

Olathe North

ACT Information

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Who needs to take the ACT?

Any student planning on attending a 4-year university. Some schools are no longer requiring the ACT for admission(KU, K-State, MU) however it is typically still used for scholarships(not KU).

What about JCCC or other community colleges?

Not required-students can take the free Accuplacer and ALEKS(math) at JCCC to gain admittance. Students still need to practice for both placement tests.

What you should know about...

The ACT

- 7 Tests given throughout the year
- Financial Aid **is available** for up to two free tests for those that are eligible-the fee waivers are in the counseling office
- **Practice!** Prep classes are available at North through outside companies
- Student Goals: 1) **Start** with June test at end of **Sophomore year**
2) Take the test **at least 3 times**
3) Be **done** with testing **by end of Junior year**
- Buy back your test and answers (called ACT My Answer Key)– a great study aid!
Available for the October, April, and June tests this school year (\$34)

Changes to the ACT – What's New in 2025

Students will now have the option to take the test online.

However, Olathe schools are continuing with the paper and pencil test only.

If a student is interested in the online option, they will need to go to ACT's website to look for testing locations that offer online testing.

Starting with the **September 2025** test:

- The science portion will be *optional* for all paper and pencil tests just like how the writing portion is currently optional.

It is too soon to tell how colleges will handle this change. It will be important to check with each school of interest to see if they are going to require the science test or not.

- The test will also be shorter, reduced from 3 hours to 2.

What's Changing



Reduced Number of Questions



Shortened Test Time



More Time Per Question



Reduced Answer Choices for Math Questions (5 to 4)



Science Test is Optional

What's Staying the Same



ACT Scale and Benchmarks Remain Unchanged



Prior Test Scores Will Remain Unchanged



No impact on Predicting First-Year College Success



Both Paper and Online Tests Still Offered

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ACT Prep Opportunities 2025-2026

All classes will be done by **Power Prep** <http://powerprepinc.com>

Friday, October 10th * 8:30am-1:00pm *no school that day

Saturday, November 8th 8:00am-12:30pm

Wednesday, May 27th * 8:30am-1:00pm *on summer break

Register here:



Each session is \$68

All sessions are at Olathe North High School