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October 2, 2023

Dear Parent or Guardian of the Class of 2025,

Madison County Schools (MCS) will offer the ACT, at no cost, to currently enrolled Juniors during the school day on Tuesday, October 17. This assessment opportunity is possible due to MCS's participation in ACT's District Choice State Testing (DCST) program, which is a special partnership with ACT that allows MCS students to take the ACT test free of charge at their campus during the school day. Scores earned on this ACT administration can be used for college admissions, scholarship awards, substitution of state test requirements for high school graduation, and meeting the College & Career Readiness benchmarks to earn early and/or late dismissal for the Senior year.

On Tuesday, October 17, the DCST ACT will begin first thing in the morning. Your child's school will communicate the specific time students need to arrive. Getting to school on time is crucial because students who arrive late cannot participate. Timing and sequence for this assessment is pre-determined by ACT, and the test will conclude around 1 p.m. Please do not check out participating students prior to 1 p.m.

Calculators are allowed on the test, however the schools will not necessarily provide calculators and no sharing of devices is allowed during the test. Students wanting to use a calculator need to bring their own for the math section of the DCST ACT. Calculator guidelines can be referenced at the following link:

<http://www.act.org/content/dam/act/unsecured/documents/ACT-calculator-policy.pdf>. Further test administration information as well as a full-length practice test can be found at <https://www.act.org/content/dam/act/unsecured/documents/Preparing-for-the-ACT.pdf>.

Please note, students must have a photo ID such as a driver's license or school ID on October 17 to take the test. There is no admissions ticket to the test.

You are encouraged to contact your school's counselor with questions. Your partnership is much appreciated as we endeavor to provide your student with more graduation, post-secondary, and scholarship award opportunities.

Sincerely,

Charlotte A. Seals
Superintendent
Madison County Schools



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Dear Parent or Guardian of the Classes of 2026,

Madison County Schools (MCS) will offer the Pre-ACT at no cost to currently enrolled tenth graders during the school day on Tuesday, October 17. The Pre-ACT is an officially licensed practice assessment of the ACT that is developmentally appropriate for these students. Although scores from the Pre-ACT cannot be used for college admissions or scholarships, results are a measure of current academic development and provide a predicted ACT composite score range.

The Pre-ACT is part of a comprehensive program for ACT success, culminating in eleventh grade with two ACT opportunities. Through a special partnership with ACT, eleventh grade MCS students can take the ACT during school hours at their own school at no cost and while earning college-reportable scores. Our hope is that this systemic approach to the ACT will lead to more students earning college and scholarship opportunities.

On Tuesday, October 17, the Pre-ACT will begin first thing in the morning. Specific arrival times will be communicated by your child's school. Getting to school on time is crucial, as late arriving students will not be able to participate. Timing and sequence for this assessment is pre-determined by ACT, and the test will conclude around 1 p.m. Please do not check out participating students prior to 1 p.m.

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You are encouraged to contact your school's counselor with questions. Your partnership is much appreciated as we support your student in reaching the next level.

Sincerely,

Charlotte A. Seals
Superintendent
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