



PreACT Test

Offered to home educated students
at South Heights Christian Classes

Friday, February 8, 2019 from **12:30 – 4:00 pm**

Registration deadline: January 15th ☺

Tenth graders should consider taking the PreACT test this fall. The PreACT test is the practice ACT college entrance test made for tenth graders. **Students not in tenth grade** might want to take the test for practice. The PreACT is considered a relatively new test; however, it is almost precisely the same as the PLAN Test that was discontinued.

Reasons to take the PreACT test:

- Practice taking a college entrance exam without the pressure.
- Begin thinking and planning for your life after high school.
- Receive an estimated ACT score so you can see your academic strengths and weaknesses and still have time to make adjustments if necessary.
- Discover more about your fields of interest through the *interests and careers component* of the PreACT test.
- Satisfy the yearly testing requirement for home educated students in Minnesota. (Check with your individual school district.)
- Use the results to submit with your PSEO application. Most colleges require a standardized test score for PSEO applicants, and most colleges should accept the PreACT results. (Check with the college of your choice to make sure they accept this test.)

“Taking PreACT® as a 10th grader is a great way to prepare for the ACT—and helps you get ready to succeed in college and beyond!”

www.act.org/content/dam/act/unsecured/documents/PreACT_WhyTake.pdf

PreACT includes:

- Multiple choice tests in English, math, reading, and science—just like the ACT.

Test One – English	30 minutes (45 questions)
Test Two – Math	40 minutes (36 questions)
Test Three – Reading	30 minutes (25 questions)
Test Four – Science	30 minutes (30 questions)

 - ✓ While the ACT includes an optional essay, the PreACT does not.
 - ✓ Each section is a little bit shorter and easier than the corresponding sections on the ACT.
- Scores will be reported on the same 1-36 scale as the ACT, but PreACT includes fewer questions and will take less time to administer than the ACT.
- A guide that explains what your scores mean and how you can use them.
- Your test booklet will be returned to you so you can study your results.

Who: Any home educated student. The test is designed for students in tenth grade, but younger and older students may take it.

Cost: \$32/ SHCC student; \$36/non-SHCC student

Location: Berean Baptist Church, 309 Cty Rd 42 E., Burnsville. On the SE corner of Plymouth Ave and CR42, approx. 1 mile east of 35W & 35E. **Use Door #4**, the east lower-level entrance.

Registration deadline: January 1st!

Frequently Asked Questions

What is covered on each section of the PreACT?

PreACT English Test

- The English section provides students with passages in which certain phrases or sentences are underlined. Students then have to choose the best answer to replace the underlined portion, or decide that no change is necessary. Topics on the English test include punctuation, usage, sentence structure and formation, topic development, organization/unity/cohesion, and knowledge of language.

PreACT Math Test

- The PreACT Math test covers pre-algebra, algebra, geometry, and coordinate geometry. Unlike the ACT, it does not test trigonometry. Test-takers may use approved calculators on the exam. Be sure to memorize basic formulas you need to make common math computations.
✓ *For a quick summary of basic math formulas, feel free to use the pdf on the South Heights website testing page.*

PreACT Reading Test

- The Reading section presents test-takers with several long passages. Questions include those asking about the passage's main idea, the author's purpose, tone, and the meaning of words in context. The ACT classifies these questions into three categories: Key Ideas and Details; Craft and Structure; and Integration of Knowledge and Ideas.

PreACT Science Test

- A lot of students get nervous when they see that the PreACT has a science section. However, it's important to stress that the Science section mostly tests scientific reasoning, rather than scientific knowledge. In other words, you'll only have a few questions—if that—about things you've learned in your science classes. Otherwise, you can expect to see descriptions of experimental setups and scientific hypotheses, as well as charts and graphs showing data. Topics include biology, Earth and space sciences, chemistry, and physics. Calculators are not permitted on this section.

How does the PreACT compare with other tests?

The PreACT vs the ACT

- The PreACT exam is slightly easier (and definitely shorter!) than the ACT, though it covers much of the same material. For example, you'll see the same types of English and Science passages, but you'll see fewer of them.
- The level is also not as difficult as the ACT because it is designed for younger students. You will not see trigonometry on the PreACT, for instance, because you are not expected to have taken it by 10th grade.

The PreACT vs PSAT

- Neither the PreACT nor the PSAT is necessarily harder; they just test different things in different ways. Notably, PSAT math (and SAT math, for that matter) is now heavy on the word problems, which can run up to 15 lines! The PSAT doesn't have a Science section, while the PreACT does (but remember, this mostly tests scientific reasoning).
- Both offer excellent opportunities to learn about the ACT and SAT, to get a (very general) sense of how you might do on the tests, and to rack up some standardized admission-testing experience.

Frequently Asked Questions

For what grade level is the PreACT test?

The PreACT test is designed for 10th graders. However, any high school student may take it. Homeschool students who plan on participating in the Post-Secondary Enrollment Option (PSEO) program their junior year should take the test in the fall of their their sophomore year so they have the scores to submit to the college in January.

How much math should my student have before taking the PreACT test?

The PreACT test has math questions up through the Algebra I level.

Is there a scholarship associated with the PreACT test, like the PSAT has the Merit Scholarship?

Students may sign up in September to take the PSAT at their local high schools in order to qualify for the National Merit Scholarship. The PSAT is given on two dates in early October. The PreACT can also earn you scholarships if you choose to have the company send your scores to colleges, but it does not qualify you specifically for the National Merit Scholarship program.

What should my student bring to the test?

- Water bottle
- Two #2 pencils
- Calculator (Optional. The test can be taken without, but it will be to the student's advantage to have one.) In short, a basic 4-function calculator *with the square root function* is sufficient.

For an explanation of permitted and prohibited calculators, see the following link:

www.act.org/content/dam/act/unsecured/documents/Calculators_and_Testing_Aids.pdf

To register:

1. **Mail** the registration form and payment (made payable to Mary Mueller) to:
South Heights Christian Classes, P.O. Box 325, Rosemount, MN 55068.
2. **Or** put your registration in the MUELLER file in the South Heights *Student Mailbox Files* on Thursdays.
3. **Cost:** \$32/SHCC student; \$36/non-SHCC student

Questions? Please email Mary at joyfully.mary@gmail.com.

Print this page and mail with payment

Registration form for
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Name of student: _____

Grade: _____ Age on test date: _____

Parents' names: _____

Print your address clearly since this will be the address to which the PRE-ACT test results are mailed.

Address: _____

City _____ Zip _____

Phone: _____

***Email address:** _____

**Very important since this is how I will communicate with you before the test.*

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