materials if you selected Test Event 1 as your first test event. **Check in** and **verify** the materials and **prepare** them for testing.

Date(s)	Type	Mode	Role Responsible	Event
Once materials arrive	Standard Accommodations	Online Paper	TC	**Distribute** *MyACT Instructions for Students* and *Taking the ACT* to all students. *Note: Students have until two calendar days after they finish testing to complete their non-test information in MyACT.*
February 15–March 19, 2027	Standard Accommodations	Online Paper	TC	**Prepare** physical test rooms and materials. **Complete** Pre-Test Checklist found in TCM. **Online Testing Only: Access** each online test room in TCM to print Student Authorization Tickets. **Keep** tickets locked in storage until test day. **Paper Testing Only: Download** *Test Day Instructions for Paper Testing* in case of an internet outage on test day. More information is available on your ACT-hosted web page.
March 9, 2027	Standard	Paper	RS/P	**Paper Testing: Standard** **Complete** in TCM: • **Open** test rooms after checking in students. • **Administer** the test and **complete** the room report.
March 9–12, 2027 **March 15–19, 2027**	Standard Accommodations	Online	TAC/RS/P	**Online Testing: Standard Time and Accommodations/Supports** **Paper Testing: Accommodations** **Complete** in TCM: • **Open** test rooms after checking in students. • **Unlock** examinee records in the test room. • **Administer** the test and **complete** the room report.

Date(s)	Type	Mode	Role Responsible	Event
During testing	Standard Accommodations	Online Paper	TC	**Complete** these activities to support test event staff: • **Monitor** test room progress in TCM. • **Review** and **approve** irregularities, if applicable. • **Complete** Post-Test Checklist in TCM.

Return Materials for Test Event

Date(s)	Type	Mode	Role Responsible	Event
March 10–12, 2027	Standard	Paper	DTC/TC	**Paper Testing: Standard Time** **Drop off** test materials directly at a FedEx location or schedule a pickup with FedEx using the prepaid shipping label provided. **Receipt deadline at ACT: March 17, 2027** **IMPORTANT: Late-arriving answer documents will not be scored.**
Within 72 hours after testing	Standard Accommodations	Online	DTC/TC	**Online Testing: Standard Time or Accommodations/Supports** **Arrange** for the secure destruction or retention of materials as described in the Post-Test Checklist and modules in TCM.
March 10–23, 2027	Accommodations	Paper	DTC/TC	**Paper Testing: Accommodations/ Supports** **Drop off** test materials directly at a FedEx location or schedule a pickup with FedEx using the prepaid shipping label provided. **Receipt deadline at ACT: March 26, 2027** **IMPORTANT: Late-arriving answer documents will not be scored.**

Prepare for Test Event 2

Date(s)	Type	Mode	Role Responsible	Event
November 9, 2026–February 12, 2027	Standard Accommodations	Online Paper	CC/DTC/TC	**Complete** these tasks in ACT Now: • **Add, review,** and **edit** students. *Note:* ***State will upload/manage students via file load.*** • **Verify** student test event assignments and test mode. • **Reassign** students to different test event, if needed. • **Invite** test event staff (i.e., room supervisors and proctors). • **Verify** that the **Accommodations and Supports Roster** in TCM lists all examinees approved for ACT-authorized accommodations. *Note: Students added by this date will be included in your initial shipment of materials.*
November 9, 2026–April 2, 2027	Standard Accommodations	Online Paper	TC	**Create** test rooms in TCM for paper and online testing. Do not open test rooms until test day. **Assign** all examinees to test rooms in TCM, aligning student test mode and timing code with their room assignment.
February 22–March 12, 2027	Standard Accommodations	Online Paper	CC/DTC/TC	**Add** and **assign** any additional students to Test Event 2 in ACT Now. Materials, including barcode labels, are delivered the week prior to test day. After this date, students testing online may be added and assigned through test day. Students testing on paper may be added only if the school has sufficient materials already on hand; no additional materials will be shipped.
March 1–4, 2027 **March 8–11, 2027**	Standard Accommodations	Online Paper	TC	**Receive** test materials if you selected Test Event 2 as your first test event. **Check in** and **verify** the materials and **prepare** them for testing.

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Once materials arrive	Standard Accommodations	Online Paper	TC	**Distribute** *MyACT Instructions for Students* and *Taking the ACT* to all students. *Note: Students have until two calendar days after they finish testing to complete their non-test information in MyACT.*
March 1–April 2, 2027	Standard Accommodations	Online Paper	TC	**Prepare** physical test rooms and materials. **Complete** Pre-Test Checklist found in TCM. **Online Testing Only: Access** each online test room in TCM to print Student Authorization Tickets. **Keep** tickets locked in storage until test day. **Paper Testing Only: Download** *Test Day Instructions for Paper Testing* in case of an internet outage on test day. More information is available on your ACT-hosted web page.
March 23–26, 2027 **March 29–April 2, 2027**	Standard Accommodations	Online	TAC/RS/P	**Online Testing: Standard Time and Accommodations/Supports** **Paper Testing: Accommodations** **Complete** in TCM: • **Open** test rooms after checking in students. • **Unlock** examinee records in the test room. • **Administer** the test and **complete** the room report.
During testing	Standard Accommodations	Online Paper	TC	**Complete** these activities to support test event staff: • **Monitor** test room progress in TCM. • **Review** and **approve** irregularities, if applicable. • **Complete** Post-Test Checklist in TCM.

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March 24–April 6, 2027	Accommodations	Paper	DTC/TC	**Paper Testing: Accommodations/ Supports** **Drop off** test materials directly at a FedEx location or schedule a pickup with FedEx using the prepaid shipping label provided. **Receipt deadline at ACT: April 9, 2027** **IMPORTANT: Late-arriving answer documents will not be scored.**

Prepare for Test Event 3

Date(s)	Type	Mode	Role Responsible	Event
November 9, 2026–February 26, 2027	Standard Accommodations	Online Paper	CC/DTC/TC	**Complete** these tasks in ACT Now: • **Add, review,** and **edit** students. *Note: **State will upload/manage students via file load.*** • **Verify** student test event assignments and test mode. • **Reassign** students to different test event, if needed. • **Invite** test event staff (i.e., room supervisors and proctors). • **Verify** that the **Accommodations and Supports Roster** in TCM lists all examinees approved for ACT-authorized accommodations. *Note: Students added by this date will be included in your initial shipment of materials.*

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November 9, 2026–April 16, 2027	Standard Accommodations	Online Paper	TC	**Create** test rooms in TCM for paper and online testing. Do not open test rooms until test day. **Assign** all examinees to test rooms in TCM, aligning student test mode and timing code with their room assignment.
March 8–26, 2027	Standard Accommodations	Online Paper	CC/DTC/TC	**Add** and **assign** any additional students to Test Event 3 in ACT Now. Materials, including barcode labels, are delivered the week prior to test day. After this date, students testing online may be added and assigned through test day. Students testing on paper may be added only if the school has sufficient materials already on hand; no additional materials will be shipped.
March 15–18, 2027 **March 22–25, 2027**	Standard Accommodations	Online Paper	TC	**Receive** test materials if you selected Test Event 3 as your first test event. **Check in** and **verify** the materials and **prepare** them for testing.
Once materials arrive	Standard Accommodations	Online Paper	TC	**Distribute** *MyACT Instructions for Students* and *Taking the ACT* to all students. *Note: Students have until two calendar days after they finish testing to complete their non-test information in MyACT.*

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April 6–9, 2027 **April 12–16, 2027**	Standard Accommodations	Online	TAC/RS/P	**Online Testing: Standard Time and Accommodations/Supports** **Paper Testing: Accommodations** **Complete** in TCM: • **Open** test rooms after checking in students. • **Unlock** examinee records in the test room. • **Administer** the test and **complete** the room report.
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April 7–20, 2027	Accommodations	Paper	DTC/TC	**Paper Testing: Accommodations/ Supports** **Drop off** test materials directly at a FedEx location or schedule a pickup with FedEx using the prepaid shipping label provided. **Receipt deadline at ACT: April 23, 2027** **IMPORTANT: Late-arriving answer documents will not be scored.**

Reporting Information

Timeframe	Type	Mode	Role Responsible	Event
5–8 weeks after answer documents are received by ACT and online tests are submitted	Standard Accommodations	Online Paper	TC	**Access** student reports from ACT Success.
November 1, 2027	Standard Accommodations	Online Paper	TC	**Final Reporting Date** *Note: Data is not considered final until the final reporting date.*

Reports are available 5–8 weeks after testing through online reporting. Two printed individual student reports will be mailed in 5–8 weeks.