



# GUIDING INSIGHTS TO INFORM INSTRUCTION

# PERIODIC ASSESSMENTS

**ACT**<sup>®</sup> **Aspire**<sup>®</sup>

## **ACT Aspire<sup>®</sup> Periodic Assessments**

(classroom and interim) are designed to measure student understanding of the concepts and skills outlined in the ACT College and Career Readiness Standards and many state standards focused on college and career readiness. Periodic assessments help measure shorter-term student progress—providing supporting data for a more targeted and responsive program of instruction.

Periodic assessments are available as a perfect complement to the ACT Aspire Summative Assessments or as an independent assessment program.

- Online delivery
- Subject areas: English, mathematics, reading, and science
- Locally controlled administration
- Integrated system of Classroom and Interim assessments
- Leverages more than 50 years of ACT education and career readiness research for credibility, validity, and effectiveness
- Empowers educators with a free platform to support a blended learning environment with ACT<sup>®</sup> Academy™



# ACT Aspire Periodic Assessments are a part of a Comprehensive System with Two Major Components: **Summative** and **Periodic Assessment Components** that may be used independently or together with data that educators can use to build effective learning programs focused on college and career readiness.

## ACT Aspire Interim Assessments

can be administered periodically throughout the course of an academic year. They supply educators with timely and instructionally valuable data that summative assessments are not designed to provide, such as information about **student progress toward learning goals and objectives** that can be used for adapting instruction. Interim assessments also help educators evaluate and monitor student performance, which allows time for intervention with struggling students or for enrichment for students who are excelling.

<b>Assessments</b>	4 Interim Assessments, per grade, and per content area
<b>Format</b>	Fixed-format, computer-based, multiple choice
<b>Grades</b>	3 through 10
<b>Content Areas</b>	English, math, reading, and science
<b>Duration</b>	45 minutes or less
<b>Available Feedback</b>	Within 24 hours, computer-based analysis and reporting
<b>Reports</b>	Student/Parent; Teacher/Group; School/District; Item Response/Analysis
<b>Delivery mode</b>	Online only

## ACT Aspire Classroom Assessments

can be used to assess knowledge before starting a new unit of study, to monitor student learning during ongoing instruction, and to check student outcomes or assess the need for corrective instruction. The **flexible nature** of these assessments allows teachers to interpret the best time for administration while providing short-term, guiding insights to student progress.

<b>Assessments</b>	10 Classroom Assessments, per grade, and per content area
<b>Format</b>	Fixed-format, computer-based, multiple choice
<b>Grades</b>	3 through 8
<b>Content Areas</b>	English, math, reading, and science
<b>Duration</b>	10 to 15 minutes
<b>Available Feedback</b>	Within 24 hours, computer-based analysis and reporting
<b>Reports</b>	Each five-item Assessment is mapped to 1-2 Standards
<b>Delivery mode</b>	Online only

## CREATE A BLENDED LEARNING ENVIRONMENT WITH ACT ACADEMY

Leverage the direct integration of ACT Aspire Periodic into **ACT® Academy™**, our free online platform that helps educators implement a personalized blended learning environment.



Discover a wealth of **curated, world-class learning resources** for students who have taken the Aspire Periodic tests between grades 3-10. Instructors can see available, age-specific resources aligned to each Aspire question, and assign them to a class, a subset of students, or even a single student.

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