

Standardized Testing Guidance for Parents

Testing Requirement

Direct Payment Schools are required to test all Opportunity Scholarship and ESA+ scholarship students in grades 3-12 each year. The following information is provided as a courtesy to parents. Please contact your school administrator for information about their plans for testing students.

Grades 3-10, 12 – Nationally Standardized Test

Direct Payment Schools must administer a nationally standardized test to measure achievement in English, Grammar, Reading, Spelling, and Mathematics. Talk with your Direct Payment School for more information about the type of test required.

Grade 11 – ACT

All 11th-grade scholarship students must take the ACT. SEAA will reimburse schools for the cost of one ACT test for each 11th-grade Opportunity Scholarship Student. We encourage you to contact your school administrator about their plans for testing students.

Paying for the ACT

Student Group/Cost	Who Pays?	Additional Notes
Opportunity Scholarship students	SEAA covers the cost of the ACT (up to \$68).	SEAA reimburses Direct Payment Schools (not parents).
ESA+ students who are not also Opportunity Scholarship students	Parents or Direct Payment Schools.	Parents may use ClassWallet account funds to pay for the ACT.
Students who register independently for the ACT	SEAA will issue payment to the Direct Payment School, which can reimburse the parent for the ACT cost.	Applies only to Opportunity Scholarship students who register independently for the ACT.

Student Group/Cost	Who Pays?	Additional Notes
Other costs	Not covered.	<p>The following costs are the responsibility of the parent or school:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Test administration expenses • Additional tests • Optional ACT Science and Essay sections

ACT Testing Options

- **Online or Paper:** Either format is acceptable.
- **Location:** The ACT must be administered at an official ACT testing site. Contact your school or consult the [ACT website](#) for information about testing dates and locations.
- **Timing:** Students may take the test in fall 2025 or spring 2026.

Deadlines

Direct Payment Schools must submit test results for scholarship students in grades 3-12 to SEAA by July 15.

Noncompliance

Testing is a statutory requirement, and refusing to comply with program requirements can impact eligibility for award funding.

Students with Disabilities

If your child has a disability that affects testing, the school should select an educationally appropriate test and keep documentation supporting the test choice on file for SEAA review.

Questions?

Contact your school administrator or scholarship program support team at **855-330-3955**.