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Dear Parent or Guardian of Class of 2021,

Madison County Schools (MCS) will offer the ACT, at no cost, to currently enrolled Seniors, who are attempting to graduate by May or July 2021, during the school day on Tuesday, October 6 (traditional/on-campus students) or Tuesday, October 20 (virtual learners). 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, during school hours at their home school site. Scores earned on this ACT administration can be used for college admissions, scholarship awards and substitution of state test requirements for high school graduation.

On Tuesday, October 6 (traditional/on-campus students) or October 20 (virtual learners), the DCST ACT will begin first thing in the morning with arrival times to be communicated by your student's home school. Punctuality 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 pm. Please do not check out participating students prior to 1 pm. Make-up testing will not be scheduled for absent or late-arriving students.

Also, students wanting to utilize a calculator for the math section of the DCST ACT on October 6 (traditional/on-campus students) or October 20 (virtual learners) will need to bring their own because calculators will not be provided by the schools and no sharing is allowed. Calculator guidelines can be referenced at the following link: <http://www.act.org/content/dam/act/unsecured/documents/ACT-calculator-policy.pdf>. Finally, students must have a photo ID such as a driver's license or school ID on October 6 (traditional/on-campus students) or October 20 (virtual learners). 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.

Moving the Mark,

Charlotte A. Seals
Madison County Schools Superintendent