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NSCAS ACT STATE TESTING FOR SPRING 2022

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NSCAS ACT

What's New

- District Choice Changes
- PreACT Updates
- ACT Accommodations
- ACT Global Office Hours
- Social Emotional Learning Pilot

NSCAS ACT Test Windows 2021-22

Test Window 1

Standard Administration (Paper): March 22, 2022

Accommodations Administration (Paper): March 22-25 & March 28-31 & April 1

Standard & ACT-Authorized Accommodations (Online): March 22-24 & March 29-31

Test Window 2

Standard Administration (Paper): April 5, 2022

Accommodations Administration (Paper): April 5-8 & April 11-15

Standard & ACT-Authorized Accommodations (Online): April 5-7 & April 12-14

Test Window 3 MAKEUP ONLY

Standard Administration (Paper): April 19, 2022

Accommodations Administration (Paper): April 19-22 & April 25-29

Standard & ACT-Authorized Accommodations (Online): April 19-21 & April 26-28

Please remember that you will have a choice between the first two assessment windows.

Any subsequent window could be used for makeup testing. The third window (April 19) is makeup only.

ACT Score Reporting for 2020-2021

- Scores are in the Online Reporting portal at Success@ACT.org
- Trusted Agent Access codes for hierarchy and system approval in Success are available by contacting Iris Owens.
- District level data files and District/School Profile Reports will be available in PearsonAccess^{next} on August 19, 2021.

District Choice – ACT Support Update

- PreACT and ACT Online Prep are the district choices for 2021-2022.
- PreACT Secure will not be available spring 2022.
- Asking districts to confirm their choice by **Wednesday, AUGUST 11, 2021.**

PreACT and ACT Online Prep

PreACT Test Windows

- Fall Test Window for 2nd or 3rd year Cohorts: October 11 – November 24, 2021.
- Spring Test Window for 2nd year Cohort Only: March 14 – April 29, 2022.

PreACT Ordering

Ordering:

- Districts must order during specific ordering windows. Fall and Spring have different windows, dates TBD.
- Order under the Nebraska Department of Education State contract.

PreACT Highlights

- Schools will need to return all answer documents in a single batch.
- District and school level reports will be available in the [Success.ACT.org](https://www.success.act.org) Online Reporting Tool, late fall/early winter.
- CDs with the school data files will no longer be shipped.
- Printed reports will still be sent to districts and schools.

PreACT Changes

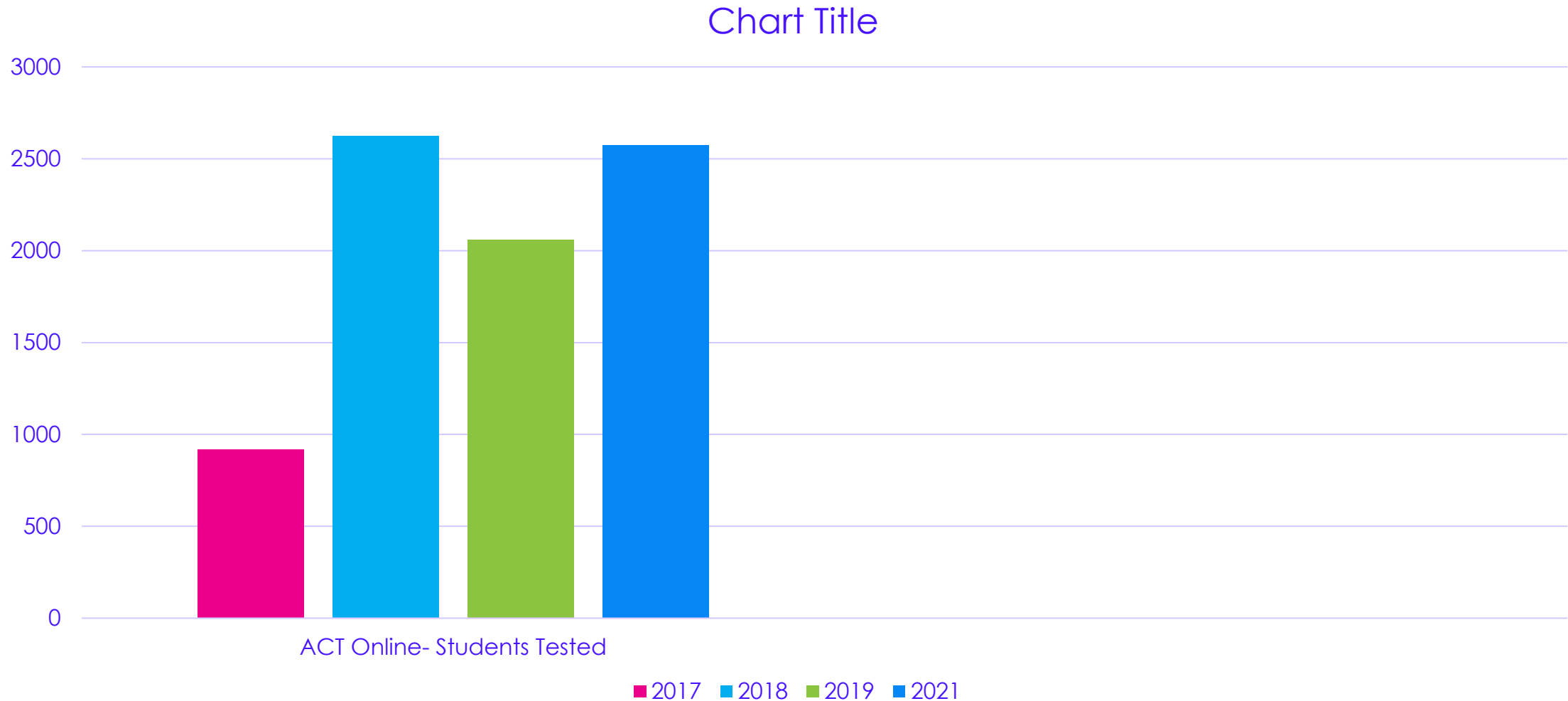
- Sort Codes have been removed. Sorting and filters will be available in the Online Reporting Tool.
- “Your Interest Career Fit” has been removed for the 2021-2022 school year.

ACT Online Prep (AOP)

- AOP will be available again for the 3rd year Cohort ONLY.
- Log in information will be sent via email to DACs in October 2021.
- Licenses need to be activated before June 30, 2022.

ACT Online Testing

ACT Online Testing – Students Tested



ACT Online Testing

PROS

- More dates to test – 18 dates online vs. 3 dates for paper/pencil
- Reduce materials to handle
- Earlier score availability
- Ease of administration
- Reduced Misadministration risk
- Writing Prompt

CONS

- Pretest Setup
- Infrastructure and devices

ACT Accommodations

ACT Streamlines Accommodations Eligibility Requirements for Students with IEPs and 504 Plans

- “Students with disabilities already face many barriers in their lives, and we don’t want the accommodations process for taking the ACT to be one of them,” said ACT CEO Janet Godwin. “This policy change simplifies and expedites the process for requesting accommodations, so that students can focus on learning all that they can in school and showing what they know on test day.”
- Press Release 7/21/2021 can be viewed [here](#).

ACT Accommodations

- Opens September 13, 2021
- Deadline for Spring 2022 is January 21, 2022
- Submissions are still processed in the TAA system
- Invalid Scores and Prohibited Behaviors from Spring 2021

NDE Parental Consent Forms

MyACT

- Establish accounts when non-test instructions arrive (Approximately 4 weeks prior to test date).
- Accounts must be created with names provided by NDE, that are in PAN and personalized non-test instructions.
- Non-test activity must be completed within MyACT, no later than 2 business days after test date.

ACT Sponsored Website

- <http://www.act.org/content/act/en/products-and-services/state-and-district-solutions/nebraska.html>



ACT - Important Dates

- PearsonAccess^{next} opens November 1, 2021
- Select your school's test date by Friday, December 3, 2021
- Accommodations Opens Monday, September 13, 2021
- Accommodations Deadline for **all** spring test windows is Friday, January 21, 2022
- Schedule of Events – Coming Soon

ACT Global Office Hours

- Experts to answer your questions
- Wednesdays at 2 pm CT
- Thursdays at 10 am CT
- Starting September 29, 2021
- Register once for all pertinent sessions or individual sessions

NDE Social-Emotional Learning Pilot

- Nebraska Department of Education is partnering with ACT, Inc. to pilot the implementation of a comprehensive Social-Emotional Learning program called ACT Mosaic.
- Five districts across the state are participating in the pilot.
- Phase One: Staff Assessment and Professional Development- spring 2021.
- Phase Two: Student Pre-Assessment, Curriculum and Post Assessment- 2021-2022 school year.
- Contact Jessie Coffee jessie.coffee@nebraska.gov for more information.

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