

Comparison of ACT Explore® and ACT Plan® to ACT Aspire™

	ACT Explore® and ACT Plan®	ACT Aspire™—Summative
Validated Standards and Benchmarks	Based on validated ACT College Readiness Standards and ACT College Readiness Benchmarks	Based on validated ACT College Readiness research and includes new ACT Readiness Benchmarks for Grades 3–10
Subjects	English, math, reading, science	English, math, reading, science, writing
Battery/Modular	Battery only	Battery or Modular
Test Delivery	Test delivery—Paper only	Test delivery—CBT or Paper
Scoring	Provides predicted score ranges for subsequent assessments (ACT Plan/ACT® test)	Provides student's predicted path (score range) for next two years and predicted performance range on the ACT (for Grades 9/10)
Growth Reporting	Provides reports with one-year score data for Grades 8, 9, or 10	Provides longitudinal growth data (prior year's scores) for Grades 3–10
Non-cognitive Data	Non-cognitive data and career interest inventory	Access to ACT Profile's new social career and college planning platform at no additional charge
Question Types	Selected Response only	Selected Response plus Constructed Response and innovative Technology-Enhanced questions
Scale Scores	Two-digit scale score; subject scores and Composite	Three-digit scale score; subject scale and Composite (Early High School)
Report Delivery	Paper-based reporting with data file	Online reporting; print-on-demand PDFs, easy data downloads to your Student Information Systems
Additional Readiness Measures	No	English/Language Arts measure, Text Complexity measure, STEM measure, Work Readiness measure
Ongoing sustainability, continuing development, and research program support	Not after spring 2014	Yes
Aligned Interim and Classroom Assessments also available	No	Yes
Grades	8th and 9th grade (ACT Explore) and 10th grade (ACT Plan)	Grades 3 through early high school

