

Legislative changes were recently made to North Dakota Century Code, section 15.1-21-19, through SB 2141. The revisions included eliminating the requirement for juniors to take either an ACT or WorkKeys test, as well as removing the fiscal responsibility for the assessment from under the Superintendent of Public Instruction. The revised bill has passed in the House and Senate and has been signed by the Governor. Beginning with the 2021-2022 school year, the state will no longer provide a state paid ACT or WorkKeys test to all juniors, including public, private, and home school students. The NDDPI will, however, continue to coordinate and pay for ACT tests for students in those public-school districts that choose to use ACT as their math and ELA high school accountability tool. ACT/WorkKeys scores will still be used for qualification of the ND State Academic and CTE Scholarships and remain a component of Choice Ready.

Private school districts and public-school districts choosing to use the NDSA as their high school accountability tool have the option to work directly with ACT to become an ACT District Test Site. District test sites receive reduced district level pricing from ACT. The cost of the assessment may be absorbed by the district or can be a pass-through cost, where students reimburse the district for the cost of the test. Schools and districts are also eligible to [sign up](#) for their own WorkKeys Site License.

Information on ACT District Testing can be found on the [ACT website](#). For further questions on ACT District Testing, contact North Dakota ACT Account Executive, [Kim Rasmussen](#). For all other ACT related questions, please contact [Bonnie Weisz](#) at (701) 328-1838.