Prohibited Behaviors at the ACT Test Site

The prohibited behaviors below are taken directly from the Terms and Conditions all examinees agree to when they complete their non-test sections.

The following behaviors are prohibited. You may be dismissed and/or your test may not be scored, at ACT’s sole discretion, if you are found:

- Filling in or altering responses to any multiple-choice questions or continuing to write or alter the essay after time has been called. This means that you cannot make any changes to a test section outside of the designated time for that section, even to fix a stray mark or accidental keystroke.
- Looking back at a test section on which time has already been called.
- Looking ahead in the test.
- Looking at another person’s test or answers.
- Giving or receiving assistance by any means.
- Discussing or sharing test questions, answers, or test form identification numbers at any time, including during test administration, during breaks, or after the test.
- Attempting to photograph, copy, or memorize test-related information or remove test materials, including questions or answers, from the test room in any way or at any time.
- Disclosing test questions or answers in any way or at any time, including through social media, in whole or in part.
- Using a prohibited calculator (act.org/calculator-policy.html).
- Using a calculator on any test section other than mathematics.
- Sharing a calculator with another person.
- Wearing a watch during test administration. All watches must be removed and placed face up on the desk.
- Using a watch with recording, internet, communication, or calculator capabilities (e.g., a smart watch or fitness band).
- Accessing any electronic device other than an approved calculator or watch. All other electronic devices, including cell phones and other wearable devices, must be powered off and stored out of sight from the time you are admitted to test until you leave the test center.
- Using highlighter pens, colored pens or pencils, notes, dictionaries, or other aids.
- Using scratch paper.
- Not following instructions or abiding by the rules of the test center.
- Not following the rules of the test administration.
- Exhibiting confrontational, threatening, or unruly behavior.
- Violating any laws. (If ACT suspects you have engaged in criminal activities in connection with a test, such activities may be reported to law enforcement agencies.)
- Allowing an alarm on a personal item to sound in the test room or creating any other disturbance.