

Overview

The Louisiana ACT® Now initiative program provides funding to purchase prebilled registration ACT test vouchers for eligible students in grades 12 and 10 as described in this application. This shall expand opportunities for students to take the exam to assist them with reaching their educational goals.

[ACT Testing Dates](#)

Funding

- Funding supported through Achieve!:
 - SY 2021-2022
 - Allotted to school systems in February 2021 and remaining funds shall be used for 2021-2022 testing dates.
 - SY 2022-2023 and SY 2023-2024
 - \$1 million to be allotted to school systems.
- Eligibility (SY 2021-2022, SY 2022-2023, and SY 2023-2024):
 - Students in grade 12 are eligible for an ACT® voucher if all of these apply:
 - The student has not earned an ACT® score that qualifies them for college admissions or TOPS, or who are seeking an opportunity to enhance their current level of TOPS Tech, TOPS Opportunity, TOPS Performance, TOPS Honors, or seek other merit-based scholarship opportunities ([LOFSA requirements](#)).
 - Students in grade 10 are eligible for an ACT® voucher if:
 - The student requires an ACT® score to qualify for enrollment in a [Dual Enrollment program](#) or other program(s) that require an ACT® score.

Purchasing and Managing Voucher

The [ACT website](#) provides information on Pre-Billed Vouchers for school officials procedures for school-paid online registrations for national test dates.

Sample Student Commitment Form

School systems may opt to have students complete such a form to secure a commitment of the student to utilize the voucher as intended. The school system may use another form or process if they so choose.

Commitment Form

My name is _____ and I am receiving an ACT® test voucher that will be used in one of the administrations outlined below. I understand that:

- I will need to make my own arrangements to travel to a national testing site in my area.
- I cannot transfer this voucher to any other student.
- I will notify the school if I need assistance with registering for the test.

Signature of Student

Date

Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian

Date

Email charmaine.cureton@la.gov for any questions.

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Believe to Achieve: Louisiana Pre-ACT® Now

Overview

The Louisiana Pre-ACT® Now program provided funding to school systems to administer an optional Pre-ACT® exam to 9th grade students. The Pre-ACT® is a short, multiple choice test that mimics the ACT assessment in subject matter and in timing structure. The Pre-ACT® provides students, school systems and parents with academic and career indicators, along with an ACT score prediction that can assist in helping students make academic decisions and gain admittance into Dual Enrollment programs. The [cost of administering the Pre-ACT exam is \\$16.00 per student](#). All exams must be administered at the school site between the dates of September 1- June 1 of each school year.

- Pre-ACT® Now – total funding \$1.95m
 - SY 2021-2022 - \$650,000
 - SY 2022-2023 - \$650,000
 - SY 2023-2024 - \$650,000
- Funding will begin in Fall 2022
- Those who received funding for Pre-ACT® testing, submitted a planning template, provided by LDOE, that included specific programmatic, physical and accountability assurances.
- School systems shall identify a date to hold Pre-ACT® testing on the school campus during the instructional day.
- School systems shall provide assurances in the form of the following:
 - Selected date for Pre-ACT® administration
 - Detailed list of students identified by secure ID
 - Invoice and canceled check

Timeline and Eligibility

- Funding (SY 2021-2022, SY 2022-2023, and SY 2023-2024):
 - \$650,000 for 9th graders
- Eligibility (SY 2021-2022, SY 2022-2023, and SY 2023-2024):
 - All 9th grade students.
- Messaging:
 - Newsletter entries beginning
 - January 2022 (SY 2021-2022)
 - August 2022 (SY 2022-2023)
 - August 2023 (SY 2023-2024)
 - Webinar to follow
 - Support via office hours, network calls