

Preparing for the Day of the Test

The suggestions below are intended to help you prepare for test day:

1. Be confident in your ability to do well on the ACT. You can do well!
2. Be prepared to work hard.
3. Know what to expect on the test day. Familiarize yourself with the information in *Preparing for the ACT*.
4. Take the practice tests in the exact order they are presented. Review your responses so you will feel comfortable about the approaching test day.
5. Prepare well in advance for the test. Do not leave preparation to the last minute.
6. Get plenty of rest the night before the test so you will be in good physical condition for taking them.
7. Students testing at a national test center should plan to arrive by the time listed on your admission ticket. If you arrive earlier than 7:45 a.m., you will probably have to wait outside until the testing personnel have completed their arrangements.
8. Dress comfortably. To conserve energy, your test center may be considerably warmer or cooler on the weekends than during the week. Please dress so that you will be comfortable in a variety of temperatures.
9. Bring the following items with you to the test center:
 - a. Your test center admission ticket (if you are testing at a national test center).
 - b. Acceptable Identification Required. Your admission ticket is not identification. See details on your admission ticket or at **www.actstudent.org**. *If you do not present acceptable ID at the time of check-in, you will not be admitted to test.* If you have questions about acceptable forms of ID, review the detailed list included in the student booklet *Registering for the ACT* or call ACT Test Administration (319/337-1510) before test day.
 - c. At least three sharpened soft-lead (No. 2) pencils with good erasers. Mechanical pencils, ink ball point, felt-tip, highlight pens, or any other writing instruments are not allowed.
 - d. A watch to pace yourself during the test. Do *not* bring a watch that has an alarm function. You will not be allowed to set an alarm because it will disturb other students. The supervisor will announce when you have five minutes remaining on each test.
 - e. A permitted calculator for use on the Mathematics Test, if you wish to use one. (See Figure 4.5.) To be certain your calculator will be permitted on test day, visit **www.actstudent.org** or call 800/498-6481 for a recorded message.