



ACS Orange County CA

FAQs for the First Year Chemistry Exam

Where and when will the exam be held?

Please see the current website information on the First Year Exam.

Can I register myself for this exam?

No, the 8 participating students must be selected by the chemistry teachers at their schools and pre-registered online. No substitutions are allowed, and no one not registered will be permitted to participate.

Do I need a photo ID on the day of the exam?

Yes, IDs will be checked.

Do I need a calculator?

No, calculators are not allowed.

How long is the exam?

The exam consists of about 80 multiple choice questions, and will last 2 hours maximum.

What is the policy on cell phones?

While we realize that students may need a phone to call for a ride at the end of the exam, ALL CELL PHONES MUST BE TURNED OFF AND PUT AWAY during the exam. If a student is found to have a cell phone that is on, s/he will be disqualified.

Can I leave to go to the restroom during the exam?

No, there are no bathroom breaks!

If I am late, can I still take the exam?

If you are later than 9:10 am, you will not be allowed to take the test.

Can this exam be taken more than one time?

No, this is for first year students of chemistry only, and cannot be taken more than 1 time.

What happens if there is a tie for top student from my school?

The tiebreaker consists of sets of 5 questions selected by the education committee – best 3 of 5 answers wins. If the first set of 5 questions does not break the tie, we move to a second set of 5 questions.

How can I be sure I am registered?

We will try to send a confirmatory email to your teacher this year when s/he registers the student.

When do I see the test results?

We mail out the results the same weekend as the exam, so you should see the results by the following Friday at the latest, depending on how your district handles school mail.