

**ACSI Student Assessment Program Comparison Guide
Expanded Version**

Features	<i>TerraNova 3</i> , CSP Edition	Iowa Assessments	ACT Aspire
Publisher	Data Recognition Corporation/CTB	Houghton Mifflin Harcourt	ACT
Test Type	Standardized, Summative	Standardized, Summative	Summative
Grade Levels	Kindergarten - 12	K - 8 (Form G), 9 - 12 (Form E)	Grades 3 - 10
Year Normed	2011 (update scheduled for 2018); inclusive norms (ELL and IEP/504)	2017 (Form G and E)	ACT Aspire reports three-year rolling norms similar to the ACT.
Year Published	2007-2008	2017 (Form G), 2012 (Form E)	2014 (new content published annually)
Available Test Windows	Fall and Spring	Fall and Spring	Spring
Standards Alignment	National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP), International Reading Association (IRA), National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE), National Council of Teachers of Mathematics (NCTM), National Science Standards and Frameworks, National Council for the Social Studies, College and Career Readiness edition available	College and Career Readiness. Features updated content and focus on current best-in-class state, national, and international benchmarks and standards of educational achievement.	ACT College and Career Readiness Standards, anchored by the ACT test
Cognitive Skills Assessment	Yes. InView, Grades 2 - 12	Yes. CogAT (Cognitive Abilities Test), Grades K-12.	No. However, ACT does publish an assessment that measures Social Emotional Learning--ACT Tessera.
Test Format	Summative: paper/pencil: consumables (K-3), non-consumables (4-12) Online: Fall 2018 <i>TerraNova 3</i> with InView and Plus Tests 3 parameter IRT scoring (industry best practice--more accurate than # correct)	FORM G -Paper/pencil: consumable test books (K-3), non-consumable test books (4-8) FORM E - Paper/pencil: non-consumable test books (9-12) Online: K-12	Summative: Online and paper/pencil (3-10)
Available Scores	Norm-referenced: Scale Score, National Percentile, NP of the Mean NCE, Local Percentile (Christian School Program), Stanine, Grade Equivalent, Normal Curve Equivalent, Lexile. Criterion-referenced: Objective Performance Index, Performance Level, Anticipated Achievement scores when tested in combination with Inview.	Norm-referenced: Scale Score, National Percentile, Local Percentile (Christian School Program), Stanine, Grade Equivalent, Normal Curve Equivalent, Lexile, Percent Correct, Percentile Rank, Raw Score, Quantile. Criterion-referenced: Domain Skill Performance Level. Beginning at 6th grade ACT/SAT Predictive Scores, and College and Career Readiness Scores. The Iowa Assessments measure foundational and core skills at various levels of cognitive demand to assess students' proficiency and content mastery and to track student growth over time toward college and career readiness. We report out to specific domain level performance as well as cognitive performance.	Summative: Scale Scores, National Averages, National Percentile Rank, Progress toward ACT Readiness Benchmarks, Readiness Ranges, STEM scores, ELA scores (when all three content areas of reading, English and writing are taken), Response and Content Analysis, Progress with Text Complexity, Standard and Skills Performance (percentage correct), Longitudinal Data--Projected Growth and Growth Distribution, ACT Readiness Levels, Progress toward Career Readiness in grades 8 and above (connection to ACT's National Career Readiness Certificate), Predicted ACT Scores (grades 9 and 10).

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Longitudinal Tracking	Yes	Yes	Yes
Links to ACT/SAT Scores	ACT Predictive Score at Grade 10-12	ACT/SAT Preparedness Scores Grade 6 and up	Predicted ACT Scores: Grades 9-10 Progress toward ACT Readiness Benchmarks: Grades 3-10 Progress toward Career Readiness (ACT's National Career Readiness Certificate): Grades 8-10.
Content Areas Assessed	Reading, Word Analysis, Vocabulary, Language, Spelling, Language Mechanics, Math, Math Computation, Science, Social Studies, and Bible	Reading, Language, Vocabulary, Written Expression, Spelling, Capitalization, Punctuation, Word Analysis, Listening, Mathematics, Computation, Social Studies, and Science	English, Reading, Writing, Mathematics, and Science
Scoring Format	Paper, PDFs, Assessment Data Online is the Christian School Program's customized test result portal to access and create reports online, or print in PDF/Excel format. Optional reports can be printed for a fee.	Dynamic Reporting via Data Manager (online), PDFs, data export, export to Excel, and optional paper reports can be printed for a fee.	The ACT Aspire Portal serves as the delivery engine for test results to customize reports online, and print as PDFs; Individual Score Reports (ISR) and Score Labels can be printed by ACT for a fee.
Scoring Turn-around Time	In Spring 2018, approximately 14 business days of receipt of documents for online and paper reports.	In Spring 2018, online and paper reports will be within 10 business days of receipt of documents.	In Spring of 2018, approximately 30-45 days from Close of Test Window.
Item Type	Closed response (multiple choice)	Closed response (multiple choice)	Closed response (multiple choice), constructed response, and technology-enhanced
Types of Comparisons	National, CSP, ACSI Region	National, CSP, ACSI Region	National; Readiness Level Comparison by school, campus, grade and class; and CSP
Formative Tools Available	Classroom Connections: Reading, Language, Math, Science, and Social Studies (2-9) (CD-Rom-Blackline masters-paper/pencil) CSP Home Activities: Reading, Language, Math, Science, and Social Studies (K-11) (PDF available online)	Riverside Interims: K-12 Online only	Interim and Classroom (online/multiple-choice only) Interim: Standard and Skill Performance (percentage correct), Response and Content Analysis, and growth within grade Scale Scores (available in January of 2018). Classroom: Standard and Skill Performance (percentage correct) and Response and Content Analysis. ACT Aspire is currently connected to OpenEd.com resources.

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Professional Development/ Program Support	ACSI Assessment Support Dashboard LiveWebinars and On-Demand Videos Virtual, Site, and Workshop Trainings	ACSI Assessment Support Dashboard <i>DataManager</i> Training Management System LiveWebinars and On-Demand Videos Virtual, Site, and Workshop Trainings	ACSI Assessment Support Dashboard ACT Aspire Training Management System Avocet Virtual, Site, and Workshop Trainings