



## Testing Timers Pacing Watch – Test Room Compliance

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To Whom This May Concern:

Since 2011, **tens of thousands of high schoolers** have used Testing Timers Pacing Watches **in the test room** and also to prepare for the test, while being recommended by hundreds of tutors and guidance counselors nationwide. Since inception, the watches have **met the criteria and guidelines put forth by ACT and The College Board**. With the recent proliferation of smartwatches, it is important that this compliance document confirms that Testing Timers Pacing Watches **comply with the guidelines to be allowed in the test room**.

Our watches were created to **level the playing field and fairly prepare** students for the test. Over our history, ACT and The College Board have publicly confirmed that because Testing Timers’ watches **“don’t vibrate, make noises or have any computing functionality”** they are **acceptable in test room** (ABC News, Joanna Stern; please see attached).

***“Wrist watches, many of which have countdown timers on them, are allowed,”** Jason Baran, spokesperson for the Educational Testing Service and the SATs, told ABC News.*

***“... there are a number of watch timers on the market, and students can wear a watch as long as it meets our requirements -- that is, it doesn't have cell phone capabilities and doesn't make noise (alarms are prohibited in the testing room),”** Ed Colby, a spokesperson for ACT told, ABC News.*

### What to Bring on Test Day (via ACT Test Day Guidelines):

Bring This, Not That		Testing Timers Pacing Watches
<b>Bring</b>	<b><u>Watch</u></b> “Bring a watch to pace yourself, but do not bring a watch with an alarm. If your alarm sounds during testing, you’ll be dismissed and your answers will not be scored.”	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Testing Timers <b><u>DO NOT</u></b> vibrate</li> <li>• Testing Timers <b><u>DO NOT</u></b> make noises and <b><u>DO NOT</u></b> have an alarm</li> <li>• Testing Timers <b><u>ARE</u></b> fully-encrypted with <b><u>NO</u></b> internet, bluetooth or cell phone connection</li> <li>• Testing Timers <b><u>MEET</u></b> in-test guidelines and requirements</li> </ul>
<b>Do Not Bring</b>	<b><u>Prohibited Devices</u></b> “You may not handle or access a cell phone or electronic device at any time in the testing room or during break times. <b>This includes smart watches, fitness bands, and any other devices with recording, internet, or communication capabilities.</b> ”	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Testing Timers <b><u>ARE NOT</u></b> smart watches and <b><u>ARE</u></b> pre-programmed with functionality for the specific test and section</li> <li>• Testing Timers <b><u>DO NOT</u></b> have any recording, internet, or communication capabilities</li> </ul>

Sincerely,

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