



# PreACT & PreACT 8/9 at South Heights

Offered to home educated students at South Heights Christian Classes

These tests are offered to assist you and your student(s) with college preparedness!  
We are here to help support your students through their journey with PreACT® 8/9, PreACT®, and the ACT®!

## First Semester Fall Testing

### PreACT 8/9 Test

Friday, October 15, 2021

12:30 – 4:00 pm

Registration deadline: October 1<sup>st</sup> 😊

## Second Semester Spring Testing

### PreACT Test Session One

The February Afternoon Test

Friday, February 4, 2022

12:30 – 4:00 pm

Registration deadline:

January 15<sup>th</sup> 😊

### PreACT Extended Time Accommodations Test

Friday, February 11, 2022

9:00 am – 2:00 pm

Registration deadline:

January 30<sup>th</sup> 😊

### PreACT Test Session Two

The March Morning Test

Friday, March 4, 2022

9:00 am – 12:30 pm

Registration deadline:

February 15<sup>th</sup> 😊

The **PreACT®** test:

- ✓ is a multiple-choice assessment with four sections - English, Math, Reading, and Science
- ✓ provides an early measure of College and Career Readiness
- ✓ serves as a practice opportunity for the ACT® college entrance test
- ✓ was designed especially for tenth graders, but students in other grades are invited to take this test for practice.

The **PreACT® 8/9** test:

- ✓ is a multiple-choice assessment with four sections - English, Math, Reading, and Science
- ✓ is exactly like the PreACT but with fewer questions per section
- ✓ provides an earlier measure of College and Career Readiness
- ✓ serves as an earlier practice opportunity for the ACT® test

One recommendation for how to utilize these testing opportunities would be to:

- (1) take the **PreACT® 8/9** in both 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades
- (2) take the **PreACT®** in both 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grades
- (3) take the regular **ACT®** in 11<sup>th</sup>.

**Reasons to take the PreACT & PreACT 8/9 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.)

**PreACT** is visually the same as the ACT. It includes multiple choice tests in English, Math, Reading, and Science—just like the ACT.

Test One – English	30 minutes (45 questions) <i>45 mins extended time</i>
Test Two – Math	40 minutes (36 questions) <i>60 mins extended time</i>
Test Three – Reading	30 minutes (25 questions) <i>45 mins extended time</i>
Test Four – Science	30 minutes (30 questions) <i>45 mins extended time</i>

- ✓ 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.

**PreACT 8/9** is visually identical to the PreACT. It includes multiple choice tests in the same subjects for the same length of time per section, but fewer questions are included in Math and English!

Test One – English	30 minutes (40 questions)
Test Two – Math	40 minutes (35 questions)
Test Three – Reading	30 minutes (25 questions)
Test Four – Science	30 minutes (30 questions)

For both the PreACT and PreACT 8/9:

- Scores will be reported on the same 1-36 scale as the ACT, but these tests include fewer questions and take less time to administer than the ACT.
- You will receive 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.

## 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.

## For what grade level is the PreACT test?

- The PreACT test is designed for 10<sup>th</sup> 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 their sophomore year so they have the scores to submit with their college application.

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

- The **PreACT Math test** covers pre-algebra, algebra, geometry, and coordinate geometry. Unlike the ACT, it does not test trigonometry.

## 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](http://www.act.org/content/dam/act/unsecured/documents/Calculators_and_Testing_Aids.pdf)

### **Online Registration at the following links:**

PreACT 8/9 Fall Testing: <https://www.cognitofirms.com/SHCC4/PreACT89Testing>

PreACT February Afternoon Session: <https://www.cognitofirms.com/SHCC4/preactfebruaryafternoontesting>

PreACT March Morning Session: <https://www.cognitofirms.com/SHCC4/preactmarchmorningtesting>

PreACT Extended Time Session: <https://www.cognitofirms.com/SHCC4/preactextendedtimefebruarytesting>

Questions? Please email Mary at [joyfully.mary@gmail.com](mailto:joyfully.mary@gmail.com).

**Testing 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.