



Prohibited Behavior at the Test Center

Items Brought to the Test:

Neither ACT nor test staff shall be responsible for loss of or damage to any items that you bring to a test center. ACT may also restrict the items you bring to the test. Items you bring or wear including, but not limited, to hats, glasses, masks, purses, backpacks, cell phones, calculators, other electronic devices, pre-approved medications or personal aids, and watches, may be searched or inspected at the discretion of ACT and test staff. Searches may include the use of tools, such as handheld metal detectors that detect prohibited metal items. ACT may confiscate and retain for a reasonable period any item suspected of having been used, or capable of being used, in violation of these Terms and Conditions. ACT may also provide such items to, and permit searches of such items by, third parties in connection with investigations conducted by ACT or others.

Prohibited Behaviors:

You may not engage in any of the following behaviors in connection with taking the ACT test:

- a. Filling in or altering responses to any multiple-choice questions or continuing to write or alter the essay after time has been called. This means that you cannot make any changes to a test section outside of the designated time for that section, even to fix a stray mark or accidental keystroke.
- b. Looking back at a test section on which time has already been called.
- c. Looking ahead to other test sections.
- d. Looking at another person's test or answers.
- e. Giving or receiving assistance by any means.
- f. Discussing or sharing test questions, answers, or test form identification numbers at any time, including during test administration, during breaks, or after the test.
- g. Attempting to photograph, copy, or memorize test-related information or remove test materials, including questions or answers, from the test room in any way or at any time.
- h. Disclosing test questions or answers, in whole or in part, in any way or at any time, including through social media.
- i. Failure to comply with ACT's required computer configurations, secure testing client installation, and/or system checks if you are taking the ACT online using a device you bring.
- j. Using a prohibited calculator (described in the ACT Calculator Policy found at www.act.org/calculator-policy.html).



- k. Using a calculator on any test section other than mathematics.
- l. Sharing a calculator with another person.
- m. Wearing a watch during test administration. All watches, timers, or other timing devices must be removed and placed on the desk while in the test room so that it remains visible to staff during the test.
- n. Using a watch or other timing device with recording, internet, communication, or calculator capabilities (e.g., a smart watch or fitness band).
- o. Accessing any electronic device other than an approved calculator or watch. All other electronic devices, including cell phones and other wearable devices, must be powered off and stored out of sight from the time you are admitted to test until you leave the test center.
- p. Using highlighter pens, colored pens or pencils, notes, dictionaries (unless approved by the test administrator for translations), or other aids.
- q. Using scratch paper. Note: If you are taking the ACT online, some use of ACT-authorized scratch paper or a dry erase surface/white board may be permitted; all such use must be in accordance with ACT policies and procedures.
- r. Not following instructions or abiding by the rules of the test center.
- s. Not following the rules of the test administration.
- t. Exhibiting confrontational, threatening, or unruly behavior.
- u. Violating any laws. If ACT suspects you have engaged in criminal activities in connection with a test, such activities may be reported to law enforcement agencies.
- v. Allowing an alarm on a personal item to sound in the test room or creating any other disturbance.