

Spring 2027 ACT + Science + Writing, PreACT Secure, and PreACT 9 Secure Pre-ID and Non-College Reportable (NCR) Details

The ACT + Science + Writing, PreACT Secure, and PreACT 9 Secure Pre-ID functionality is available in ISBE's Student Information System (SIS). All students enrolled in SIS are automatically included as described below, unless both IDEA Services and Alternate Assessment (DLM-AA) indicators are marked "Yes" under the Program Indicators tab.

- An **ACT + Science + Writing** record is automatically created when a student has a grade 11 enrollment in SIS.
- A **PreACT Secure** record is automatically created when a student has a grade 10 enrollment in SIS.
- A **PreACT 9 Secure** record is automatically created when a student has a grade 9 enrollment in SIS.

Grade 12 Students

Some grade 12 students may also be rostered to take the ACT + Science + Writing, based on the logic described in this [document](#). If your district believes a grade 12 student is erroneously identified as being required to participate in the ACT + Science + Writing or vice versa, please contact the Assessment Department by calling 866-317-6034 or writing to assessment@isbe.net. Grade 12 students identified for testing must participate only if they remain enrolled in SIS during the testing window. Students scheduled to graduate and receive a regular high school diploma before the spring 2027 administration should not test. Rather, the district awarding the diploma may submit a diploma exemption request on the student's behalf. More details about how to submit a request are posted on the ISBE high school website under "[Overview and General Information](#)."

Home, Serving, Service Provider and Testing Region-County-District-Type-School (RCDTS) Codes

The Pre-ID report shows a student's Home RCDTS code and Serving RCDTS code from their active SIS enrollment. The Testing RCDTS code exists only on the Pre-ID and is initially populated using the student's Serving RCDTS code or, if different from both the Home and Serving RCDTS code, the Service Provider RCDTS code. Some students have "split" enrollments, meaning they are associated with multiple Serving RCDTS codes and attend each for less than 100% of the school day. In these cases, the Testing RCDTS code is initially assigned using the Serving RCDTS code with the *highest Percent of Day Attended (PDA)*. If the PDA values are equal and the Serving RCDTS code is a [category 1, 2, 3, 6, or C](#) entity, the Home RCDTS code is used to initially populate the Testing RCDTS code. If the Serving RCDTS code is a [category 9](#) entity, the Home RCDTS code is used to initially populate the Testing RCDTS code, regardless of the PDA. In all cases, please coordinate with the student's serving school or service provider to determine where the student will test, and edit the Testing RCDTS code in the Pre-ID accordingly.

Online Process: Edit Testing RCDTS code or Test Format for ACT + Science + Writing

Log into SIS. On the left, select **Assessment**, then **Pre-ID**, then **ACT/PreACT Secure**.

1. Search for the student using the SID and either First Name, Last Name, or Date of Birth, then select Search.
2. Update the Testing RCDTS code, if needed, and select Submit.
3. **For ACT + Science + Writing only:** Edit the Test Format from Online to Paper if a student needs a paper format as an accommodation. Write to assessment@isbe.net with questions about using a paper format.

*Note: Accommodations (including paper format) and English Learner (EL) supports for students taking PreACT 9 Secure or PreACT Secure will be identified by school staff and entered directly into ACT Now and do not require ACT approval. Visit the "**Manage Accommodations**" section under Step 1: Pre-Administration on the [ACT-hosted web page for Illinois](#) for more details. All PreACT Secure and PreACT 9 Secure records are transmitted to ACT Now as "Online" because this field does not affect accommodations or EL supports selections added directly into ACT Now. Write to assessment@isbe.net with questions about using a paper format.*

Batch Process: Edit Testing RCDTS code

Schools may edit the Testing RCDTS code via batch using the ACT/PreACT Secure Pre-ID template. The template and directions for its use are available under the "Assessment" tile on the [SIS page](#). Because students are expected to test online, schools must individually identify any student who requires a paper format accommodation for the ACT + Science + Writing, using the online process described above.

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Confirming Participation in ACT Now

Schools must confirm participation for each assessment separately in [ACT Now](#), ACT's test administration setup application, in order to access and test students. Home schools should confirm participation as soon as possible and encourage schools to which they send students to confirm as soon as possible, as well. Participation status for each school will be posted and updated regularly on the [ISBE high school website](#).

- Participation may be confirmed in ACT Now for **ACT + Science + Writing** starting on **November 9, 2026**, and must be confirmed no later than **February 12, 2027**.
- Participation may be confirmed in ACT Now for **PreACT Secure and PreACT 9 Secure** starting on **January 4, 2027**, and must be confirmed no later than **March 26, 2027**.

Transmission Schedule for Student Registrations into ACT Now

Please keep SIS enrollments up-to-date. ISBE is scheduled to transmit the first student registration file to ACT Now on **Wednesday, January 13, 2027, after 4:00 p.m.** Subsequent updates will be transmitted to ACT every Friday after 4:00 p.m. except Friday, February 19, 2027. The final transmission is scheduled to occur on April 23, 2027.

IMPORTANT:

- *If staff make any demographic edits to student data directly in ACT Now, those edits must also be made in the student's official enrollment record in SIS.*
- *For the February 26, 2027, transmission, ISBE will edit the Testing RCDTS code to the Home RCDTS code for any student whose Testing RCDTS code is identified as "Not Participating" as of the ACT + Science + Writing participation confirmation deadline.*
- *For the March 26, 2027, transmission, ISBE will edit the Testing RCDTS code to the Home RCDTS code for any student whose Testing RCDTS code is identified as "Not Participating" as of the PreACT Secure and PreACT 9 Secure participation confirmation deadline.*

Additional Details about ACT Now Student Registrations

SIS transmissions to ACT Now will move students from one school to another if the Testing RCDTS code in the Pre-ID file changes. However, SIS transmissions **will not remove student registrations** from ACT Now when:

1. The student exits SIS without enrolling in another Illinois school.
2. The student's "test to be taken" changes to DLM-AA.
3. The student's grade level changes, resulting in a different required assessment.

Staff with the [User role District Test Coordinator](#) or [School Test Coordinator](#) may use the **Unenroll student** feature in ACT Now to remove unnecessary registrations and may, if absolutely necessary due to imminent testing, manually add students to ACT Now. Any data entered must match the student's SIS enrollment.

ACT/PreACT Secure Pre-ID Reports

The ACT/PreACT Secure Pre-ID "Summary" report provides overall counts for each assessment. The ACT/PreACT Secure Pre-ID "Details" report provides a roster of each student, along with data element details. ISBE recommends reviewing the "Details" report to ensure all expected students are included. Be sure to review all grade 12 students. To do this, select the "Details" report and filter by grade 12 or use "Sort By" and select "Grade 12 Required to Test." Finally, review the Testing RCDTS code for all students, and ensure the designated testing location has confirmed participation as a test site.

For Further Assistance

Contact the SIS Help Desk for technical assistance by calling 217-558-3600 and choose Option 3, or access the [Contact Us](#) webpage to submit a ticket. Contact the Assessment Department with any policy questions by writing to assessment@isbe.net or by calling 866-317-6034. Please refer to the [ISBE High School Assessment website](#) for details about the spring 2027 administration.

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A benefit of the ISBE-provided ACT + Science + Writing is that scores can be used by students for a variety of purposes, including college admission, scholarships, and NCAA eligibility if taken with ACT Standard Time, ACT-authorized accommodations, or ACT-authorized English Learner (EL) supports.

Non-College Reportable (Accommodations)

Students who need accommodations or English Learner (EL) supports but do not receive ACT approval, including under [Qualified Exception to the Deadline](#) (QED) criteria, may test with the needed accommodations and/or EL supports using Non-College Reportable accommodations test materials. This option requires students to test using the paper format. Scores from these administrations are not eligible for college reporting but will still be provided to ISBE for accountability purposes. Student reports for NCR administrations will be available via ACT's Success website but will not be available in a student's MyACT account if the student has opted to create an account. When students are marked as NCR in ACT Now, an additional order is automatically generated and shipments are based on the test event to which the student is assigned. Material deliveries match the delivery dates listed below for each test event.

Non-College Reportable (Non-Accommodations)

ISBE has received inquiries from schools regarding students who do not want their ACT scores to be college reportable for a variety of reasons (e.g., a student has already achieved a desired ACT score). ACT has implemented a temporary solution to address this need.

Temporary Solution Overview

School staff may contact ISBE to request, on behalf of students, that a student's scores be updated to NCR. Students may test online and have their scores updated to NCR status after testing but before score release.

Submission Deadlines

- Test Event 1 (March 23-April 2, 2027): ISBE must receive request(s) no later than 4:00 p.m. on **Friday, April 2, 2027**.
- Test Event 2 (April 6-16, 2027): ISBE must receive request(s) no later than 4:00 p.m. on **Friday, April 16, 2027**.
- Test Event 3 (April 20-30, 2027): ISBE must receive request(s) no later than 4:00 p.m. on **Friday, April 30, 2027**.

Important Details

- NCR scores will **not appear in MyACT**.
- NCR scores **cannot be used** for college or scholarships.
- NCR scores will be available **only in Online Reporting**.
- Schools must **print and distribute NCR letters** to students.

Important Business Rules

- ACT will provide confirmation to ISBE when scores have been converted to NCR scores, and ISBE will provide confirmation to the school from which the request was made.
- Once scores are converted to NCR status, they **cannot be changed** back to College Reportable status.
- ACT Customer Support will **not provide this option to schools**.
- All inquiries and submissions should be directed to assessment@isbe.net.