



WHY ARE
STUDENTS
TAKING
ACT ASPIRE?

A
COMPREHENSIVE
SOLUTION

Research shows that the earlier we measure progress toward meeting educational standards, the more we can **strengthen a student's chances** to stay on target to succeed, and, ultimately, be ready for college and work after high school.

That's why ACT Aspire assessments begin at grade 3 and are available through grade 10. With ACT Aspire, you can **determine whether your child is meeting key benchmarks** all along the way so necessary steps can be taken to keep him or her on track.

WHAT IS ACT ASPIRE?

ACT Aspire is an assessment system that measures academic achievement in English, math, reading, science, and writing in grades 3 through 10. ACT Aspire is linked to the **ACT College and Career Readiness Standards**, research-based information that makes test results meaningful by connecting a student's ACT Aspire score to **specific skills and knowledge important for college and work success**. Your child's teacher can use this information to address areas for improvement, build on strengths, and most importantly—impact your child's potential.

FOCUSED ON THE STUDENT

ACT Aspire **connects your child's academic progress from one grade to the next** with assessments that are given as students are learning and at the end of the school year. This information will help you understand whether your child's academic growth is **on pace for college and career success**. You and your child's teachers can use ACT Aspire to answer some important questions, such as:

- What does my student know right now? What is he or she ready to learn next?
- Are there gaps in my student's knowledge and skills that need to be addressed before he or she is ready for the next level of learning? If so, what is needed to get back on track?
- Is my student learning what's necessary to be ready to enter college and the work world?

BENEFITS IN THE CLASSROOM

Built on a foundation of more than **50 years of ACT research**, ACT Aspire will deliver results that you and your child's teacher can trust, including:

- Identification of students in need of intervention and enrichment opportunities
- Additional measures of student readiness that are critical to 21st century success in and out of school
- Tools, data, and information your child's teacher will need to make informed and timely changes to learning strategies

TIPS TO HELP STUDENTS DO THEIR BEST

You can help your student do his or her best on the ACT Aspire assessments by sharing these tips:

- Get plenty of rest the night before the test.
- Follow directions exactly, and ask questions.
- Don't spend too much time on any one question because ACT Aspire is a timed test!
- Go back and review if you finish the test with time to spare.