

ACT Residual Testing

Prohibited Behavior at the Test Center

Test Security

In addition to any other remedies provided below or otherwise available to ACT, ACT may prohibit you from taking the ACT test, even if you have already registered, if ACT believes: (1) you may have engaged in prohibited behavior in connection with a prior administration of the ACT test, (2) you may intend to engage in prohibited behaviors in the future, (3) you may have provided false or misleading information to ACT, or (4) you may be working for test preparation providers.

A. Prohibited Behavior at the Test Center

The following behaviors are prohibited. You may be dismissed and/or your answer document may not be scored, at ACT's sole discretion, if you are found:

- Filling in or altering responses on your answer sheet or continuing to write the essay after time has been called on that test section. 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.
- Looking back at a test section on which time has already been called.
- Looking ahead in the test booklet.
- Looking at another person's test booklet or answer document.
- Giving or receiving assistance by any means.
- Discussing or sharing test content, test form identification numbers, or answers during test administration, during breaks, or after the test.
- Using a **prohibited calculator** (www.act.org/calculator-policy.html).
- Using a calculator on any test section other than mathematics.
- Sharing a calculator with another person.
- Using a watch with recording, internet, or communication capabilities.
- Using any electronic device at any time during testing or during break other than an approved calculator or watch. All other electronic devices, including cell phones and wearable devices, must be turned off and placed out of reach from the time you are admitted to test until you are dismissed after testing concludes.
- Attempting to photograph, copy, or memorize test-related information or remove test materials, including questions or answers, from the test room in any way.
- Using highlight pens, colored pens or pencils, notes, dictionaries, or other aids.
- Using scratch paper (unless an exception applies).
 - Specific instructions will be provided on test day if ACT authorizes you to use scratch paper, including the section(s) on which ACT has authorized its use.
 - If you are permitted to use scratch paper, you may only use paper that ACT has authorized and/or provided to you.
- Not following instructions or abiding by the rules of the test center.
- Exhibiting confrontational, threatening, or unruly behavior; or violating any laws. If ACT suspects you are engaging in criminal activities, such activities will be reported to law enforcement agencies.
- Allowing an alarm to sound in the test room or creating any other disturbance.

All items brought into the test center, such as hats, purses, backpacks, cell phones, calculators, and other electronic devices may be searched at the discretion of ACT and its testing staff. ACT and its testing staff may confiscate and retain for a reasonable period of time any item suspected of having been used, or capable of being used, in violation of these prohibited behaviors. ACT may also provide such items to and permit searches by third parties in connection with an investigation conducted by ACT or others. ACT and its testing staff shall not be responsible for lost, stolen, or damaged items that you bring to a test center.

Consequences for Prohibited Behavior: ACT has sole authority for determining whether to take action regarding prohibited behavior observed or suspected on test day, and its decisions are final. **If ACT takes action due to prohibited behavior observed or suspected on test day, the individuals who engaged in the prohibited behavior will not have their answer documents scored; will forfeit their registration for that test date; and will have no right to refunds or appeals.**

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