



**Office of Assessment,
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Fall 2009 Regional Meeting





Diagnostic Assessments





Secondary Diagnostic Assessments

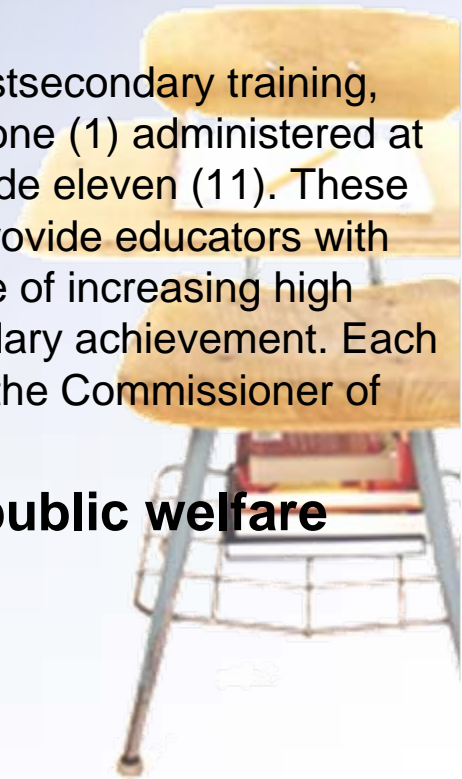
Enabling legislation enacted May 2007

Public Chapter No. 273:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-6001(b), is amended by deleting the existing language and by substituting instead the following:

As a strategy for assessing student readiness to enter and succeed in postsecondary training, every public school student shall take a series of three (3) examinations, one (1) administered at grade eight (8), one (1) administered at grade ten (10), and one (1) at grade eleven (11). These assessments shall be approved by the Commissioner of Education and provide educators with diagnostic information to assist in developing interventions for the purpose of increasing high school graduation rates and improving student preparation for postsecondary achievement. Each year, the results of such examinations shall be analyzed and reported by the Commissioner of Education to the Select Oversight Committee on Education.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2007, the public welfare requiring it.





Secondary Diagnostic Assessments

ACT or College Board Products

- ACT – EPAS
 - ACT for 11th Grade
 - PLAN for 10th Grade
 - Explore for 8th Grade
- College Board
 - SAT for 11th Grade
 - PSAT for 8th and 10th Grade





Secondary Diagnostic Assessments

ACT[®]

Explore/PLAN Test Window
Sept. 21st - Nov. 13th, 2009





Secondary Diagnostic Assessments

ACT[®]

**Getting Ready for the ACT for
Tennessee Statewide Test**

Tuesday, March 9, 2010

Make-Up Tuesday, March 23, 2010

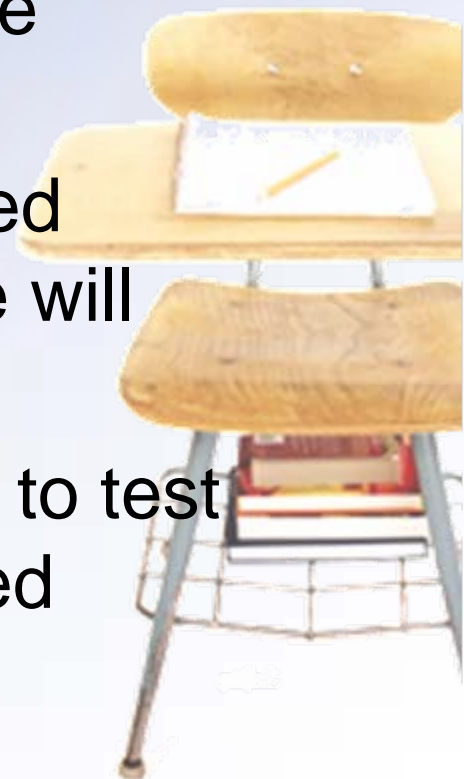
- <http://www.act.org/aap/tennessee>



Benefits of Weekday Test Administration



- Awareness and exposure for all students
- Is a great equalizer of opportunity
- Students will test in a familiar environment
- High Schools and Districts will receive comprehensive reporting
- Students who test with ACT- Approved Accommodations and Standard Time will receive college reportable scores
- Provides the opportunity for students to test with ACT-Approved and State-Allowed Accommodations

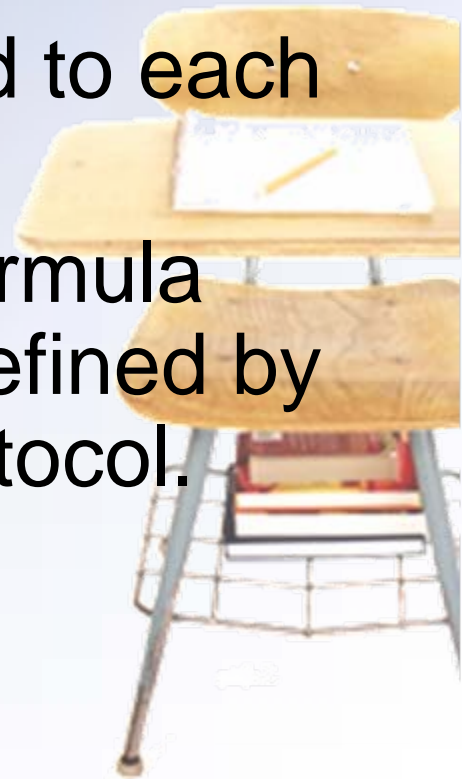




ACT for Tennessee Statewide Test



1. The March weekday ACT Assessment will be invoiced directly to LEA's in late Mid June.
2. BEP Formula funds are allocated to each LEA for this assessment.
3. Cost incurred above the BEP Formula allocation are reimbursable as defined by the TN ACT Reimbursement protocol.

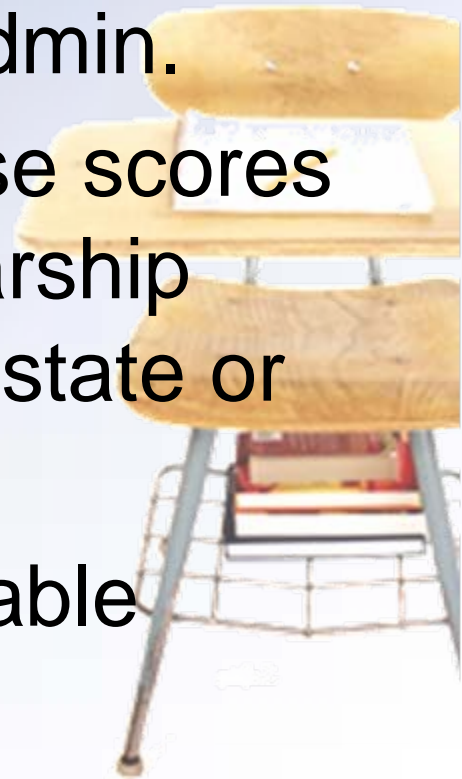




ACT College Reportable Scores



- Students testing Standard Time or with ACT- Approved Accommodations will receive college reportable scores 3-7 weeks following statewide test admin.
- Students have the option for these scores to be sent to 4 colleges or scholarship agencies at no additional cost to state or student
- College Reportable Scores available online 1-2 months after test date





Step 1: Establishment Process:

Establishing your school as a **test site** for the March 9 (Make up March 23) 2010 test administration

Timeline

Early September	Establishment Packets sent to school principals
September 18, 2009	Establishment Packets due back to ACT
Week of October 5	Test Accommodations Information packet and Accommodation forms mailed to Test Accommodations Coordinator

<http://www.act.org/aap/tennessee/files/ChecklistDates-StandardTimeTesting.pdf>



Step 1: Establishment Process

School Administration Responsibilities

Principal or designee must...

- Consider staffing requirements and select staff to serve as a Test Supervisor (TS), Back-Up Test Supervisor (BU), and Test Accommodations Coordinator (TAC)
- Complete and return Establishment Packet
- Share information in Establishment Packets with assigned staff
- Beginning planning for testing rooms/facilities with Test Supervisor

<http://www.act.org/aap/tennessee/>



Step 2: Training Workshops

- All newly appointed Test Supervisors, Back-up Test Supervisors and Test Accommodations Coordinators **are required** to attend a half day training workshop.
- Require one person (TS or BU) to re-attend.
- The workshop address standard testing requirements and the test administration/test accommodations process.

<http://www.act.org/aap/tennessee/>



Step 2: Training Workshops

Appointed staff will sign-up for a workshop online

Memphis	November 16, 2009
Nashville	November 17, 2009
Knoxville	November 18, 2009
Chattanooga	November 19, 2009

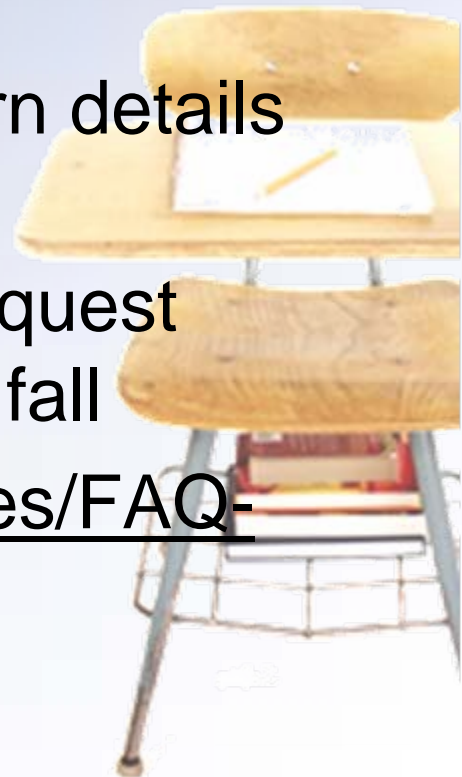
[http://www.act.org/aap/tennessee/files/Workshop Invitation.pdf](http://www.act.org/aap/tennessee/files/Workshop%20Invitation.pdf)



Step 3: Request Accommodations



- ACT-Approved Accommodations will be available to students for the statewide test administration
- A DVD will be provided for the Test Accommodations Coordinator to learn details about the accommodations process
- Accommodations procedures and request forms to be mailed to schools in late fall
- <http://www.act.org/aap/tennessee/files/FAQ-AccommTesting.pdf>





Step 4: Materials Shipped

- Test Supervisor will provide ACT with enrollment numbers and shipping information
- Pretest materials are shipped 5 weeks prior to test date to Test Supervisor
- Test materials will arrive one week prior to test date
- Accommodations materials will be sent to Test Accommodations Coordinator



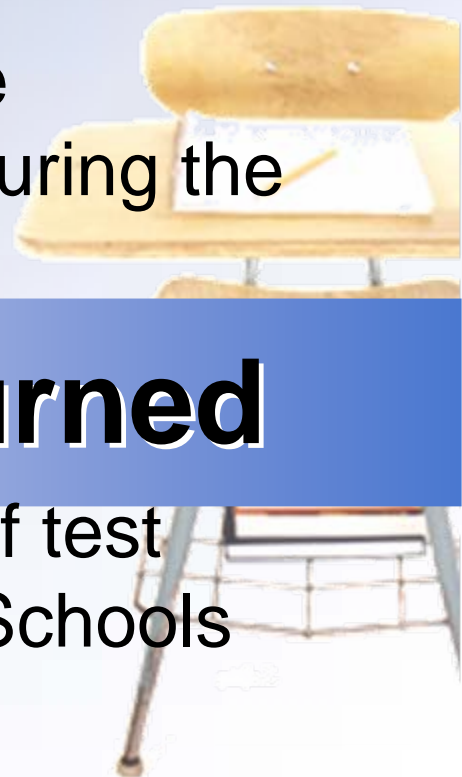


Step 5: Test Administration

- Schools conduct pretest session prior to test day (Early February- March 8)
- **Test Date - *March 9, 2010***
Make-Up Date – *March 23, 2010*
- ACT customer service will be available extended hours to answer questions during the test administration

Step 6: Materials Returned

- ACT will arrange for prepaid pick-up of test materials following the assessment. Schools do not need to arrange for shipping.





Secondary Diagnostic Assessments

Reporting

- Student Score Report
- High School Profile Report
- College Readiness Standards Report
- District High School Profile Report
- District College Readiness
- District Student Data File





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Training Resources

EPAS Data analysis workshop

– February 2010

ACT College and Career Readiness
Workshops

– September 2010





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2011 ACT Dates

March 15, 2011

Make-ups

March 29, 2011

2012 ACT Dates

March 20, 2012

Make-ups

April 3, 2012





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