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## Support for English Learners

### New Supports Coming in Fall 2017

ACT is providing supports on the ACT<sup>®</sup> test to U.S. students who are English learners.

The supports will begin in the fall of the 2017-18 school year and will be limited to students who are enrolled in a school district's English Learners (EL) program. The goal of the supports is to ensure that the ACT scores earned by English learners accurately reflect what they have learned in school.

### Types of Supports

The supports for qualified English learners will include the following:

- Additional time on the test (not to exceed time-and-a-half)
- Use of an approved word-to-word bilingual glossary (containing no word definitions)
- Test instructions provided in the student's native language (including Spanish and a limited number of other languages initially)
- Testing in a non-distracting environment (i.e., in a separate room)

English Learner supports will be requested by schools on behalf of their students utilizing ACT's Test Accessibility and Accommodations system.

**Qualifying students who receive the supports will earn college-reportable ACT scores.**

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