

On July 15, 2024 Janet Godwin, the CEO of ACT, announced changes to the fundamental ACT Test. While her full announcement can be found [here](#), this document includes a summary of the changes and their impact on the 11<sup>th</sup> grade state ACT administration as well as the national ACT testing options.

## ACT Test Enhancements for Utah

- New ACT test enhancements coming in the Spring of 2026 for state and district testing designed to offer more flexibility and choice for states, districts, and students.
- The core ACT test sections of English, math, science, and reading will remain.
- Test length will be reduced by using shorter reading passages and fewer questions.
- The science section will have the same number of items (40), but more time (45 minutes) to complete them.
- The new science section content relates to the 3-dimensional standards helping it align better with the Utah Science with Engineering Education (SEEd) standards.
- Utah will continue testing science on the state test, at least until the end of the contract.

## New National ACT Testing Options

- The national test will begin these enhancements in April 2025. School counselors need to inform students signing up for the National ACT Test.
- Students can choose to take the science section, but it will not be included in the ACT composite score. If taken, it will be used with the math score to calculate the STEM score.
- Colleges will continue to use and interpret the ACT test scores the same way as before, and the scores will be comparable to the current test.

## Timeline of ACT Enhancements

### State and LEA Testing Expectations

